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Research Writing Symposium

Certosa di Pontignano

18th - 24th July, 2027

Your Tuscan Research Writing Symposium



is dedicated writing time for you – the writer you currently are - to be the writer you aspire to be. It is the opportunity to engage in a bespoke week-long program and have the time to write brilliantly in a way that changes you and the world.

Your program has been carefully crafted to balance personal writing time with Accelerator Workshops and community writing sessions.

You will have time to follow my five-step guide and engage in the full writing process – transforming the way you write so it becomes effortless and second nature.

Accelerator sessions will guide you through strategies that develop your writing process. These sessions are based on my book – ***Time to Write Persuasively. A Five-Step Guide For Ambitious Researchers***, where you will learn how to:

- Make time to think - and smooth the way to completion
- Make time to read - beyond the obvious and nail who will benefit from your writing
- Make time to plan - revolutionise your purpose and your dot-point plan
- Make time to write - personalise your annual writing plan and collate your recipes
- Make time to revise - be brave and revise frequently.

At the end of the week, you will develop your **Annual Writing Plan**, writing down when in the year you have deadlines for writing. Knowing all of your writing responsibilities for the year means you can be in control. It will guide you to prioritise your writing after the symposium.

Your writing will be much more impactful. Thinking, reading, planning, writing and revising creates writing that matters. You will craft words that influence and persuade, guided by your expert Writing Coach, Karyn, who provides critical strategies, resources and amazingly insightful feedback.



This writing symposium is for

Writers of research

- in academia and industry
- at all levels – and any stage of your career
- from any discipline
- ready to do a large amount of good writing.

Partners are welcome. Refer below for details

Your outcomes - what you will achieve

- a large amount of good writing – developed from 1-2-1 feedback sessions with Karyn and your peers – all ready for publication.
- Annual Writing Plan for the year that sets you up for success. When you see what you have to do, you can make time to write efficiently, successfully and brilliantly.
- Personal copy of the book ***Time to Write Persuasively. A Five-Step Guide For Ambitious Researchers*** complete with strategies that take you through the Five-Step Framework of the writing process to ensure you continue to write persuasively.

Symposium Highlights - What's included

- ✓ 6 nights – 5 days at **Certosa di Pontignano**, a 10 minute drive from Siena in Tuscany Italy.
- ✓ Planning sessions before you depart – 1-2-1 online to ensure you are ready and prepared to maximise your writing time.
- ✓ We have a spacious room to work together and beautiful spaces around the historical Charterhouse to write, including access to wonderful Italian gardens.
- ✓ Check in 3pm Sunday 18 July.
- ✓ 5pm - meet your fellow writers, share your intentions for your time at the symposium and discuss how to get the most from your experience – all before dinner.
- ✓ Daily - you will have Accelerator Sessions to focus your writing + time to relax.
- ✓ Meals will be shared together in the restaurant where you can taste the seasonal flavours of Sienese cuisine, made in house.
  - Dinner Sunday evening and each evening
  - Breakfast every day, including the Saturday you depart
  - Lunch every day, except Wednesday.
- ✓ A one hour guided walk through the venue where you are staying – the Charterhouse of **Certosa di Pontignano**, a Carthusian monastery from the 13th C now acquired by the University of Siena and used for academic meetings and conferences.
- ✓ Wednesday to explore the stunning Tuscan countryside. Our very own Antonella from My Tuscan Experience will provide a range of activities for you to take a break from writing. Refer below for details.

The rate

Total rate is $4150 (AUD) per participant.

Payment Instalments	Amount	Dates
Instalment 1	$1000	Dec 10, 2026
Instalment 2	$1000	Feb 26, 2027
Instalment 3	$2150	Apr 30, 2027

Contact Karyn by emailing ***writing@klgcommunications.com.au*** to secure your place and discuss payment options.



Refunds

Refunds are possible if cancellation occurs before April 30, 2027. You are encouraged to take out a travel insurance policy. Please notify us as soon as possible if you need to cancel your booking.

What is not included?

- Flight to Italy. We can advise how you can travel to the venue.
- Lunch on Wednesday. You are likely to be out and about enjoying Tuscany on Wednesday and therefore have the opportunity to eat where you visit.
- Alcohol.
- You have the opportunity on Wednesday to
  - continue writing for the day, or
  - undertake your choice of excursions, for example, visit
    - local vineyards and drink the famous Brunello wine
    - Siena as it readies for Palio di Siena
    - Florence.

    These additional activities can be organised and paid for by you when you arrive.

Partners - If your partner is not participating in the writing symposium, they will need to organise how they spend their time. Antonella, our Tuscan travel agent, will be available to offer advice and booking opportunities.

The rate is revised for partners and or friends - ie non writing participants.

Writing Symposium Schedule

Sunday 18 July	5:00 pm	• Welcome meeting • Welcome dinner
Monday 19 July	7:00am - 9:00am 9.00am - 5.00pm One hour for lunch	• Breakfast • Writing + Accelerator Sessions + 1-2-1 feedback with Karyn & group writing circles • Dinner
Tuesday 20 July	7:00am - 9:00am 9.00am - 5.00pm One hour for lunch	• Breakfast • Writing + Accelerator Sessions + 1-2-1 feedback with Karyn and group writing circles • Dinner
Wednesday 21 July	7:00am - 9:00am	• Breakfast • Lunch not included • Dinner
Thursday 22 July	7:00am - 9:00am 9.00am - 5.00pm One hour for lunch	• Breakfast • Writing + Accelerator Sessions + 1-2-1 feedback with Karyn and group writing circles • Dinner
Friday 23 July	7:00am - 9:00am 9.00am - 5.00pm One hour for lunch	• Breakfast • Writing + Accelerator Sessions + 1-2-1 feedback with Karyn and group writing circles • Dinner
Saturday 24 July	7:00am - 9:00am	• Breakfast • Depart

Contact Karyn by emailing ***writing@klgcommunications.com.au*** to book a phone call if you would like more information or discuss particular needs.



Be ambitious.

Write the change you want to see in the world, make time to write persuasively with your expert writing coach.

Karyn Gonano is a communications expert and writing coach working in universities and enterprises worldwide. Through her training and mentoring, her clients have created opportunities and time, rebooted their confidence and professional pride, and achieved remarkable professional outcomes. Karyn brings her years of experience and expertise together with her passion for writing and great ideas for you to have a practical, memorable and transformative experience. You will efficiently communicate the value of what your research is all about.