



Skills for writing an academic paper

Skill	PhD	Action Needed?
Context		
Selecting relevant literature		
Having a critical stance		
Link own work to literature		
Explore research suggestions in literature		
Develop new ideas		
See the bigger picture		
Selecting relevant data		
Selecting relevant journals and writing to their need		
Story		
Clear storyline		
Well defined problem		
Interesting, well supported conclusions		
Ideas for follow-up		
Distinguish facts from opinions		
Distinguish essentials and inessentials		
Structure		
Well-organised, clear		
Coherent story		
Headings		
Language		
Grammar		
Syntax		
Vocabulary		
Spelling		
To-the-point		
Visuals		
Well selected and presented visual		
Social and work management		
Ask for, and accept critical feedback		
Admit mistakes and learn from them		
Make decisions		
Prioritise		
Work without supervision		
Work according to plan		
Discipline		