

## **Whitelist of Journals**

In order to support researchers for publishing in high quality authentic journals, the Research Council proposes that the University of Kelaniya adopts the following whitelist of journals. Any journal listed in one or more of the Tiers described below can be considered as an accepted journal.

### **Tier 1: Journals indexed in the main citation indices**

- i) Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-E)
- ii) Social Science Citation Index (SSCI)
- iii) Arts and Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)
- iv) SCOPUS

### **Tier 2: Journal included in other recognized databases**

- i) PubMed
- ii) Clarivate Analytics Master journal list
- iii) Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- iv) SciMago journal list
- v) Ubiquity Press

### **Tier 3. Non-predatory journals with a peer review process listed in following databases<sup>1</sup>**

- i) IEEE
- ii) Directory of history journals, Directory of nursing journals, Publications of AAA etc.
- iii) ABDC Journal Quality List
- iv) ABS journal ranking
- v) Sri Lanka Journals Online (One Star)

### **Tier 4. Other Non-predatory journals with a peer review process<sup>1</sup>**

- i) Standard foreign journals published in English medium, with a well-defined Aims and Scope, an Editorial Board with eminent researchers, a blinded review process<sup>2</sup>, regular publication of volumes and/or issues and a website with publication details.
- ii) Standard local journals published in English medium, with an Editorial Board with eminent researchers, a blinded review process<sup>2</sup>, regular publication of volumes and/or issues and a website with publication details<sup>3</sup>.
- iii) Standard local journals published in Sinhala and Tamil with an Editorial Board with eminent researchers, a blinded review process<sup>2</sup>, regular publication of volumes and/or issues and a website with publication details<sup>3,4</sup>.

- iv) Standard journals published in any other foreign language with a well-defined Aims and Scope, an Editorial Board with eminent researchers, a blinded review process<sup>2</sup>, regular publication of volumes and/or issues and a website with publication details<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Refer Research Council website for predatory journal lists

<sup>2</sup> Review process should be done by at least two appointed reviewers and not by the editors.

<sup>3</sup> See Annex A for 2021 list of accepted journal titles

<sup>4</sup> Authors publishing in the journals under Tier 4 iii and iv are encouraged to publish in journals which carry an abstract in English.

### **More tips to avoid predatory journals and select good journals**

- Do not consider that the journals are authentic by just looking at the names. Ex. Journals with names, “American Journal of”, Canadian Journal of”, European Journal of” and “International Journal of” etc. may still be predatory.
- Be careful about journals collecting articles for volumes or issues to be published just a short period ahead of time (Ex. 1-6 weeks). They may not have a proper peer review process.
- The journal websites may indicate they are indexed in any of the above data bases. However, if you don’t know the journal, check with such data bases if the journal is indexed.
- Standard journals do not ask you to draw publication charges in favor of a bank accounts of an individual
- Some predatory journals also give the names of editorial board. Check some of the names of the reviewers in Google Scholar and see if those people are existent.
- Unrealistic impact factors are given by predatory journals. Check if the given impact factors have been calculated by Clarivate.

In addition to above tiers, check following websites or databases to select suitable journals to publish your paper : Springer Journal Suggester, BioMed Central (BMC), Elsevier's A–Z directory of open access journals, Frontiers, Hindawi Publishing Corporation, Public Library of Science (PLoS), Springer Open journals, Wiley's Online Open, Wiley's open access journals etc.

**Annex. List of journals accepted under Tier 4 categories (ii) and (iii) in 2021**

No	Name	Publisher	Print/Online	Frequency
1	මානව ශාස්ත්‍ර පීඨ සංග්‍රහය	Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya	Both	More than 2
2	Journal of Social Statistics	Department of Social Statistics	Both	2
3	'Kalam' International Research Journal	Faculty of Arts and Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Both	2
4	Applied Economics and Business	Department of Agribusiness Management, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	Print	2
5	Colombo Arts Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities	University of Colombo	Online	2
6	Journal of Agriculture and Value Addition (JAVA)	Faculty of Animal Science & Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University	Both	2
7	Journal of Business Economics (JBE)	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Both	2
8	Journal of Business Studies (JBS)	Faculty of Commerce and Management, Eastern University, Sri Lanka	Online	2
9	Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (JHS)	PGIHS, University of Peradeniya	Print	2
10	Journal of Information Systems & Information Technology	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Print	2
11	Journal of Management and Tourism Research (JMTR)	Faculty of Management, Uva Wellassa University	Both	2
12	Journal of Management Matters	Faculty of Management Studies, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	Both	2
13	Journal of Science	Faculty of Applied Sciences, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Online	2

14	Journal of Technology and Value Addition (JTVA)	Uva Wellassa University	Print	2
15	Journal of the College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka (Formerly: Transactions of the Ophthalmological Society of Ceylon)	College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka	Print	2
16	Journal of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science	Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science	Print	2
17	Journal of Tropical Forestry and Environment	Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Both	2
18	ප්‍රතිමාන	සමාජ විද්‍යා අධ්‍යයන අංශය රුහුණ වි. වි.	Both	2
19	Rajarata Journal of Social Sciences	Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	Print	2
20	Rajarata University Journal	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	Print	2
21	ROHANA: The Research Journal of University of Ruhuna රෝහණ : රුහුණ විශ්වවිද්‍යාලය පර්යේෂණ සංග්‍රහය	Main Library, University of Ruhuna	Both	2
22	SEUSL Journal of Marketing	Faculty of Management & Commerce, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Both	2

23	Sri Lanka Dental Journal (Formerly Ceylon Dental journal)	Sri Lanka Dental Association in collaboration with the College of Dentistry and Stomatology of Sri Lanka, College of General Dental Practitioners of Sri Lanka and the College of Community Dentistry of Sri Lanka.	Print	3
24	Sri Lanka Journal of Human Resource Management	Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Both	2
25	Sri Lanka Journal of Indigenous Medicine (SLJIM)	Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo	Print	2
26	Sri Lanka Journal of Real Estate	The Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce , University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Both	1
27	Sri Lankan Journal of Banking and Finance (SLJBF)	Department of Banking and Finance, Faculty of Business Studies and Finance, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	Both	2
28	Sri Lankan Journal of Business Economics	Department of Business Economics, University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Both	2
29	Vidyodaya Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (VJHSS)	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Both	2
30	Wayamba Journal of Animal Science	The Society of Animal Science of the Department of Livestock & Avian Science, Faculty of Livestock, Fisheries & Nutrition, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	Online	More than 2 issues (continuous online publication)