

Alard University Pune

Suggestive Parameters for Peer-Reviewed Journals

Alard University Pune (AUP) is committed to promoting high quality research and development (R & D) work and its disseminating the results through publications in peer-reviewed, International / National Research Journals. To achieve this goal, faculty members and students/researchers are encouraged to use the following suggestive parameters for peer-reviewed journals suitable to their specific needs, depending on the disciplines in which they work. The following parameters are provided as general guidelines to ensure the peer-reviewed journal's quality, transparency, and relevance. Hope these parameters will help you to distinguish between the genuine, good quality, peer-reviewed journal and a predatory one.

1. Journal Primary Criteria

No.	Suggestive Parameter	Description
1	Journal Title	Journal shall have unique Title at the International Level
2	ISSN Number (Online/Print)	Journal shall have unique ISSN number
3	Periodicity and Continuity	Regular publication schedule
4	Contact and Publication Details	Publisher information, address, and contact details (E mail and Phone number)
5	Transparent Review Policy	Clear guidelines for peer review process (1-reviewer, 2-reviewer, 3-reviewer or multi-reviewer model)
6	Website on a certificated Domain	Secure and Professionally managed web site
7	Publication Model	Open Access, Hybrid, or Subscription based Publication Model. If Open Access, APC charge.
8	Integration with National/International Repositories	Inclusion under ONOS or similar umbrella
9	Archival Policy	How the previous issues are made available/maintained

2. Editorial Board Criteria

No.	Suggestive Parameter	Description
1	Editorial Board Details	Name, affiliation, expertise and contact details of Editorial Board Members

2	Editorial Board Composition	Subject expertise with eminent academicians / scientists / researchers
3	Efficient Editorial / Review Process	Rigorous peer review, compliance with reviewers' recommendations / comments / suggestions and clear timelines.

3. Journal Editorial Policy

No.	Suggestive Parameter	Description
1	Aims, Objectives, and Scope	Clearly defined focus areas and goals of the journal
2	Subject areas	Specific subject sub-areas covered by the journal
3	Article Processing Charge (APC)	Transparent APC charge / fee structure, if any.
4	Publishing Timeline	Average time from submission to publication
5	Acceptance rate	Percentage of submission accepted for publication

4. Journal Quality Criteria – Content

No.	Suggestive Parameter	Description
1	Academic Contribution	Articles should demonstrate motivation, advancement of existing knowledge, and applicability for policymaking. Content that can not be cited will be less.
2	Conformity to Journal Scope	Research papers must align with the Journal's stated aims and objectives

5. Journal Standards

No.	Suggestive Parameter	Description
1	Bibliographic Data and Literature Citation	Accurate and standardized referencing
2	Font and Design	Professional Layout and Readability, Uniformity in design
3	Infographics and exhibits	High quality figures, photos, visuals and Supplementary material
4	Citation Record	Journal Research Papers cited in reputed databases
5	Print Continuum	Consistency in Print Publication, if any.
6	Quality of Web site	Well maintained, regularly updated, and user friendly

7	Multilingual availability	Relevance to Indian context
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6. Research Ethics

No.	Suggestive Parameter	Description
1	Ethical Guidelines for Authors	Clear guidelines for ethical publishing practices in the journal
2	Plagiarism Prevention	Similarity score limit (not exceeding the Internationally accepted norms)
3	Conflict of Interest Disclosure	No conflict between governance, editorial board members, reviewers, and authors; any potential conflict may be disclosed
4	AI generated content policy	Journal shall have specific policy to the content generated through AI

7. Journal Visibility

No.	Suggestive Parameter	Description
1	Impact factor or similar factor	Authentic Impact factor for the Journal
2	Indexation in Reputed Databases	Inclusion of the journal in reputed journal databases like SCOPUS, Web of Science, SCIE, DOAJ, Chemical Abstracts etc.

8. Journal Impact Criteria

No.	Suggestive Parameter	Description
1	Self-Citation Score	Shall be within the prescribed range compared to top journals in the same field/subject
2	Total Citation Rate	Compare total citation rate with other journals in the same subject area
3	Cite Score	Journal's Citation impact over a specific period of time

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