Resources on Writing and Publishing a Research Paper
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People at Boston College:
Your research advisor and your mentors
Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah and other Subject Specialists at the O’Neill Library
Members of the Connors Family Learning Center
Your departmental graduate director

Boston College Web sites:
BC Libraries Ready Reference Pages – Writer’s Resources, links to many guides and informational documents around the Web including information on APA and MLA bibliographic styles
http://www.bc.edu/libraries/resources/readyref/#writ
Research Guides, links arranged by subject area to Web-based and print resources
http://www.bc.edu/libraries/resources/guides/
BC Libraries’ eResearch and eLearning Tools page, includes information on RefWorks and EndNote
http://www.bc.edu/libraries/services/ref-instruc/s-productivity/
The OWL - Online Writing Lab at Boston College
http://www.bc.edu/libraries/centers/connors/online/
Social Work Library Writing Support
http://www.bc.edu/libraries/centers/socialwork/writing/
http://www.bc.edu/libraries/centers/socialwork/resources/s-writing/

On the Wider Web:
General Information and Resources on Writing
The Elements of Style, William Strunk, Jr.
http://www.bartleby.com/141/
Roget’s Internet Thesaurus
http://thesaurus.reference.com/?
Citation Style for Research Papers from B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library, Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus - a colorful presentation of the various bibliographic styles
http://www.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/workshop/citation.htm
Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab (OWL) - handouts available including: General Writing Concerns; Research and Documenting Sources; English as a Second Language; Professional Writing
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/
Avoiding Plagiarism Purdue University Online Writing Lab
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/print/research/r_plagiar.html
University of Wisconsin-Madison Writing Center, Writer’s Handbook - access to information on grammar and style, documentation styles, academic writing and more
University of Wisconsin-Madison Writing Center, Writer’s Handbook, Academic Writing: Reviews of Literature
http://www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/ReviewofLiterature.html
Advice on Research and Writing - a collection of advice about how to do research and how to communicate effectively (primarily for computer scientists) but some items of interest to all
http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs.cmu.edu/user/mleone/web/how-to.html
Fussy Professor Starbuck's Cookbook of Handy-Dandy Prescriptions for Ambitious Academic Authors or Why I Hate Passive Verbs and Love My Word Processor – lots of clear, down to earth advice on how to write and edit effectively
First Aid for Writer’s Block by Marcia Yudkin
http://www.yudkin.com/unblock.htm

Twenty Steps to Writing a Research Article, Beth A. Fischer and Michael J. Zigmond
Link at http://www.survival.pitt.edu/library/documents.asp (included as a handout)

Resources on Writing - many print references on writing gathered by the Survival Skills and Ethics Program of the University of Pittsburgh
http://www.survival.pitt.edu/library/biblio/writing.asp

Writing in the Humanities:
Guidelines for Submitting Manuscripts to the American Historical Review
http://www.historycooperative.org/ahr/guidelines.html
AHR Style Sheet for Article Authors
http://www.historycooperative.org/ahr/stylesheet.html
American Historical Association, Statement on Standards of Professional Conduct
http://www.historians.org/pubs/Free/ProfessionalStandards.cfm

Writing in the Social and Natural Sciences
APA Journals – links to information on all the journals published by the American Psychological Association. This information includes a description of the journal and manuscript submission guidelines and an Author’s Corner
http://www.apa.org/journals
http://www.apa.org/journals/authors/guide.html
APA Style Tips – includes links to some specific recommendations on style, and recommendations on how to remove bias in language concerning disabilities, race & ethnicity, and sexuality
http://www.apastyle.org/styletips.html
American Psychological Association (APA) Ethics Code
http://www.apa.org/ethics
http://www.csustan.edu/psych/todd/sternbrg.html
Reflections on Determining Authorship Credit and Authorship Order on Faculty-Student Collaborations, Mark A. Fine and Lawrence A Kurdek. American Psychologist, 48: 1141-1147, November 1993. Available online at
http://www.apastyle.org/authorship.html
http://www.americanscientist.org/template/AssetDetail/assetid/23947;jsessionid=baacT3y7afTB-X?fulltext=true
Components of a Research Article, Beth A. Fischer and Michael J. Zigmond (included as a handout) Link at http://www.survival.pitt.edu/library/documents.asp
University of Wisconsin-Madison Writing Center, Writer’s Handbook, Academic Writing: Scientific Reports – a concise graphical summary of the IMRAD style of a scientific paper
Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals, International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE)
http://www.icmje.org
Author Information – Journal of the American Chemical Society, Guidelines for Authors (pdf) link includes: Scope and Editorial Policy, and Preparation and Submission of Manuscripts
https://paragon.acs.org/paragon/application?pageid=content&parentid=authorchecklist&mid=agja.html&headername=Author%20Information%20of%20the%20American%20Chemical%20Society

Ethical Guidelines to Publication of Chemical Research from Editors of the Publications Division of the American Chemical Society

Of General Interest to Grad Students with Some References to Writing and Publishing
Science NextWave – many resources for graduate students, post-docs and junior faculty
http://nextwave.sciencemag.org/

Try a search of the site with “writing” or “publishing” to locate articles

Re-envisioning the PhD, a project at the Univ. of Washington – a variety of resources for grad students
http://www.grad.washington.edu/envision/index.html

Information on research and publishing at this site
http://www.grad.washington.edu/envision/phd/obtaining_phd/publishing.html

Graduate Student Resources On the Web! A privately maintained site with many links of interest to graduate students, however a number do not work. Information on writing within many documents in “Getting Through” section
http://www-personal.umich.edu/~danhorn/graduate.html

How to Be a Good Graduate Student, Marie des Jardins (1994) includes a section on publishing papers as well as sections on other aspects of grad student life
http://www.cs.indiana.edu/how.2b/how.2b.html

Books available on the Boston College campus:


APA-Style Helper 3.0 cd-rom for PC & Mac. This is an updated version to accompany the 5th edition of the print Publication Manual of the APA (2001).


How to Get Research Published in Journals, Abby Day. Grower, 1996.