

GRANT SCHEME TO SUPPORT PUBLICATIONS PUBLISHED IN HIGH IMPACT JOURNALS
RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE,
GAMPAHA WICKRAMARACHCHI UNIVERSITY OF INDIGENOUS MEDICINE, SRI LANKA

Recognizing the importance of publishing in high-impact journals, the Research and Publication Committee of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine (GWUIM), Sri Lanka, has introduced a support scheme to provide funding for Article Processing Charges (APCs) for selected indexed publications by permanent staff.

The applicant must submit the completed application to the Chairperson of the Research and Publication Committee. Publication charges will be covered in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the guidelines.

Common Terms and Conditions to be eligible to apply.

1. The applicant should be a member of the Permanent staff of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka.
2. The grant will be awarded only for research articles. The applicant must be the **corresponding author** of the research article submitted for this grant.
3. The publication process must be fully completed at the time of requesting the publication grant.
4. For consideration, the authors' affiliations must include "**Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka**". Papers that do not specify this affiliation will not qualify for reimbursement of publication fees.
5. Applicants must have public ORCID and either ResearchGate or Google Scholar profiles. The Google Scholar profile should include the Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine affiliation and be verified with a gwu.ac.lk email address. However, the Research and Publication Committee may consider supporting applicants who do not fully meet this requirement under special circumstances.
6. The publication should not be a redundant/ duplicate publication. Publication charges could be claimed only for Journal Articles that are published citation databases listed in *Annexure I*.
7. The journal must have a minimum Impact Factor of 1.0, as reported by a recognized indexing authority such as Clarivate Analytics. Journals falling below this 1.0 Impact Factor threshold may be considered only upon the specific recommendation and justification provided by the Research and Publication Committee.
8. When providing publication charges, the applicant should submit a declaration that the same research work has not been submitted to obtain any other Grants. In case the applicant is found to breach this condition, he/she must refund to the university the publication fee awarded, and in such instances, the applicant will not qualify for funding for publication charges in the future.
9. The applicants are advised to check the waiver policy of the journals. If full waivers or partial waivers are applicable, such waivers must be received by the authors, and the remaining charges will be provided by the University.

10. Publication fee up to a maximum of LKR Rs. 300,000/- will be provided for the publications in *Annexure I*.
11. However, a maximum of LKR Rs. 500,000/- will be awarded for publications in journals indexed in Scopus Q1 and Q2 ranked. (Q2; Quartile: The top 25% of journals in a particular subject category. These are considered high-impact journals, recognized for publishing influential and high-quality research. Q2; Quartile: Journals ranked in the 26%–50% range within their subject category. These are upper-middle-tier journals, maintaining good academic standards and visibility.
12. This grant will not cover the expenses incurred for color pages and English editing services provided by the journal or other resources.
13. Article Processing Charges (APCs) for publications in **predatory journals** will not be covered under this scheme. Applicants are advised to refer to *Annexure II* before proceeding with publication.
14. Applications must be submitted with adequate documentary evidence confirming that the publication is included in *Annexure I*. In addition, the applicant should provide sufficient proof of payment of the publication chargers made by him/ Her. (Receipt of the payment.).
15. The application should be submitted through the Head of Department and Dean of the Faculty to the Chairperson Research and Publication Committee.

Additional Information

1. A reprint of the journal article should be submitted with the application, which will be deposited in the University Library.
2. The Research and Publication Committee considers a time duration for applying Publication Charges as One year (01) from the Date of Publication.
3. A PDF version of the abstract of the publication together with the web link to the paper should be submitted with the application to be published in the University e-repository.
4. The Article should be published in ResearchGate/ Google Scholar profile of the applicant at the time of submitting the application.

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INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

A Researcher's Guide to Recognized and Reputed Journals

This document is intended to provide general guidelines for the students and staff of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka regarding reputed journals for publishing scholarly work. It encourages members of the University community to select high-quality journals and to avoid submitting their research to predatory or cloned journals.

Reputed journals are those that are indexed in one or more of the journal databases or citation indices listed below.

