One of the most important avenues scientists use to communicate their research results internationally is through publishing academic papers. Publishing your work means the scientific community can access useful information and thus influence future research and conservation. The publishing process gives credibility to the author’s research since papers must be peer reviewed before they are accepted for publication.

This training course will build skills in scientific writing and publishing.

The course will cover four themes:

• How to publish a paper
• Writing skills
• Presenting data
• Communicating to diverse audiences

Course participants will be given the opportunity to join the Student Conference on Conservation Science and therefore must also apply to attend the Student Conference. Deadline for applications for the SCCS is 21 October 2016.

The course is for early career African conservation scientists who hold a Master’s degree or higher (students who have submitted a Master’s thesis will be considered). Applicants are expected to come from non-governmental organisations, universities and government research departments, and must be actively involved in research as part of their work or studies.

All participants will set personal targets that they wish to achieve over the 12 months following the course. Targets will include submitting and publishing papers, or giving presentations at meetings and conferences. We expect all participants to have submitted at least one paper within a year of the course.

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Funding: Full costs (travel, tuition fees, teaching/writing materials, meals and accommodation, etc.) will be covered, including conference fees for the Student Conference on Conservation Science. The course will not pay per diems.

Applicants must have a completed piece of research on biodiversity or conservation that they wish to publish.

Applications must be filled online via the link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TBA2017UKcourse

Queries and comments regarding the application process should be sent by email to:

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