A Guide to Finding Reputable Journals to Publish Scholarly Work

Purpose

- This document provides general guidelines for Students and Staff Members of University of Kelaniya (UoK) who are looking for verified, uptodate and reputable academic journals to publish their scholarly work.

- This Guide replaces the Whitelist published by the Research Council of the UoK

Most reputable categories

Web of Science Core Collection in Clarivate MJL	Scopus *Scopus has 4 impact levels. Choose the most suitable*
1. Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) 2. Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) 3. Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI) 4. Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)	1. Q1 (First Quartile): Journals in the top 25% of their subject category based on citation impact. This indicates high-quality journals with significant influence and a strong research output. 2. Q2 (Second Quartile): Journals in the 26% - 50% range of their subject category based on citation impact. These journals have a moderate level of impact and research output. 3. Q3 (Third Quartile): Journals in the 51% - 75% range of their subject category based on citation impact. These journals have lower impact compared to those in Q1 and Q2 and are considered to have a lower research output. 4. Q4 (Fourth Quartile): Journals in the bottom 25% of their subject category based on citation impact. These journals have the lowest impact and research output among the journals in their respective subject categories.
https://mjl.clarivate.com/home	https://www.scopus.com/sources.uri https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php

Acceptable Categories (Subject-wise)

1. Multidisciplinary:
   – Scopus
   – Web of Science Core Collection
   – Dimensions
   – DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals)
   – ProQuest Central
   – JSTOR
   – PLoS
   – WorldCat
   – CABS
   – ABDC
   – ScienceDirect

2. Medicine and Life Sciences:
   – Scopus
   – Web of Science Core Collection
   – PubMed
   – Embase
   – BIOSIS Previews
   – MEDLINE
   – Cochrane Library
   – CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)
   – PsycINFO
   – Biological Abstracts
   – Global Health
   – Food Science and Technology Abstracts
   – ScienceDirect

3. Natural Sciences and Engineering:
   – Scopus
   – Web of Science Core Collection
   – IEEE Xplore
   – ACM Digital Library
   – INSPEC
   – Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS)
   – Engineering Village (Compendex, Inspec)
   – Astrophysics Data System (ADS)
   – GeoRef
   – SciFinder
   – MathSciNet
   – SPIE Digital Library
   – ScienceDirect

4. Social Sciences:
   – Scopus
   – Web of Science Core Collection

- PsycINFO
- EconLit
- Sociological Abstracts
- Anthropology Plus
- ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)
- JSTOR
- Political Science Complete
- Communication & Mass Media Complete
- IBSS (International Bibliography of the Social Sciences)

5. Humanities and Arts:
- Scopus
- Web of Science Core Collection
- MLA International Bibliography
- Art Full Text
- Philosopher's Index
- Music Index Online
- Historical Abstracts
- Film & Television Literature Index
- Literature Online (LION)
- Project MUSE
- Humanities Source

6. Business and Economics:
- Scopus
- Web of Science Core Collection
- ABI/INFORM Collection
- EconLit
- Business Source Complete
- Factiva
- Emerald Insight
- ProQuest Business
- SSRN (Social Science Research Network)
- RePEc (Research Papers in Economics)
- Business Abstracts with Full Text
- EconBiz

7. Law:
- Scopus
- Web of Science Core Collection
- Westlaw
- LexisNexis Academic
- HeinOnline
- Legal Source
- Index to Legal Periodicals
- ProQuest Criminal Justice
- JSTOR Law Collection
- WorldLII (World Legal Information Institute)

- BAILII (British and Irish Legal Information Institute)
- Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII)

8. Education:
   - Scopus
   - Web of Science Core Collection
   - ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)
   - PsycINFO
   - Education Full Text
   - Education Research Complete
   - Teacher Reference Center
   - Education Source
   - British Education Index
   - Australian Education Index

9. Agriculture and Environmental Sciences:
   - Scopus
   - Web of Science Core Collection
   - CAB Abstracts
   - AGRICOLA
   - Environmental Science Database
   - Environmental Index
   - AgEcon Search
   - CAB Direct
   - GeoScienceWorld
   - Ecology Abstracts
   - GreenFILE
   - Agricultural & Environmental Science Database
   - ScienceDirect

10. Computer Science and Information Technology:
    - Scopus
    - Web of Science Core Collection
    - IEEE Xplore
    - ACM Digital Library
    - DBLP Computer Science Bibliography
    - Computer Database
    - INSPEC
    - Compendex
    - arXiv
    - SpringerLink
    - ScienceDirect

11. Psychology and Behavioral Sciences:
    - Scopus
    - Web of Science Core Collection
    - PsycINFO
    - PubMed
    - PsycARTICLES

- PsycTESTS
  - Psychiatric Online
  - PsycBooks
  - Social Psychology Network
  - ProQuest Psychology Journals
  - Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection
  - ScienceDirect

12. Linguistics and Language Studies:
  - Scopus
  - Web of Science Core Collection
  - Linguistics Abstracts Online
  - Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (LLBA)
  - MLA International Bibliography
  - Linguistic Bibliography
  - ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)
  - JSTOR
  - Language Learning & Technology
  - LSA Linguistics Abstracts

Editorial Guide & Checklist for Local Journals, Editors, and Reviewers

Local (Sri Lankan) publications might not be indexed in the Web of Science, Scopus, or in any of the above lists. Therefore, the following guidelines should be considered when evaluating the editorial process of these journals

- Consist of peer-reviewed content and have a publicly available description of the peer review process

- Be published on a regular basis and have an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) as registered with the ISSN International Centre

- Have a publicly available publication ethics and publication malpractice statement

The following are useful sources for information:

"High Quality Journal" Checklist *[Scopus.com]*

Category	Criteria
• Journal Policy	Convincing editorial policy
	Type of peer review
	Diversity in geographical distribution of editors
	Diversity in geographical distribution of authors
• Content	Academic contribution to the field
	Clarity of abstracts
	Quality of and conformity to the stated aims and scope of the journal
	Readability of articles
• Journal Standing	Editor standing

Category	Criteria
• Publishing Regularity	No delays or interruptions in the publication schedule
• Online Availability	Full journal content available online English language journal home page available Quality of journal home page

Predatory Reporting Sources

1. **Beall's List (but now discontinued)**: Beall's List, created by librarian Jeffrey Beall, was a widely referenced resource that identified potential predatory publishers and standalone predatory journals. However, the list was taken down in 2017, and its content is no longer maintained or updated.

2. **Cabell's Blacklist**: Cabell's International maintains a blacklist of journals that are suspected of predatory practices. The Cabell's Blacklist includes information on various questionable journals and publishers, highlighting potential ethical concerns.

3. **DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals)**: DOAJ is an online directory that indexes high-quality open access journals. While it primarily focuses on listing reputable journals, it also maintains a "DOAJ Seal" initiative, which highlights journals that meet specific quality criteria, ensuring they are not predatory.

4. **Think.Check.Submit.**: Think.Check.Submit. is a campaign that offers a checklist to help researchers evaluate the credibility of a journal before submitting their work. While it does not maintain an index of predatory journals, it provides guidance on how to assess the legitimacy of a publication.

5. **Research Publishing Integrity**: Research Publishing Integrity is an organization that offers a service to help researchers identify predatory publishers and journals. They provide reports and assessments of journals based on their practices, transparency, and ethical standards.