

# Creating Clear Concise Complexity (4Cs) in Academic Writing

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**Date:** February 20, 2025 (Thursday)

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Venue:** Main Campus, HKU

## Overview

This workshop focuses on **academic writing strategies and linguistic features** relevant to communicating academic research **clearly and concisely**. Participants are welcome to ask questions and share their issues and concerns about academic writing. **Online resources** will be used to look at a range of academic writing strategies.

## Learning Outcomes

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

## Activities:

### Preworkshop task:

Email [Lowana](mailto:lowanaph@hku.hk) at [lowanaph@hku.hk](mailto:lowanaph@hku.hk), one week before the workshop, questions you have about writing 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 IMPORTANCE
  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 writing online resources.
- Learn how to present your research by creating clear concise complexity (CCCC).

### Post-workshop task with feedback:

1. Choose a paragraph (250 words) you have written recently about your research
2. Rewrite the paragraph (250 words) using some of the strategies from this workshop
3. Make four to six comments explaining how you have revised your original writing (using the "add comment", "footnote" or "endnote" functions)
4. Put the word count of your original and revised versions at the end of your writing
5. Email Lowana your writing of three components: (the original version, the revision, and your comments) within one week of the workshop.
6. Put your full name (and class name if relevant), UID, and faculty at the start of your writing.
7. Put your full name and the workshop title as your email subject line, e.g., *Lowana Phillips, GRSC Writing Workshop*