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REVISED PUBLICATION GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE JAN. 23, 2016
(PLEASE SEE ALL THE UPDATES AND THE PAGE 2 ADDENDUM)

The following revisions have been made to RK University's Publication Guidelines dated July 1, 2015. These new guidelines will be effective on and after **Jan. 23, 2016.** All other guidelines (other than the revisions below) mentioned in the most recent version (dated July 1, 2015) are still applicable.

1. LIST OF APPROVED JOURNALS: RK University is no longer maintaining/updating a list of approved journals. Instead, we are strongly recommending two of the most widely recognized (and internationally accepted) journal metrics for journal selection. These metrics have also been duly recognized by Indian agencies, including the *National Assessment and Accreditation Council* (*NAAC*):

a. Thomson Reuters Impact Factor (You may select any journal mentioned in the following lists. If you need help in selecting an appropriate journal for your publishing needs, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. All of these journals have been assigned an *Impact Factor* by *Thomson Reuters*)**:**

http://scientific.thomsonreuters.com/imgblast/JCRFullCovlist-2016.pdf (for Management, Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology) **[This is the updated list from the year 2016]**.

http://ip-science.thomsonreuters.com/mjl/publist_sciex.pdf (for Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology).

http://ip-science.thomsonreuters.com/mjl/publist_ssci.pdf (for Management).

b. SCImago Journal Ranking (you may select any journal mentioned in the following list. If you need help in selecting an appropriate journal for your publishing needs, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. All of these journals are *Scopus-indexed* and have also been assigned a *SCImago Journal Ranking* and an *H-Index*)**:**

http://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php (for Management, Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology)

2. COMBINATIONS POSSIBLE FOR RK UNIVERSTY'S PH.D. SCHOLARS: RK University's Ph.D. scholars will now be able to benefit from a variety of publishing/patenting options. RKU understands the importance of publishing papers in good conferences and encourages its researchers to get their patents approved from India or from one of the G-8 industrialized nations. Accordingly, we encourage RKU's Ph.D. scholars to consider the following publishing/patenting options and combinations (students from the **2015 batch and beyond** should refer to the addendum on Page 2):

a. **Two** research articles in journals approved by RKU, as per the 2016/2015 guidelines (for students from the 2012 batch, 2013 batch, and 2014 batch).

OR

b. **One** research article in a journal approved by RKU, as per the 2016/2015 guidelines (for students from the 2012 batch, 2013 batch, and 2014 batch) and **one conference paper** (not a poster) accepted for an international conference (evaluation criteria for conferences: international event, renowned speakers, publications with ISBN/ISSN, partnership with Springer/Elsevier/IEEE or with other reputed societies/associations/publishing houses, plagiarism check, and a good peer review system).

OR

c. **One** research article in a journal approved by RKU, as per the 2016/2015 guidelines (for students from the 2012 batch, 2013 batch, and 2014 batch) and **one patent granted** by the concerned patent-granting authority (from India or from any of the G8 industrialized nations). The patent must be based on the research work undertaken by the Ph.D. scholar after he/she registers as a Ph.D. candidate at RK University (and in the capacity of a principal investigator).

Note: RKU certainly encourages all of its Ph.D. scholars to publish insightful review articles in journals with the aforementioned metrics (Thomson Reuters Impact Factor and/or a SCImago Journal Ranking). However, it is not obligatory anymore to publish a review article in order to be eligible for the Ph.D. degree. Instead, each and every Ph.D. student needs to submit a detailed literature review report every single time he/she attends the Monitoring Committee Meeting.

3. APPLICABILITY OF THE REVISED PUBLICATION GUIDELINES: The revised guidelines would be mandatory for RK University's Ph.D. scholars. All others (graduate students, post-graduate students, and faculty members) would be heavily encouraged to publish in journals with a *Thomson Reuters Impact Factor* and/or a *SCImago Journal Ranking* and present their work (through conference papers) at RKU-approved international conferences as mentioned above.

<center>**ADDENDUM**</center>

In accordance with the UGC notification dated May 5, 2016, students from the **2015 batch and beyond** need to publish their research work as follows:

One research article in a journal with a Thomson Reuters Impact Factor and/or a SCImago Journal Ranking (for students from the 2015 batch and beyond) and **two conference papers** (not posters) accepted for two separate international conferences (evaluation criteria for conferences: international event, renowned speakers, publications with ISBN/ISSN, partnership with Springer/Elsevier/IEEE or with other reputed societies/associations/publishing houses, plagiarism check, and a good peer review system).