

## Tutored Editing

Supporting Doctoral Students with First Papers

### What is Tutored Editing?

Most doctoral students need to submit clear and correct manuscripts to journals and conferences if they're to succeed in publishing their work. But they also want to learn how to write better texts more efficiently. This service, unique to Academic Language Services<sup>1</sup>, helps them do both.

### How Does Tutored Editing Work?

- Early in the writing process, the author sends us part of their text, typically about 500 words from a central section of the text.
- We correct and improve the extract through language editing. Then, we explain to the author exactly what we've done and why, and we answer any open questions about the editing; this can be face to face, by phone, Skype, or email. Alternatively, we can summarize in a screengrab video what the author most needs to pay attention to when drafting the rest of the paper.
- Next, the first two steps are repeated with the abstract or with part (about 500 words again) of the introduction, discussion, or conclusion.
- When the author has completed the text and incorporated their supervisor's comments, we edit it thoroughly for language, and we return the edited version with a personalized checklist of points the author should keep in mind when drafting future texts.

### What Does Tutored Editing Cost?

This typically costs CHF 70-100 per 1000 words (minimum 3000 words). So a paper of 8000 words would cost CHF 560-800 CHF to correct and optimize – and the student also learns how to write faster and better for the next paper.

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<sup>1</sup> Academic Language Services is a limited company (*GmbH*) founded in 2018 by Dr Simon Milligan. Simon has delivered the highly rated Scientific Writing for Biomedical Engineering course, part of Artorg-BFH's Master in Biomedical Engineering program, since 2012.

Simon has 20 years' experience as an academic language editor in a range of social and natural sciences and is a member of the European Association of Science Editors. He has also taught scientific writing at the Universities of Bern and Zurich and at the ETH in Zurich for over 10 years. He has developed a number of writing courses tailored to the needs of particular fields, including applied mathematics, biomedical engineering, biochemistry, chemistry, climate science, computer science, environmental engineering, evolutionary biology, materials science, mechanical engineering, neuroscience, and psychology.