



Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP)
Centre for Higher Studies and Research (CHSR)
Policy on Accepted Journals
for MPhil and PhD Research Publication

1. Purpose

To uphold academic quality and ensure rigorous research standards, this policy outlines the criteria for selecting journals in which MPhil and PhD researchers must publish an article based on their thesis as a mandatory requirement for degree completion.

2. Accepted Journals

A journal will be accepted if it meets **any one** of the following criteria:

2.1. Journals Published by Public Universities in Bangladesh

All peer-reviewed journals published by public universities such as:

- University of Dhaka (DU)
- Jahangirnagar University (JU)
- Rajshahi University (RU)
- University of Chittagong (CU)
- Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (SUST)
- Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), etc.

Conditions:

- Must have both **ISSN** and **DOI**
- Must maintain standard peer-review process

2.2. ABDC Ranked Journals

- Journals listed in the **Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) Journal Quality List**, ranked A*, A, B, or C (for business and management-related disciplines).

2.3. Quartile-Ranked Journals (Q1 or Q2)

- Journals ranked in **Q1 or Q2** under the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) or Clarivate's Journal Citation Reports (JCR).

2.4. Journals with Impact Factor

- Journals with an **official Journal Impact Factor (JIF)** as per **Clarivate Analytics' Journal Citation Reports**.

2.5. Journals Published by Reputed Global Publishers

Accepted publishers include (but are not limited to):

- Elsevier
- Routledge
- Taylor and Francis
- Sage Publications
- Wiley
- Springer Nature
- BioMed Central
- MDPI
- JMIR Publications
- IGI Global
- Mary Ann Liebert
- Emerald Group Publishing
- IEEE
- ACM
- Oxford University Press
- Cambridge University Press
- Scientific Research Publishing

2.6. Indexed Journals

Journals indexed in any of the following databases are acceptable:

- **Scopus**
- **Web of Science (ISI/SCIE)**
- **PubMed**
- **EBSCO**
- **DOAJ**
- **EMBASE**
- **SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)**
- **IJIFACTOR**
- **Index Copernicus**
- **Open J-Gate**
- **OAJI**
- **BASE**
- **JSTOR**
- **ERIC**
- **ProQuest**
- **Crossref**

3. Unacceptable Journals

- Journals identified as **predatory**, fake, or questionable will **not** be accepted.
- Any journal listed on **Beall's List of Predatory Journals and Publishers** (<https://beallslist.net>) or flagged by credible academic bodies will be **automatically disqualified**.
- Self-publishing platforms and journals without a peer-review process will also be rejected.

4. Submission and Verification

- Researchers must submit evidence of:
 - Peer review completion
 - Journal indexing/publisher recognition
 - Author affiliation with BUP
- CHSR and Thesis Audit Committee will verify all journal submissions prior to thesis defense approval.

5. Periodic Review

- This journal policy shall be reviewed and updated annually in consultation with academic departments and external academic standards.

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