

So you want to be a SCIENCE WRITER



You may have decided to pursue a career in science writing, or you may simply want to sharpen your skills as a science communicator and spokesperson. There are many ways to define “science writer,” and even more ways to write about science, so where do you start?

Make the leap

Leaving research to take up a career in science writing can be daunting for even the most seasoned researchers. Start with these articles for advice and stories to help you with your transition.

- Leaving science for science writing
- Starting a career in science writing
- Around the world in 80 jobs

Hone your skills

As a scientist you have many transferrable skills to help you with writing, audience engagement, social media, and blogging. These articles offer some practical advice for science communicators:

- A social media survival guide for scientists
- Relearning how to write
- Going with the flow
- Blog, tweet, and avoid the pitfalls
- Writing tips for reaching the public
- To tweet or not to tweet?

AAAS Center for Public Engagement with Science & Technology

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the publisher of *Science Careers*, engages the public and empowers scientists to engage the public on issues related to research, education, and policy through effective science communication. Explore the AAAS programs specifically dedicated to public engagement and science communication:

- AAAS Communication Toolkit
- Communicating Science Seminars
- Communicating Science Workshops
- Diverse Voices in Science Journalism Internship
- Leshner Leadership Institute for Public Engagement with Science
- Mass Media Fellowships
- Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

Other Programs and Resources

- Council for the Advancement of Science Writing
- National Association of Science Writers
- Pitch Publish Prosper (*The Science Writers' Handbook*)
- *The Open Notebook*
- Association of Health Care Journalists
- Society of Environmental Journalists
- World Federation of Science Journalists
- Association of British Science Writers