

## Writing and academic skills support for your doctoral journey at UoM

The University Centre of Academic English (UCAE) has a University-wide remit to provide academic support to our students, whatever your academic career. My colleague, Dr Wayne Rimmer, and I provide specific support for PGR students across the University.

We introduce ourselves on UoM's video portal:



Introduction – Dr Sheena Kalayil [Video portal of The University of Manchester](#)

Introduction – Dr Wayne Rimmer [Video portal of The University of Manchester](#)

We provide standalone workshops per Faculty (1-3 workshops of 1.5-3 hours, online) through your Researcher Development office.

These workshops offer a first-stop opportunity for discussion of the genre of a doctoral thesis – what does it look like, what are readers' expectations and how can you make your writing more impactful?

Please contact ResDev if you are unaware of these: [ResDev@ds.man.ac.uk](mailto:ResDev@ds.man.ac.uk)

At limited times of the year, we also provide a one-hour opportunity to discuss a 900 to 1500-word sample of your writing which you have sent in advance: Writing Tutorials.

[Academic PhD Writing Tutorial Service - Request form](#)

We are now offering a **PGR Drop-in hour every Wednesday 11.00 -12.00** online, in

<https://zoom.us/j/99865062926>

Please email me at [sheena.kalayil@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:sheena.kalayil@manchester.ac.uk) if you would like to drop in to discuss any aspect of writing your thesis with me.

For example, I can advise you on how to get started with your writing and remain systematic, how to show your voice as well as modulate your critical stance for impact, how to improve flow and readability. We could look at a particularly difficult section and discuss how you can improve it.

Note: We aim to open more drop-in hours, including an in-person option.

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