

Instructions for Science Writers –

POC²



- Articles must be written about a scientist of colour, experiment, structure or city in the global south
 - The scientist also being of other protected characteristics (e.g. disabled (physical and/or mental including being neurodivergent), LGBT+, a cis-woman, from a poor economic background) is not required but is encouraged
- Articles must be original and written by you
- Articles must be referenced, mimicking the simple numerical style seen in current blog posts on the website. (www.poc2.co.uk/blog)
- An attempt must be made to find diverse references
 - Diverse references mean references consisting of media other than text on a webpage. This can include YouTube videos, podcasts, books (physical and/or digital) etc... this is to try and be anti-ableist
- Basic information concerning the subject (if a person) the following must be included:
 - Name
 - Age
 - Date of birth and current age/age at time of death (if applicable)
 - Main institution worked/studied at
 - Major achievements
 - If scientist written about is alive and has a social media presence, it would be good to include links to this/any work they may have published
- Length: approximately 1000 words total *excluding* basic information
- Small paragraph at the end explaining what the article means to you personally, writers may want to add an author's note (for example).
- Include a link/links to any social media/contact information such that we can credit you properly
- Structure should mimic articles that already exist on the website:
 - For people
 - Quote (if you can find a meaningful one)

- Basic information
- Early life
- Training (university/apprenticeship etc.)
- Career
- Major discovery/work that make them famous
- Any trials/tribulations they faced (e.g. succeeded in the face of racism, transphobia etc.)
- Any other endeavours the person does (outreach etc.)
- Where they are now/death
- Personal anecdote
- For e.g. Experiment/Institution
 - Basic information including what country it is in, approximate age, if it is still in use etc.
 - Background
 - Research carried out there/what the institution was known for
 - Mention any famous individuals associated with it
 - Outcome/aftermath - is research here ongoing etc.
 - Personal anecdote
- Articles must be finished and returned within 2 weeks of signing the contract for science writers for POC²
 - If a major event happens and you cannot keep to this schedule, please inform us and this can be extended. This will be decided between us and the writer on a case-by-case basis.
- If you are uncertain of the topic, structure and information required, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to discuss this with you. (contact@poc2.co.uk or DM us on our social media).