

# Language resources for doctoral candidates

## Online language resources

Go to [www.library.auckland.ac.nz/ele](http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/ele)  
Select [ELE online](#)



## 'Let's talk' groups

Go to [www.library.auckland.ac.nz/ele](http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/ele)  
Select [Language learning groups](#)

- Let's talk! (Mondays and Wednesdays 11-12 and Fridays 3-4).
- Let's talk to local students! (Tuesdays 11-12 and Thursdays 2-3).
- Let's talk to Aucklanders! (Alternate Fridays 10-12).



## Listening

- Record your supervisory sessions  
Check with your supervisors first if they would be happy for you to record your meetings.
- Ted Talks Go to [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com)
- British Council Professional podcasts  
Go to <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/professionals-podcasts>
- BBC Learning English (e.g., for Pronunciation, 6 minute English)  
Go to [www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish)
- Massey Academic Podcast  
Go to [www.martiinmcmorrow.podomatic.com](http://www.martiinmcmorrow.podomatic.com)

## Writing in English workshops

Go to [www.library.auckland.ac.nz/workshops](http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/workshops)  
Select [English Language Enrichment](#)

- Creating simple sentence structures
- Creating complex sentence structures
- Using active and passive voice
- Using verb tenses
- Using the article system
- Editing and punctuation

## Speaking

- Toastmasters New Zealand  
Go to [www.toastmasters.org.nz](http://www.toastmasters.org.nz)  
  
Toastmasters provides an excellent opportunity for developing leadership and communication skills and learning how to speak in public in a safe and supportive environment.
- Doctoral Skills Programme workshops  
Go to [www.library.auckland.ac.nz/workshops](http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/workshops)  
Select [Doctoral Skills Programme](#)
  - Presenting research at seminars, events and conferences
  - Presenting research with academic papers
- Join a University Club  
Go to [www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)  
Select [Current Students](#) and then [Student Life](#)
- Meet up!  
Go to [www.meetup.com/cities/nz/auckland/](http://www.meetup.com/cities/nz/auckland/)
- Doctoral morning teas.  
Third Thursday of every month, February to November 10-11 a.m. iSpace, Level 4, KEIC.  
Go to [www.pgsa.org.nz](http://www.pgsa.org.nz)

## Reading

- Auckland City Libraries  
Go to [www.aucklandcitylibraries.com](http://www.aucklandcitylibraries.com)

Borrow books, magazines, e-books, DVDs, audio books, ESOL materials ...

Free to join, but you will need photo ID and proof of address.

Closest library to University: 44-46 Lorne St.

## Online resources

Go to [www.library.auckland.ac.nz/study-skills](http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/study-skills)  
Select [Postgraduate and doctoral skills](#)

- Doctoral Skills Programme hub



## Writing

- Doctoral Skills Programme Workshops  
Go to [www.library.auckland.ac.nz/workshops](http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/workshops)  
Select [Doctoral Skills Programme](#)  
  
e.g., Academic writing: Thesis proposals, Provisional Year Essentials
- PGSA Writing Retreats  
  
Last Thursday of each month from 5-7 pm.  
Snacks and coffee provided.  
Go to [www.pgsa.org.nz](http://www.pgsa.org.nz)

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## Academic English

- Using English for Academic Purposes  
Go to [www.uefap.com/index.htm](http://www.uefap.com/index.htm)
- Advice on academic writing from Toronto University  
Go to [www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice](http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice)
- General writing  
Go to <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/>
- English for Uni  
Go to [www.adelaide.edu.au/english-for-uni](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/english-for-uni)
- Parallelism  
Go to <http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/writing/>
- Using gender sensitive language  
Go to <http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/gender-sensitive-language/>
- Using gender neutral language  
Go to [www.kentlaw.edu/academics/lrw/grinker/LwtaGender\\_Neutral\\_Language.html](http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/lrw/grinker/LwtaGender_Neutral_Language.html)  
[parallel.html](#)

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## Excellent texts on academic writing

- Go to [www.library.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz)
- Glasman-Deal, H. (2010). *Science research writing for non-native speakers of English*. UK: Imperial College.
  - Oshima, A. & Hogue, A. (2006). *Writing academic English*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. White Plains, NY: Pearson Longman.
  - Silyn-Roberts, H. (2013). *Writing for science and engineering: Papers, presentations and reports*. UK: Elsevier.
  - Wallace, M. and Wray, A. (2011). *Critical reading and writing for postgraduates*. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed). UK: SAGE.

## Vocabulary

- Free iPhone app NAWL (New Academic Word List) Builder  
Go to <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/nawl-builder/id902964659?mt=8>
- AWL—Academic Word List at Victoria University, New Zealand  
Go to [www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist)
- English Vocabulary Exercises  
Go to [www.englishvocabularyexercises.com](http://www.englishvocabularyexercises.com)  
Select [Academic Vocabulary Exercises](#)
- The British National Corpus at Brigham Young University  
Go to <http://corpus.byu.edu/bnc/>
- Vocabulary flashcards  
Go to [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)
- Tools for learning vocabulary  
Go to [www.just-the-word.com](http://www.just-the-word.com)
- Just the Word tutorial.  
Go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQZxOYNTUfo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQZxOYNTUfo)
- Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary  
Go to [www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com](http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com)
- Manchester Academic Phrasebank  
Go to [www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/)

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## Writing in the disciplines

- How to read a scientific paper  
Go to [www.lib.purdue.edu/help/tutorials/scientific-paper](http://www.lib.purdue.edu/help/tutorials/scientific-paper)
- How to write Lab reports (Engineering)  
Go to <http://iwrite.unsw.edu.au/iwrite/ENGINEERING/Getting-Started/For-Students.html>
- Report writing in science and engineering  
Go to [www.usyd.edu.au/learningcentre/wrise/](http://www.usyd.edu.au/learningcentre/wrise/)
- SciWrit: Writing in the Sciences  
Go to <https://lagunita.stanford.edu/courses/Medicine/SciWrite./Fall2015/about>

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## MOOCs

- Massive Open Online Courses  
Go to [www.edx.org](http://www.edx.org) or [www.coursera.org](http://www.coursera.org) or [www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com)