

I am a PhD physiotherapist from Iran. After receiving the OARSI scholarship in 2011, I spent 2 great months at the Institute of Bone and Joint Research, Royal North Shore Hospital, University of Sydney, under the supervision of Prof. David Hunter from August to October 2012.

My project at the Institute of Bone and Joint Research was to analyze data from another research study and to write a manuscript according to these results. Working in Australia with a group of skilled researchers gave me a chance to learn how to define a research question for a body of data and how to create a manuscript by anticipating reviewers' comments.

Although I won the scholarship when I was in my last year of my PhD, I used the scholarship after my graduation, a few months after I started my professional work as an academic. Therefore, this scholarship will undoubtedly help me as a supervisor and an advisor for graduate students in my department also.

With the kind support from Prof. Hunter and his colleagues at the Rheumatology Department, I gained valuable skills in statistical analysis and manuscript writing. With this scholarship, I have also had a chance to live and work in a completely different country and communicate with people from different cultures and social backgrounds. Now I have a wonderful mentor and lovely friends who brightened this unique life experience for me. Besides spending a fantastic 2 months in the beautiful city of Sydney and experiencing a very different lifestyle overseas, I learned new analytical approaches in data analysis because of close and precise discussion with statisticians and experienced researchers. At the same time, Prof. Hunter gave me the chance to attend some additional activities such as journal clubs and professional meetings, and introduced me to researchers in the field of clinical and basic studies in rheumatology, osteoarthritis, sacroiliac joint dysfunction, gait analysis and others.

Although this scholarship is a short term, it is a great opportunity for professional and social development for scholarship winners. I would most definitely recommend the OARSI scholarship for all young investigators.

