

Science Writing Resources

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Getting started in science writing....

- Check out [The Open Notebook](#): a great online resource for science writers
- Gain insight from reading articles:
 - How to break in: <https://www.theopennotebook.com/2013/07/30/ask-ton-breakinginto-science-writing/>
 - How others got started: <http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/notrocketscience/2010/07/29/on-the-origin-of-science-writers/#comment-12338>
 - Tips for new science writers: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/phenomena/2013/06/24/a-note-to-beginning-science-writers/>
 - Tips for scientists transitioning to science writers: <https://gsas.columbia.edu/blog/5-tips-scientists-who-want-become-science-writers>

Resources for pitching stories...

- Advice on pitching: <https://www.theopennotebook.com/2012/01/04/how-not-to-pitch/>
- Pitch Database (great for getting a sense of pitch emails that worked): <https://www.theopennotebook.com/pitches/>
- Spreadsheet of publications for science writing: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1auCFsMESQ0U3DdyxP4lx1NSC1gGfzYghqnOJr3CYX9E/edit>
- Sign-up for press release alerts before papers are published (story ideas): <https://www.eurekaalert.org/>

Join groups ...

- National Association of Science Writers: <https://www.nasw.org/>
- D.C. Science Writers Association (DCSWA): <https://dcswa.org/>
- Council for the Advancement of Science Writing: <http://www.casw.org/>

Internships and fellowships...

- AAAS Mass Media Fellowship: <https://www.aaas.org/fellowships/mass-media/about>
- Partial lists of (science) writing internships:
 - <https://www.poynter.org/educators-students/2018/here-are-more-than-100-journalism-internships-and-fellowships/>
 - <http://blogs.nature.com/naturejobs/2013/01/28/getting-an-internship-in-science-journalism>
 - <https://scicom.ucsc.edu/about/internships.html>
 - <https://wiki.washjeff.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=68715801>
 - <https://sciwrite.org/>
 - <https://ncf.nci.nih.gov/>
 - <https://www.researchamerica.org/about-us/careers/science-communications-internship-sponsored-burroughs-wellcome-fund>

Science writing programs or classes...

- Local
 - Johns Hopkins University: <https://advanced.jhu.edu/academics/fields-of-study/writing/>
 - The Writing Center: <https://www.writer.org/>
- National
 - UC Santa Cruz
 - NYU
 - Boston University
 - MIT
 - Columbia

Prepare for the business side of writing (essential for freelancers)...

- List to the Writer's Co-Op Podcast: <https://www.thewriterscoopod.com/>
- Create your own website to showcase your work

Additional reading...

- The Science Writers' Handbook: Everything You Need to Know to Pitch, Publish, and Prosper in the Digital Age.
- A Field Guide for Science Writers: The Official Guide of the National Association of Science Writers.

For academic who want to contribute to field...

- Check out [The Conversation](#), a network of not-for-profit media outlets that publish copyright-free news stories on the Internet that are written by academics and researchers.
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