Most Reputed Journal Citation Indices

1. Science Citation Index Expanded (™) (Web of Science) (Clarivate Analytics)
2. Social Sciences Citation Index® (Web of Science) (Clarivate Analytics)
3. Arts and Humanities Citation Index® (Web of Science) (Clarivate Analytics)
4. Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA)
5. Library, Information Science and Technology Abstracts (LISTA)
6. Engineering Index

Other Reputed Journal Databases and Citation Indices

1. <https://www.scopus.com/home.uri> (Elsevier publishers)
2. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/> (PubMed, MEDLINE)
3. Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) (Clarivate Analytics)
4. Scimago Journal Ranking Ranking(<https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php>)**
5. 4* journals in Chartered Association of Business Schools (CABS) academic journals list (<https://charteredabs.org/>)
6. A*/A journal in Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) journals list (<https://abdc.edu.au/>)

** Journals in these databases are classified by subject area into four quartiles (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4), based on their Impact Factor percentiles. Q1 journals fall within the top 25% of their subject category and represent the highest quality, while Q4 journals fall to the bottom 25% and represent the lowest quality.

Other Journal Databases Listing Non-Predatory Journals

1. Association of Business Schools (ABS) Journal List
2. Australian Business Deans Council Journal Quality List (<https://abdc.edu.au/abdc-journal-quality-list/>)
3. Directory of Open Access Journals (<https://doaj.org/>)
4. Sri Lanka Journals Online (<https://www.sljol.info/>)

Annexure 2

Guidelines on Recognizing Predatory and Fraudulent Journals

This document provides general guidelines for the staff of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka regarding predatory and fraudulent journals. Members of the University community are strongly advised to refrain from publishing their scholarly work in such journals.

What is a Predatory Journal?

Predatory journals are deceptive academic publications that exploit the **"author-pays" model** of open-access publishing. They charge authors publication fees without providing legitimate editorial and publishing services, such as rigorous peer review, proper editing, or indexing. Essentially, they prioritize profit over scholarly quality and integrity.

What is a Hijacked / Cloned Journal?

Hijacked or cloned journals are fraudulent websites that impersonate legitimate, established academic journals to deceive authors into submitting their manuscripts and paying publication fees. They essentially "steal" the identity of a reputable journal.

Helpful Tips to Avoid Predatory and Hijacked/Cloned Journals:

- Avoid submitting manuscripts to journals that unsolicitedly invite you via email, unless you are certain of their authenticity.
- Do not submit to journals that publish content outside their stated scope.
- Whenever possible, choose journals that do not charge Article Processing Charges (APCs).
- If submitting to an open-access journal that charges APCs, ensure that it is indexed in a reputable citation database or listed in **Annexure I**.
- Verify all journal details—such as the exact title, publisher, and ISSN—on the official journal website and cross-check them with information available in recognized citation indices before submission.
- If you have any doubts or concerns, contact the Research and Publication Division for clarification before submitting your manuscript.

Applicants Information (<i>1st author or corresponding author</i>)		
Name and Designation		
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Department and Faculty		
Information on the Journal		
Name of the Journal		
Impact factor of the journal (<i>As per the latest citation data of Clarivate Analytics</i>)		
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Publication Fees <i>Please attach a</i> <i>1. copy of acceptance letter,</i> <i>2. invoice from publisher,</i> <i>3. proof of payment made in means of bank confirmation for TT transfers/ credit card bank statement etc.</i> <i>4. proof of payment received by the publisher.</i>	Total publication fee	
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	Total cost with other related charges (Eg. bank charges for TT transfer)	
	LKR equivalent of the total cost	
Information on the Publication		
Title of the article		

Co-authors (<i>Indicate the name and the affiliation of each author</i>)		
Declaration of the Applicant		
Have you received this grant for a publication in the same year? (<i>Tick the relevant</i>)	Yes	No
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I confirm that all above information given is true to the best of my knowledge and certify that funding will not be duplicated from any other funding source, for the publication fee.

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Recommendations

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Recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty

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Recommendation of the Chairperson of Research and Publication Committee

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