

Some Science Writing Resources

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Getting started in science writing:

- The Open Notebook (<http://theopennotebook.com/>) – great online resource for science writers
- How to break into science writing: <https://www.theopennotebook.com/2013/07/30/ask-ton-breakinginto-science-writing/>
- On the origin of science writers: <https://www.theopennotebook.com/on-the-origin-of-science-writers/>
- Stories about how science writers got started (compiled by Ed Yong): <http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/notrocketscience/2010/07/29/on-the-origin-of-science-writers/#comment-12338>
- A note to beginning science writers (by Carl Zimmer): <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/phenomena/2013/06/24/a-note-to-beginning-science-writers/>
- Tips for scientists → science writers: <https://gsas.columbia.edu/blog/5-tips-scientists-who-want-become-science-writers>

Resources for pitching stories:

- Advice on pitching: <https://www.theopennotebook.com/2012/01/04/how-not-to-pitch/>
- Pitch Database (great for getting a sense of pitch emails that worked): <https://www.theopennotebook.com/pitches/>
- How to pitch to a science editor: <https://www.scidev.net/global/practical-guides/pitch-science-editor-journalism/>

Places that publish science stories:

- An extensive list by Robin Lloyd: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1auCFsMESQ0U3DdyxP4lx1NSC1gGfzYghqnOJr3CYX9E/edit>
- Make sure to look at each outlet's submission guide (if they have one).

Good resource for freelancers:

- The Writers' Co-op podcast by Wudan Yan and Jenni Griters: <https://www.thewriterscoopod.com/>

Helpful organizations to join (many typically have student memberships):

- National Association of Science Writers: <https://www.nasw.org/>
- D.C. Science Writers Association (DCSWA): <https://dcswa.org/>
- Council for the Advancement of Science Writing: <http://www.casw.org/>
- Society of Environmental Journalists: <https://www.sej.org/>
- Association of Health Care Journalists: <https://healthjournalism.org/>

There are also organizations for underrepresented minorities in journalism:

- [Asian American Journalists Association](#)
- [National Association of Black Journalists](#)
- [National Association of Hispanic Journalists](#)
- [National Center on Disability and Journalism](#)
- [Native American Journalists Association](#)
- [NLGJA: The Association of LGBTQ Journalists](#)
- [South Asian Journalists Association](#)
- [Trans Journalists Association](#)
- [Women's Media Center](#)

EurekAlert for getting press releases before papers are published (only journalists): <https://www.eurekalert.org/>

Places to look for programs for transitioning into science writing:

- AAAS Mass Media Fellowship: <https://www.aaas.org/fellowships/mass-media/about>
- Partial lists of (science) writing internships:
- <https://www.poynter.org/educators-students/2018/here-are-more-than-100-journalism-internships-and-fellowships/>
- <http://blogs.nature.com/naturejobs/2013/01/28/getting-an-internship-in-science-journalism>
- <https://scicom.ucsc.edu/about/internships.html>
- <https://wiki.washjeff.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=68715801>
- <https://sciwrite.org/>
- <https://ncf.nci.nih.gov/>
- <https://www.researchamerica.org/about-us/careers/science-communications-internship-sponsored-burroughs-welcome-fund>

Science writing programs:

- [UC Santa Cruz](#)
- [NYU](#)
- [Boston University](#)
- [MIT](#)
- [Columbia University](#)
- [Johns Hopkins University](#)

Additional reading:

- [The Science Writers' Handbook: Everything You Need to Know to Pitch, Publish, and Prosper in the Digital Age](#)
- [A Field Guide for Science Writers: The Official Guide of the National Association of Science Writers](#)
- [The Craft of Science Writing: Selections from The Open Notebook](#)
- [The Science Writers' Essay Handbook: How to Craft Compelling True Stories in Any Medium](#)
- [The Science Writers' Investigative Reporting Handbook: A Beginner's Guide to Investigations](#)