

Building a Personal Research Brand Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Research and Data Analysis	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Develop a distinct personal research brand identity
2. Position themselves as thought leaders in niche research domains
3. Optimize academic visibility and discoverability
4. Leverage digital scholarship and research communication
5. Build credible online academic profiles
6. Increase citation impact and altmetrics performance
7. Apply AI tools for research branding and dissemination
8. Design a cohesive research narrative and value proposition
9. Align branding with grant funding and career advancement
10. Strengthen interdisciplinary and global research presence
11. Use social media and scholarly platforms strategically
12. Maintain ethical, inclusive, and authentic research branding
13. Measure and refine branding using impact analytics and KPIs

Target Audience

1. Early-career researchers and PhD scholars
2. Postdoctoral fellows and research associates
3. Faculty members and academic professionals
4. Industry researchers and R&D specialists
5. Independent scholars and consultants
6. Research managers and innovation leaders
7. Policy researchers and think-tank analysts
8. Science communicators and knowledge professionals

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Personal Research Branding

- Understanding **personal branding in academia**
- Defining your **research niche and expertise**
- Brand archetypes for researchers
- Aligning values, mission, and vision
- **Case Study:** How a junior researcher became a global expert in 5 years

Module 2: Research Identity & Scholarly Positioning

- Crafting a **researcher value proposition**

- Personal mission statements
- Differentiation in saturated research fields
- Positioning for academia vs industry
- **Case Study:** Branding strategies of highly cited researchers

Module 3: Digital Presence & Academic Visibility

- Google Scholar, ORCID, Scopus optimization
- Personal academic websites
- SEO for research profiles
- Academic portfolio design
- **Case Study:** Increasing discoverability through profile optimization

Module 4: Research Communication & Storytelling

- Translating complex research for wider audiences
- Narrative-driven research abstracts
- Visual research storytelling
- Public engagement strategies
- **Case Study:** Turning a paper into a global media story

Module 5: Social Media & Thought Leadership

- LinkedIn, X, ResearchGate strategies
- Content calendars for researchers
- Building authority through micro-content
- Managing digital reputation
- **Case Study:** Growing an academic following organically

Module 6: Publications, Impact & Metrics

- Citation strategies and journal positioning
- Understanding **altmetrics and research impact**
- Open science and preprints
- Measuring influence beyond citations
- **Case Study:** Boosting impact through open access

Module 7: AI, Tools & Future-Ready Branding

- AI tools for academic branding
- Automation in research dissemination
- Personal knowledge management systems
- Ethics of AI in research visibility
- **Case Study:** Using AI to scale research outreach

Module 8: Sustainability & Career Alignment

- Long-term brand consistency
- Branding for grants, promotions, and tenure
- Managing burnout and digital overload
- Legacy building and mentorship
- **Case Study:** Career transformation through strategic branding

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000

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21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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