Welcome to Cornell University from ELSO!

The English Language Support Office (ELSO) provides space for international graduate and professional students to learn strategies, make progress toward their own writing and speaking goals, receive feedback from experienced instructors, and from the community with peers.

We are here for you, whether you are writing a seminar paper, seeking to communicate more effectively during discussions, or working your way through a thesis or dissertation. As part of the Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, all of our programs are offered at no additional charge to you. Below are descriptions of our major programs. Learn more at knight.as.cornell.edu/elso.

**ELSO Courses on Graduate Communication:** ELSO’s seven-week courses are small, highly interactive, and tailored to focus on the writing and speaking challenges of graduate school. These courses are self-selected by students who want to excel as writers, speakers, and English users. For course descriptions, visit knight.as.cornell.edu/elso-courses.

**ELSO Tutoring on Writing, Presentations, and Pronunciation:** This tutoring program is designed to meet your immediate needs, whether you are working on a paper for publication, preparing for a conference or job talk, or wanting to communicate more clearly through effective pronunciation. You can book 45-minute appointments with peer tutors available at various times across the week. To learn more, visit knight.as.cornell.edu/elso-tutoring.

**ELSO Friday Workshop Series:** Our 90-minute interactive workshops focus on key strategies and resources relevant to speaking and writing in graduate school. Workshop topics have included writing research papers, note-taking, preparing for the career fair, and using online resources to support pronunciation. For the workshop schedule, visit knight.as.cornell.edu/elso-workshops.

**ELSO Speaking Groups Program:** This program offers ongoing practice with social English through small groups that meet weekly for informal conversations. These groups, which are led by fluent English-speaking volunteers, promote cultural exchange and new friendships among group members from across Cornell. To learn more about this program, visit knight.as.cornell.edu/SGP.

We hope to meet you during orientations and our 2021 Open Hours (knight.as.cornell.edu/visit-elso). You are welcome to email us with any questions you have about our programs:

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