Language resources for doctoral candidates

Online language resources
Go to www.library.auckland.ac.nz/ele
Select ELE online

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
• 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
• Massey Academic Podcast
  Go to www.martiinmcmorrow.podomatic.com

Speaking
• Toastmasters New Zealand
  Go to 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
  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
  Select Current Students and then Student Life
• Meet up!
  Go to 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

‘Let’s talk’ groups
Go to 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).

Writing in English workshops
Go to 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

Reading
• Auckland City Libraries
  Go to 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
Select Postgraduate and doctoral skills
• Doctoral Skills Programme hub
Writing

- Doctoral Skills Programme Workshops
  Go to 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

Academic English

- Using English for Academic Purposes
  Go to www.uefap.com/index.htm

- Advice on academic writing from Toronto University
  Go to 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

- 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.htm parallel.html

Excellent texts on academic writing

Go to www.library.auckland.ac.nz


Vocabulary

- Free iPhone app NAWL (New Academic Word List) Builder

- AWL—Academic Word List at Victoria University, New Zealand
  Go to www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist

- English Vocabulary Exercises
  Go to 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

- Tools for learning vocabulary
  Go to www.just-the-word.com

- Just the Word tutorial.
  Go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQZx0YNtUFO

- Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary
  Go to www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com

- Manchester Academic Phrasebank
  Go to www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/

Writing in the disciplines

- How to read a scientific paper
  Go to 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/

- SciWrit: Writing in the Sciences
  Go to https://lagunita.stanford.edu/courses/Medicine/SciWrite/Fall2015/about

MOOCs

- Massive Open Online Courses
  Go to www.edx.org or www.coursera.org or www.futurelearn.com