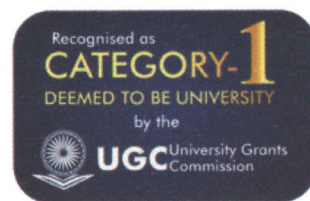
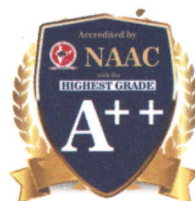




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Ph.D. Publications Requirements Based on Regulations

The following requirements shall be **strictly adhered to** journal and/or conference publications to be considered towards meeting the **minimum publication norms for the award of the Ph.D. degree**. The highlights presented below are **compiled from existing regulations and circulars** issued by the Office of the Dean (Research Studies). These are **not new guidelines**, but a consolidated summary provided for clarity and ease of reference.

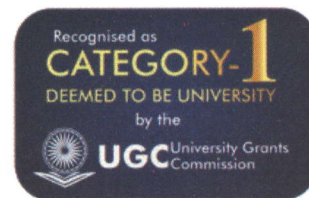
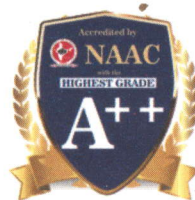
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Engineering and Science and Humanities	1) Two Articles • One should be indexed in Web of Science (WoS) • One should be indexed in Scopus 2) Two International Conference Proceedings	1) Two Articles • One should be indexed in WoS • One should be indexed in Scopus 2) Two International Conference Proceedings/ Presentation Certificates	Two Articles should be indexed in Scopus
Commerce and Media Technology and Communication	1) Two Articles should be indexed in WoS/Scopus/ABDC 2) Two International Conference Proceedings	1) Two Articles should be indexed in WoS/Scopus/ABDC 2) Two International Conference Proceedings/ Presentation Certificates	NA
Management	1) Two Articles should be indexed in WoS/Scopus/ABDC 2) Two International Conference Proceedings	1) Two Articles should be indexed in WoS/Scopus/ABDC 2) Two International Conference Proceedings/ Presentation Certificates	Two Articles should be indexed in WoS / Scopus / ABDC (Australian Business Deans Council)
Law	1) Two Articles should be indexed in WoS/Scopus/Peer reviewed with DoI 2) Two International Conference Proceedings	1) Two Articles should be indexed in WoS/Scopus/ Peer reviewed with DoI 2) Two International Conference Proceedings/ Presentation Certificates	1) Two Articles should be indexed in Scopus (or) 2) Four Articles should be published in UGC Care Journals / Peer reviewed (or) 3) One Article should be indexed in Scopus and Two Articles should be published in UGC Care Journals / Peer reviewed

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Special Case for Publication Exception:

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Upon obtaining prior approval from the **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)** and after submission of the duly approved minutes through the prescribed institutional channel, the following special provisions shall be applicable as exceptions to the **standard publication and conference proceedings / presentations requirements** of the research programme.

1. Patent Granted in Lieu of Journal Publication

A patent granted during the officially recognized **period of the research programme** may be considered as a substitute for the mandatory journal publication requirement, subject to strict compliance with the following conditions:

- The granted patent shall be **directly and substantially relevant** to the approved research work of the research scholar.
- The patent shall be **recognized as equivalent to a Scopus-indexed publication**, in accordance with the prevailing institutional norms and guidelines.
- The patent shall fully comply with all applicable university regulations, statutory provisions, and research governance norms, and the **filing shall be carried out exclusively through the Vel Tech IPR Office for Indian utility patents only**, with design patents not being eligible for publication exemption.

Fulfilment of the above conditions shall qualify the granted patent for consideration as an **exemption from the regular journal publication requirement** prescribed for the research programme, subject to the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

2. Article Publication in Lieu of Conference Proceedings / Presentations

In accordance with **Regulation 21 onwards**, article publications may be considered as an exception to the standard requirements related to conference proceedings or conference presentations, subject to the following conditions:

- **Two conference proceedings / presentations** recognized as equivalent to **one WoS indexed article publication** and **one conference proceedings / presentations** recognized as equivalent to **one Scopus indexed article publication** may be considered.
- Only **article type publications** shall be eligible for consideration under this provision.
- The article publications shall be **directly relevant** to the scholar's research work and shall have been published during the approved **period of the research programme**.
- All publications shall comply with the prescribed **quality standards, indexing equivalency norms and institutional regulations**.

Compliance with the above provisions shall be treated as an **exemption from the standard conference proceedings / presentations requirements**, subject to verification and approval by the Vice Chancellor.

Important Note:

1. A maximum of **five (5) authors and inventors** is permitted for publications (articles / conference proceedings) and patents **related from the thesis work** for fulfilling the minimum requirements for the award of the Ph.D. degree.
2. For further details, please refer to the guidelines titled **"Detailed Guidelines for Ph.D. Publications, Authorship, IPR and Ethical Compliance."**
3. For the cases not mentioned in the above points, the decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final.

This may be brought to the notice of all research supervisors and research scholars.

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