



Skills for writing an academic paper

Skill	PhD	You	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			