



“COMMUNICATE SCIENCE”

Residential course on scientific writing and communication for junior investigators
October 14-15-16, 2026 – Valencia, Spain

Course Overview

Communicating science clearly and effectively is essential for sharing scientific progress with both the research community and society at large. This course in scientific writing and communication provides key principles and practical tools to successfully present research findings across different formats: from manuscripts and conference presentations to public outreach and social media. Through interactive sessions, practical exercises, and real examples from the scientific literature, participants will learn how to craft messages that are accurate, accessible, and impactful.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Distinguish between different forms of scientific communication
- Understand the full process of publishing a scientific manuscript
- Recognize the main types of scientific publications and the corresponding writing techniques
- Identify the most appropriate journals for submitting their work
- Write an effective abstract and present their results at meetings and conferences, both as posters and oral presentations
- Perform a constructive and rigorous peer review of a research paper
- Prepare a clear and effective curriculum vitae
- Understand the various forms of science communication aimed at the general public
- Use social media strategically and responsibly for scientific communication

Target Audience

Designed for junior scientists and oncologists from the OEI member institutions.

Course Structure and Learning Modules

The course is an immersive three-day live session on-site from October 14 to October 16.

The learning journey is divided into two comprehensive modules:

- Lectures: These sessions will provide theoretical knowledge and insights from experienced educators.
- Group Work: Collaborative tasks designed to foster teamwork and facilitate peer-to-peer learning.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for this course should:

- be active in cancer research, meaning having published at least one paper in a peer-reviewed journal or an abstract in a conference proceeding in the field of cancer research.
- work in a member Institution of OECE¹;
- be PhD students, or Residents or Junior post-doc having obtained the PhD or completed medical residency *after December 31, 2024*. In case of an applicant with both Specialization and PhD degree, the date of the first degree received will be considered valid for assessing the eligibility.

Application

To apply, please submit the following documents in a single PDF file to academy@oece.eu *by June 30, 2026*:

- A completed application form, including your curriculum vitae in the specified template.
- A certificate from the Institution/University stating the student status (for PhD Students and residents)
- A copy of your qualifying PhD/Specialization Diploma, clearly indicating the date the degree was awarded (for Junior Post-doc)

Important: applications submitted in any other format or through any other method will not be considered valid.

Bursaries and travel grants

OECE will allocate **50 full bursaries** to the best-ranked applicants.

Full bursaries include:

- Accommodation in Valencia (from October 14 to October 16, 2025 – 2 nights);
- Two lunches, two dinners, four coffee breaks;
- Registration fee;
- Learning material.

OECE will allocate up to **25 travel grants** covering economy flight or train ticket to the best ranked applicants coming from lower/middle income countries according to Eurostat.²

¹ <https://www.oece.eu/Membership.aspx>

² Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Greece, Hungary, Italy, Jordan, Kosovo, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Tanzania, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam.



Selection of the applicants

The selection of the applicants will be done by the scientific committee and by members of the OECI board based on:

- Scientific profile of the applicant (max 5 points);
- Publication track in cancer research (max 5 points);
- Motivation statement (max 5 points).

In cases where applicants achieve the same total score, ranking priority will be given to those who submitted their application earlier.

Acceptance

Selected applicants will be notified by July 30, 2026. After acceptance, participants will be contacted by the OECI secretariat to arrange their registration and accommodation.

For more information about the course write to: academy@oeci.eu