

## Starting and Managing a Dissertation Support Group

### Item 1: Sample meeting topics

- Grant-writing and budget management
- Isolation, “impostor syndrome,” and self-care
- Job applications and interviews
- Networking and socialization in academia
- Physically and mentally preparing to write
- Publishing and delivering papers as a grad
- Time management, goal setting, and multitasking responsibilities
- University’s formatting and clearance process
- Writer’s block and staying motivated

### Item 2: References and resources

#### Printed resources:

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Linder, Kathryn. *To Do: Dissertation*. Amazon e-book. ASIN: B00589WJD4.

Ogden, Evelyn Hunt. 2007. *Complete Your Dissertation or Thesis in Two Semesters or Less*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

Single, Peg Boyle. 2009. *Demystifying Dissertation Writing*. Stylus Publishing.

Trusty, Debra A. Forthcoming. “Strength in Numbers: Starting and Managing a Dissertation Support Group,” in *Graduate Study in the USA: Surviving and succeeding*. Edited by C. McMaster, C. Murphy, and A. Threlkheld. Peter Lang Publishing.

#### Online or digital resources:

- PhiniseD: [www.phinished.org](http://www.phinished.org)
- Gradshare: [www.gradshare.org](http://www.gradshare.org)
- All-But-Dissertation Survival Guide: [www.abdsurvivalguide.com](http://www.abdsurvivalguide.com)
- Gradhacker:  
[www.insidehighered.com/blogs/gradhacker](http://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/gradhacker)
- Productive Writers Resource:  
<http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/about/publications/productive-writer>
- Twitter/FB feeds and groups: #dissertation #ShutUpAndWrite  
#wordcount #amwriting