

## **What Do Students Find Difficult about Academic Writing?**

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(The language of the workshop is primarily Japanese.  
Both Japanese and international students are invited.)

What is a good piece of academic writing? This question can be raised as a question about academic writing in general or as a question about a specific type of academic writing, such as an essay, a graduation thesis, a masters or doctoral dissertation, and a paper for publication. Unfortunately, students and teachers often have different answers to this question, but fail to notice how they are different. As a result, teachers are rarely provided an opportunity to correct their assumptions about students' perspectives on academic writing, and students are rarely provided an opportunity to learn how to overcome the difficulties in academic writing. This workshop is intended to listen to students' opinions on what features make a piece of academic writing good and what aspects of academic writing are difficult. We will then discuss how students' understanding of academic writing can be improved and how the difficulties in academic writing can be overcome. Your opinion is valuable, and every undergraduate or graduate students, as well as teachers, are very welcome.