Become a JBI Scientific Writer

To maintain a consistent and rigorous approach to the development of our resources, JBI Scientific Writers are assigned a JBI Research Fellow who will facilitate their work by providing feedback, guidance and advice on work undertaken. The JBI Research Fellow will provide constructive feedback to assist Scientific Writers as they become familiar with JBI methodology.

However, it is expected that Scientific Writers will already be skilled in the following areas:

- searching databases
- understanding different research designs
- critically appraising the quality of different forms of evidence
- summarizing evidence in a clear, coherent, and concise manner.

Requirements and responsibilities

Requirements of JBI Scientific Writers

JBI Scientific Writers work externally to JBI, with the work performed remotely. The majority of communication between Scientific Writers and JBI is via email.

It is a requirement that JBI Scientific Writers have access to search specified databases (JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports, Cochrane Library, PubMed/Medline, CINAHL) as well as full-text access to a wide range of online journal articles. Generally, this means that writers have institutional access through their place of work or study allowing them subscription access to a wide range of online journals, and access to full-texts of most articles not just the abstract.

In some circumstances, access may be able to be provided via the University of Adelaide if you meet the requirements to become a title holder with the university.

Roles and Responsibilities

For each writing project undertaken, the JBI Scientific Writer Program Administrator will send a Schedule, which lists the Evidence Summaries to be updated and the timelines by which the project should run.

The time taken to update an Evidence Summary depends on your literature searching skills and experience. The amount of content sent to you to update can be tailored to suit your available time.

The terms of the agreement between JBI and Scientific Writers (‘Contributors’) are detailed in the Contributor Agreement.

Further information on who is responsible for each step is provided at Process.

Submission of draft updates should be emailed to jbisciwriter@adelaide.edu.au.