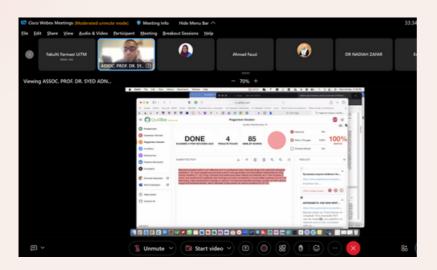
WRITE2GETHER TALK SERIES:

Al Tools for Efficient Academic Writing



Write2Gether is one of the projects under the strategic initiative PROLIFIC, which is an acronym for PROmoting impactful pubLication From academics. The general objective of PROLIFIC is to enhance the publication output of faculty members by focusing on high-quality journals that have a significant impact on the community. To accomplish this objective, a series of talks and workshops have been scheduled, including a virtual talk on artificial intelligence (AI) tools which took place on the 24th of May 2023.

The primary objective of this online event is to provide participants with an introduction to Al tools and their potential applications in the field of academic writing. The transformational impact of Al on education is undeniable. This emerging technology has proven to be of great assistance to researchers and academicians, particularly in addressing the prevalent issue of writer's block.

A total of 29 faculty members attended this talk which was delivered by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Syed Adnan Ali Shah from the Department of Pharmacology and Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM. During this talk, the speaker discussed a range of Al tools that can be employed to facilitate the composition of scholarly articles. These tools leverage artificial intelligence and natural language processing techniques to facilitate writers in enhancing the efficacy and quality of their academic writing endeavours. Among the tools highlighted in this talk were Al-driven grammar and language enhancement tools, namely Grammarly, QuillBot, Wordtune, Ref-n-write, and Writefull. These tools assist authors in the identification and resolution of various textual concerns, including but not limited to grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, punctuation inaccuracies, and stylistic incongruities. Also discussed were Al-powered plagiarism detection tools, specifically Ouriginal and Copyscape. These tools provide writers with a means to accurately authenticate the originality of their content, thereby ensuring the highest standards of academic integrity. The speaker also covered topics on the use of Humata, Explainpaper, Chatpdf, and ChatDoc, which are designed to improve users' learning effectiveness by offering concise summaries of complex research papers. These tools use AI technology to simplify intricate publications and facilitate comprehension for users. Lastly, Copyleaks and ZeroGPT were also addressed. These tools have the capability to identify text that has been generated by AI, including platforms like ChatGPT, GPT-4, Jasper, and others. This enables writers to discern the authorship of individual components, distinguishing between those produced by humans and those generated by Al.

The participants have responded positively to this programme. In response to numerous requests from participants, a hands-on workshop on AI tools for academic writing has been scheduled to take place on the 24th of July 2023. Attendees will be provided with valuable insights and practical skills in utilising AI technology for their scholarly endeavours. This workshop aims to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and expertise to enhance their academic writing processes through the effective utilisation of AI tools.

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