



Consultation Service: Academic Research Writing

Did you present amazing research findings at a conference and now need to translate those findings into a manuscript? Does your fear or hatred of writing hold you back from sharing your findings with other professionals in your field? Did you start writing a manuscript but need help with editing, formatting, and preparing the paper for submission to a journal? Are you required to publish for career advancement or institutional accreditation?

Writing is an art form that requires dedicated and uninterrupted time, as well as a great deal of courage to put ideas to paper. With the right support, it does not have to be daunting or impossible. You are the subject matter expert ... let Diligent Research & Consulting help you find your voice and share your knowledge!

Components of Service

This consultation package can include the following services:

- Brainstorming sessions with study team to learn about the research project, discover key limitations and barriers, and identify the steps required to produce a manuscript ready to submit for publication.
- Assistance in organizing, developing, and writing original material using source documentation and collaboration with the authors.
- Critical review of current manuscript, including technical editing for grammar and punctuation, developmental editing for organization and clarity, and style editing to format the manuscript to the journal's preferred style. This iterative process may require multiple rounds of revision with the authors.
- Development of tables, figures, and infographics to illustrate your story convincingly and efficiently.
- Electronic "track-changes" documents that correct errors, identify revisions, ask clarifying questions, or suggest organizational improvements.
- Preparation of a slide deck to translate your research project and paper into presentation content.

Knowledge collected through research must be shared. Publishing can establish your expertise in your field, further your career, impact and draw awareness to the people and issues represented by your research, and ultimately advance your field of work.

Pricing Options

Options available for hourly or project pricing.

Why Hire a Consultant?

What makes a consultant a good investment?

- Objectivity. A consultant begins the project with fresh eyes and a clean slate, viewing your writing and findings with neutrality and emotional detachment.
- Expertise. A consultant can provide a unique skillset and deep experience. Engaging a temporary, highly skilled consultant is a cost-effective way to accomplish a short-term goal that requires a specific skill set.
- Reduce Likelihood of Rejection. The most common reason manuscripts are rejected by journals is because they are poorly written or do not conform to journal standards. While an experienced consultant cannot guarantee journal acceptance, she can help increase the probability of success by ensuring that the manuscript has academic rigor and meets ethical and stylistic requirements.

Expertise and Testimonial

Sarah Spilman, Owner and Principal Consultant at Diligent Research & Consulting, has published 25+ academic papers, contributed to more than 35 regional and national presentations, and worked with more than 75 co-authors on a variety of teams.

"Sarah has a special talent for seeing the big picture while still being able to focus on the necessary important details required for the work of research. I have come to trust her interpretation of the situation, her ideas for moving things forward in the best way, and her ability to always complete something before the deadline."

▪ Previous Collaborator ▪