

POSTGRADUATE SKILLS SEMINARS

Foundational Skills

These are PG seminar workshops covering the foundational skills you will need for your postgraduate degree.

Academic Writing at a PG level	Tuesday, 24 February	1:10-2:30pm, KK001
Academic Writing at a PG level	Thursday, 26 February	3:10-4:00pm, (online)
How to summarise, paraphrase and cite (PG level)	Tuesday, 3 March	1:10-2:30pm, KK001
Successful time management for PG work	Thursday, 12 March	3:10-4:00pm, (online)
Managing reading effectively at PG level, and tools to help you	Tuesday, 17 March	1:10-2:30pm, KK001
Finding Research in the library	Thursday, 26 March	3:10-4:00pm, (online)
Using AI critically as a postgrad	Tuesday, 14 April	1:10-2:30pm, KK001

Research Skills

These PG workshops cover the skills you need to complete a research project. These postgraduate seminar workshops align with the University's Researcher Development Skill Categories.

Creating a research timeline and staying on track	Tuesday, 31 March	1:10-2:30pm, (online)
Getting started writing and cultivating a writing habit	Thursday, 9 April	3:10-4:00pm, (online)
Developing a research question and research topic	Tuesday, 28 April	1:10-2:30pm, KK001
What, Why, Who, When, Where and How: Telling the story of your research	Thursday, 7 May	3:10-4:00pm, KK001
Approaching a literature review	Tuesday, 12 May	1:10-2:30pm, KK001
Research paradigms and why they matter to your methodology	Thursday, 21 May	3:10-4:00pm, KK001



Workshop Timetable

T1, 2026

TE TAIAKO STUDENT LEARNING WORKSHOPS

POSTGRADUATE

Te Taiako Student Learning

All workshops are offered **in person at Kelburn campus** or through **Zoom**. Registration is required for all workshops. **Register here: [tinyurl.com/sl-workshops](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-learning/about/making-an-appointment)** Zoom links will be sent before the workshops.

📍 Level 0, Kirk Building, Kelburn Parade
🌐 [wgtn.ac.nz/student-learning](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-learning)
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We also offer in-person appointments at different campuses. Make a booking here: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-learning/about/making-an-appointment>

Register here:



Workshops available at:

Kelburn Campus

Online/zoom

POSTGRAD SPECIAL TOPICS

Preparing for presentations and research posters

Thursday, 23 April	3:10-4:00pm, KK001
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Applying Te Tiriti o Waitangi ethics to your research

This workshop helps prepare you to think about the principles and values of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and start applying them to your research design. You will come away with a better understanding of how to approach the Ethics application and how to apply Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles to your research.

Tuesday, 26 May	1:10-2:30pm, KK001
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Critical Thinking 3-week series

In this workshop you will explore what it means to think critically, how to read critically, and how to write critically. The workshops run over 3 weeks with a specific focus for each week. **Commitment to attend all 3 weeks is needed.**

Attend all three	Week 1: Critical Thinking	Wednesday, 11 March	10:30am-12pm KK001
	Week 2: Reading Critically	Wednesday, 18 March	10:30am-12pm KK001
	Week 3: Writing Critically	Wednesday, 25 March	10:30am-12pm KK001

PRACTICAL WRITING SESSIONS

Monday Morning Writes

Week 1-12 and over the study/exam weeks

Bring your writing projects and join other postgraduate students for practical, focused writing time. These weekly sessions include three 25-minute Pomodoro focus sessions with small breaks to stretch or discuss your writing goals with others. Also available to attend online.

Monday, 2 March 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 9 March 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 16 March 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 23 March 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 30 March 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday 6 April 2026	Public holiday, university closed
Monday, 13 April 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 20 April 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 27 April 2026	Public holiday, university closed
Monday, 4 May 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 11 May 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 18 May 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 25 May 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 1 June 2026	Public holiday, university closed
Monday, 8 June 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online
Monday, 15 June 2026	9am- 10:30am, KK001 and online

POSTGRADUATE SPECIAL TOPICS

After hours online study and writing skills

These workshops focus on strategies for managing your postgraduate work in a way that works with your brain and your schedule. We cover strategies for getting back into your research project and approaching writing tasks when you feel stuck.

Creative problem-solving in research	Wednesday, 3 June	5:30-7pm, (online)
How to work with your brain at postgrad	Wednesday, 10 June	5:30-7pm, (online)
Life Management for Night Owls	Wednesday, 17 June	5:30-7pm, (online)

MĀORI AND PASIFIKA STUDENTS

Our Māori and Pasifika Learning Advisers offer customised support for Māori and Pasifika students:

- **Study skills** – navigating your study, planning your study routine, preparing for lectures and tutorials, planning assignments, thinking critically, researching, revising for tests and exams.
- **Reading skills** – reading critically with understanding, purpose and efficiency.
- **Writing skills** – lecture notes, essays, reports and presentations.

For more information, visit the website: tinyurl.com/SL-Akonga

Te Taiako Student Learning

Register here:

Find the full list of the 2026 postgraduate workshops on our PG Student Learning page:



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