



Guidelines for doctoral research publications:

All PhD scholars are advised to note that 3 research publications (including 1 review article and 2 research papers, published as per RKU guidelines) are required to be submitted at the time of synopsis submission. A research publication will be accepted by RK University, only if it complies with the following well-accepted norms for a good publication.

1. Mentioning the name of RK University:

At the time of PhD admission, every PhD scholar is enrolled as an external or full-time PhD student in respective school of RK University, simultaneously; he may be an employee of a particular institute. Hence, a PhD scholar, while publishing a research paper, must mention **name of the concerned School of RK University** (where he is a student) and the **name of institute** (where he is an employee).

For example

(In case of a Management PhD scholar):

S. G. Sharma, PhD scholar, School of Management, RK University (compulsory) and Assistant Professor, KPS School of Business Management, Mehsana, Gujarat (optional)

Name of PhD Guide, designation, Institute (same for co-guide, if applicable)

2. Mentioning name of PhD Guide (Co-guide):

The research paper must mention the name of guide (and co-guide, if applicable) as explained above. A research publication without mention of PhD guide's name will not be accepted as a doctoral publication.

3. Name of the PhD scholar must appear as the first author.

4. Inclusion of the name of a co-author:

Inclusion of the name of a co-author should be avoided as far as possible, unless his/her contribution has been significant in the work, which may have to be justified at the time of synopsis submission.

5. The journal must be among the approved list of indexing catalogues/registries/database mentioned below –

Sr. No.	Name of Indexing Catalogue/ Database
1.	Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports
2.	Index Copernicus Journal Master List

3.	Scimago Journal Rank
4.	PubMed
5.	Scopus
6.	EMBASE
7.	Google Scholar
8.	Chemical Abstracts Core Journal Coverage List
9.	Web of Science
10.	IEEE Xplore
11.	Analytical Abstracts
12.	EBSCO
13.	Science Direct

6. Impact factor:

A publication in a journal without any impact factor (although as per RKU guidelines) can be considered as a poor support to your research work by an expert committee at synopsis viva or thesis viva, hence, it would be advisable to publish your work in a reputed journal with at least some impact factor.

7. Date of publication:

The research publication must have been published after the date of PhD admission in RK University.

8. Submission of necessary certificate/approvals:

Following certificates must accompany a research publication, synopsis or thesis at the time of submission –

A certificate of approval issued by Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (where animal experiment is involved)

A certificate of approval issued by a Human Ethics Committee (approved by DCGI) and a document showing registration of the trial at CTRI (Clinical Trial Registry of India) (Where a human clinical trial/experiment/treatment is involved). This is applicable to both Pharmacy and Physiotherapy PhD scholars.

A certificate issued by the Head of an organization/company attesting that the data has been collected from the organization and that it is genuine data, if the research data has been collected from a single or two institutes/organizations/hospitals.

These certificates should be submitted to the monitoring committee as soon as they are obtained.

9. Quality of the publication:

The research publication should be free of spelling mistakes and grammatical errors. A poor quality publication downgrades the images of not only the student and the guide, but also the prestige of the university itself. Publications with mistake in the title itself or several mistakes in body text will not be accepted by RK University.

10. Plagiarism:

A plagiarized research publication will be rejected by the university, as copying someone's work without citation amounts to an academic crime and will be strictly dealt with by RK University. There may be penalty of rejection of the research publication or the entire research project, in such cases. Hence, PhD scholars are strongly advised to get well-acquainted with all aspects of plagiarism including definition, inclusions, software used to detect plagiarism etc. It will be the responsibility of the PhD scholar to check the extent of plagiarism in his/her research publication, synopsis or thesis, before submitting the same to RK University. Several, free online software are available on Internet for this purpose.

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To all PhD guides:

All learned PhD guides of RK University are requested to ensure compliance to the above-mentioned parameters by their PhD scholars, as this will enhance knowledge of research methodology among PhD scholars, much-needed credibility of Indian research work and the value of PhD degree awarded by the university. Maintenance of high standards, in the fields of education and research, is also insisted upon by UGC, AICTE and MHRD (Government of India).