Best Regards
Zahra Sadat Rezaeian

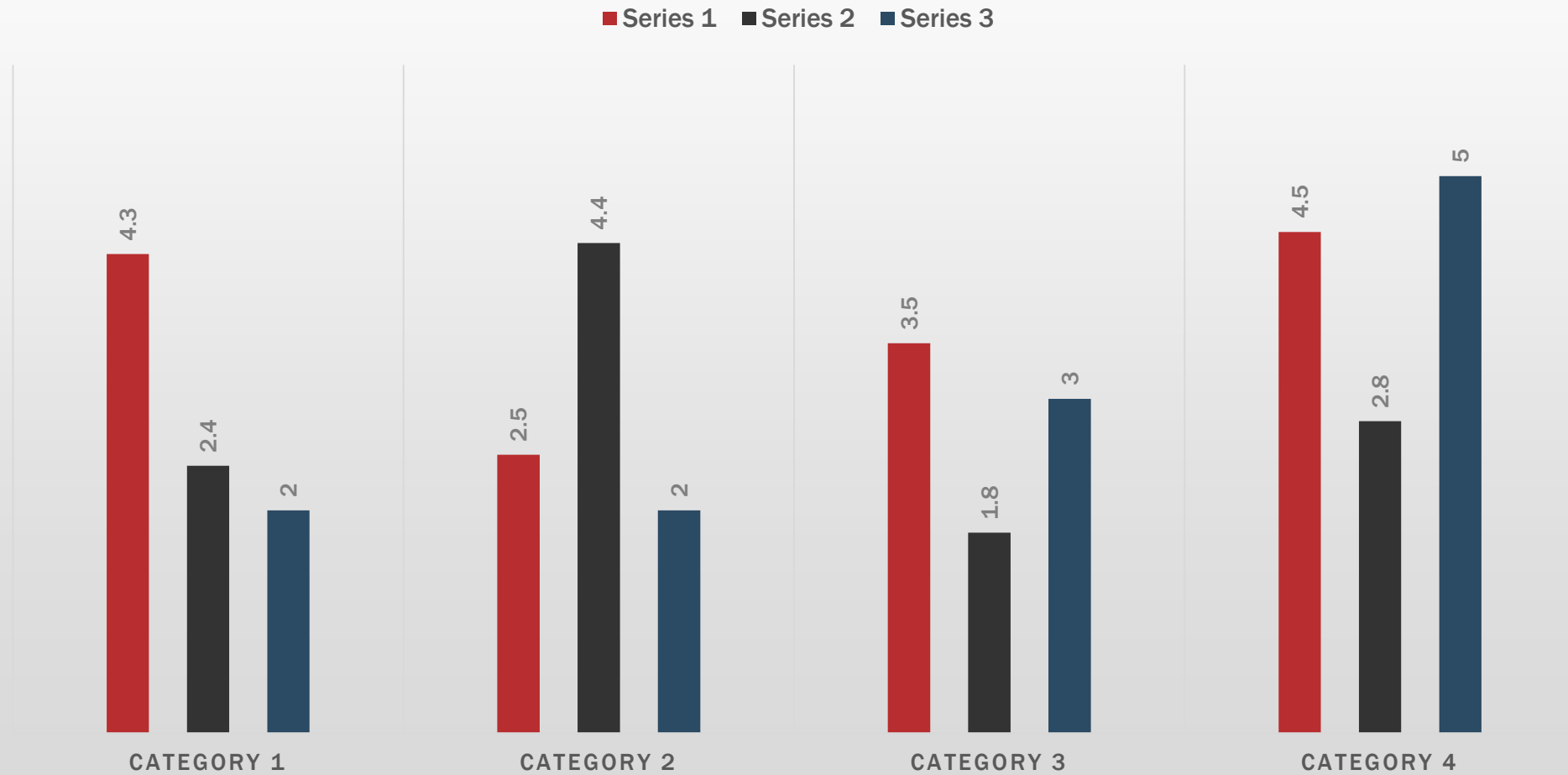


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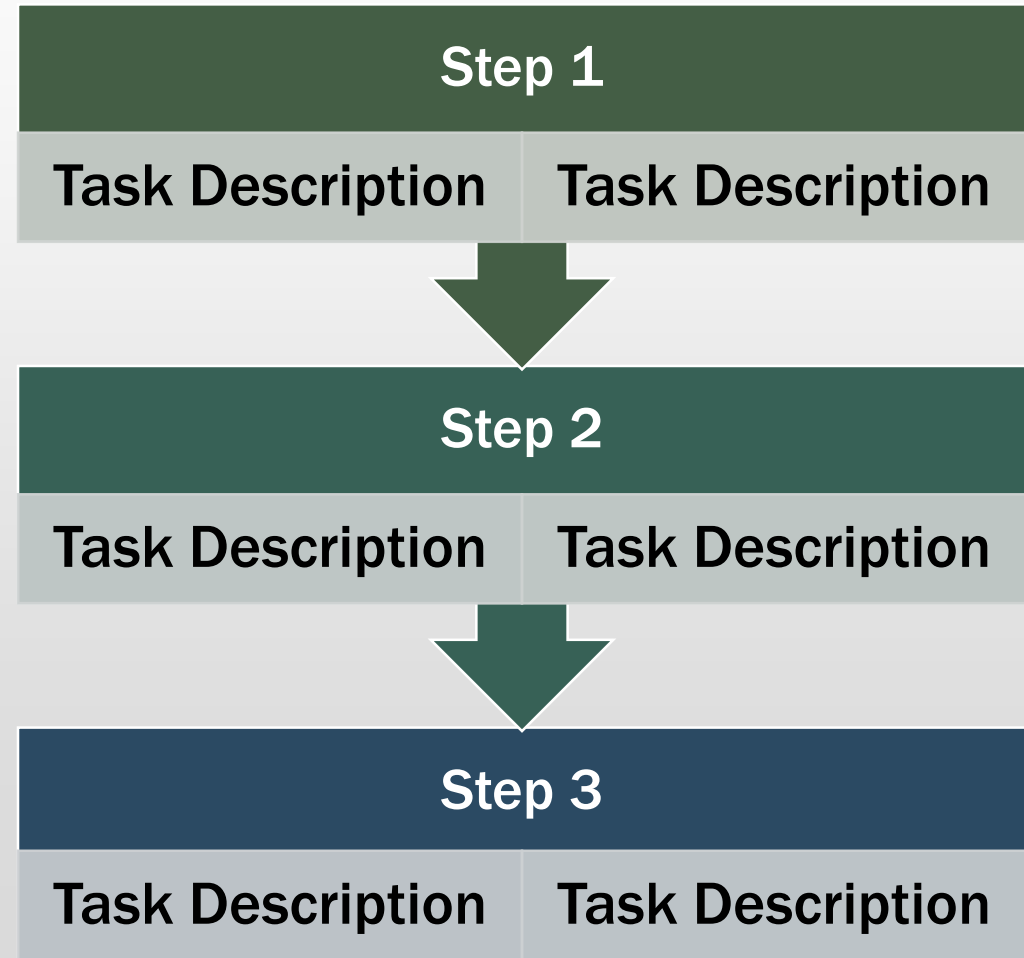
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