

Effective Academic Speaking Skills

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Date: February 8, 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

Venue: Main Campus, HKU

Overview

This workshop aims to provide students an opportunity to practice speaking about their research to an educated, non-specialist audience. Learn how to present your research *clearing and concisely*. Ask questions and share your issues and concerns about academic speaking. Online resources will be used to look at a range of academic speaking strategies.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the workshop, students should be more aware of key features of effective academic speaking about their research. Students should also have a clearer idea of speaking areas and strategies they need to improve.

Learning Activities

Preworkshop task:

Email Lowana at lowanaph@hku.hk, one week before the workshop, questions you have about speaking about your research. Lowana will use your questions as part of the workshop.

During the workshop:

- Share and discuss your research focus and concern:
 1. WRITE 3 KEY WORDS ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH
 2. WRITE 1 SENTENCE PRESENTING YOUR RESEARCH FOCUS
 3. WRITE 1 SENTENCE PRESENTING YOUR RESEARCH VALUE
 4. WRITE 1 Q THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH
 5. WRITE 1 Q THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK ABOUT WRITING ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH
- Explore postgraduate academic language and speaking online resources.
- Learn how to present your research by creating clear concise complexity (CCCC).

Post-workshop task with feedback:

Prepare a 3 minutes zoom presentation and email it to Lowana within two weeks.

Remarks

Before the workshop, students should watch three presentations of the [Three Minute Thesis Competition \(3MT\)](#) developed by the University of Queensland. Students will find it helpful to take this workshop together with the workshop *Effective Conference Preparation and Participation*.

