



Publications Requirement for PhD scholars (RKU)

June-2025 onwards admission batch

RK University is committed to promoting high-quality research and ensuring its dissemination through publications in peer-reviewed journals. In pursuit of this objective, PhD scholars may choose any of the recognized publication avenues to fulfill the requirements for the award of the doctoral degree.

- i. Ph.D. scholars of RK University must do **two (2)** paper presentations in the reputed national/international conferences/seminars with SCOPUS indexed conference proceedings/journals full paper publications (also, the papers should reflect in the author SCOPUS profile) before the submission of the thesis for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints.

OR

- ii. **Two (2)** research papers: **One (1)** research paper must be published in a SCOPUS or Web of Science indexed journal (Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, or Arts & Humanities Citation Index). And **one (1)** full paper must be published in conference proceedings that are indexed in SCOPUS.

OR

- iii. **Two (2)** research papers in a SCOPUS or Web of Science (Science Citation Index Expanded/Social Sciences Citation Index/Arts & Humanities Citation Index) indexed journals.

The following documents/norms shall be submitted/abided by the Research Scholar at the time of Thesis Submission.

1. Thesis submission form signed by the scholar and the guide.
2. Plagiarism certificate (report) signed by the Research Scholar and the Guide.
3. Evidence of the research paper publications association with RK University (i.e. Scholar should mention affiliation: Department, School, RK University)
4. Books published or chapters in books published from the students' research cannot be taken as substitute for publications.
5. Maximum 1 review article can be considered as per the above listed guidelines for submission of thesis.
6. Only those research articles prepared based on the research work carried out by the PhD scholars during their PhD studies and published in annotated journals identified by the university will be considered for submission of thesis.

Note: University may change the rules & regulations of publications; Scholars are abided to follow updated rules of publications for award of PhD degree



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iv. Ph.D. scholars of RK University must publish at least **one (1)** research paper in a refereed (UGC-CARE listed) journal (preferably UGC-CARE Group-II) and Ph.D. scholars of RK University must do **two (2)** paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the thesis for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints (preferably, one of these two may be full paper publication in the proceeding with ISSN/ISBN).

OR

v. **Two (2)** research papers in a refereed (UGC-CARE listed) journals (One should be in UGC-CARE Group-II i.e. WOS/SCOPUS and one may be in UGC-CARE-I

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7. Thesis submission form signed by the scholar and the guide.
8. Plagiarism certificate (report) signed by the Research Scholar and the Guide.
9. Evidence of the research paper publications association with RK University as per the above UGC-CARE listed journals. (i.e. Scholar should mention affiliation: Department, School, RK University)
10. Books published or chapters in books published from the students' research cannot be taken as substitute for publications.
11. Review Articles published by PhD Scholars shall not be counted for submission of thesis.
12. Only those research articles prepared based on the research work carried out by the PhD scholars during their PhD studies and published in annotated journals identified by the university will be considered for submission of thesis.

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Publication Requirement for PhD scholars - before June-2023 admission batch

In consonance with University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016,

- i. Ph.D. scholars of RK University must publish at least **one (1)** research paper in a refereed (UGC-CARE listed) journal (preferably UGC-CARE Group-II) and ii. Ph.D. scholars of RK University must do **two (2)** paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints (preferably, one of these two may be full paper publication in the proceeding with ISSN/ISBN).
- ii. Scholar should mention affiliation (Department, School, RK University) in the publications.
- iii. Please note that in context of UGC Public Notice on Academic Integrity dated 14/6/2019:(https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6315352_UCG-Public-Notice-CARE.pdf) all are advised to publish in journals approved by UGC in the CARE list.
- iv. Scholars are advised to refer following UGC links:
https://ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/8378640_Public-Notice-CARE-14-01-2019.pdf
<https://ugccare.unipune.ac.in/apps1/home/index>
https://ugc.ac.in/ugc_notices.aspx
- v Before scholars submit their synopsis, after verification by the guide, scholars are required to email a copy of their published papers (papers + journal cover) to fdsr@rku.ac.in, for reverification and confirmation, along with PDF of UGC CARE list of journals that mentions the journals in which they have published their papers, mentioning the date on which the list was downloaded (this is needed as the UGC CARE list of journals is a dynamic list which shall be updated periodically and once updated, the older list shall not be kept available for reference).

Note: UGC may change the rules & regulations of publications, Scholars are abided to follow updated rules of publications for award of PhD degree