

FINANCE'S GUIDE TO CHOOSE A QUALITY JOURNAL

JOURNAL QUALIFICATION PROCESS

The following policies define which journals are acceptable as to meet the PRJ requirement in the Faculty Qualification process for the FINANCE faculty that teaches at the PhD Program.

1. JOURNAL QUALIFICATION PROCESS (PH.D. LEVEL)

The PhD program offers two disciplines: Finance and International Business. Separate faculty groups primarily teach each area. Each of these two faculty groups developed and approved a set of criteria to select qualified journals of high quality and impact. For the Finance group, these criteria take into account highly ranked journals in the ABDC list.

Faculty members who want to modify the FINANCE-PhD journal selection criteria should make a written request to the director of the Graduate School of Business (EGAE). The director of the EGAE will submit change requests to the FINANCE faculty for a decision. A simple majority of the faculty in the area must approve changes to the PhD. journal selection criteria.

3. JOURNAL QUALIFICATION PROCESS (PHD FINANCE)

The ABDC Journal Quality List is the master list from which to choose journals. The main criterion for choosing a journal from the master list is to allow a "tradeoff" between its quality and its field of research (FoR). The aim of these policies is to promote research of high quality and impact while simultaneously considering the diversity of interests and methods of the FINANCE Faculty.

For journals with a FoR more directly related to the Finance discipline (Code 1502) a RANK of A, B and C is allowed. However, for journals with a broader aim and scope, a higher rank (quality) is required.

For example, to qualify as an acceptable peer review discipline-based journal published with a "C" RANK, according to the ABDC Journal Quality List, it should be one with a FoR of 1502 (Banking, finance & investment). On the other hand, if the journal has a FoR of 806 (Information systems), then it should have a rank of A*.

Because the list changes periodically, it is the professor's responsibility to save a print screen of the journal qualification list immediately upon submission.

3.1 Selection Criteria (<https://tinyurl.com/abdcsearchbar> or <https://tinyurl.com/HARZING>)

Field of Research	Description	A*	A	B	C
1502	Banking, finance & investment	X	X	X	X
1403	Econometrics	X	X	X	
1402	Applied economics	X	X	X	
180125	Taxation law	X	X		
1503	Business & management	X	X		
1501	Accounting, auditing & Accountability	X	X		
1401	Economic theory	X	X		
104	Statistics	X	X		
180105	Commercial & contract law	X			
1599	Management other	X			
1504	Commercial services	X			
1499	Other economics	X			
806	Information systems	X			

4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Finance criteria to choose a journal applies to professors that are teaching PH.D. Program's Finance courses.

These selection criteria may also apply to professors that are teaching PH.D. Program's core courses required for students from both areas (IB and finance).

Professors that teach International Business courses must follow IB criteria to choose a journal.

4. EXCEPTIONS AND FACULTY REQUESTS

To concede exceptions to any of these policies requires approval on a per article basis. Faculty should make a written request to their department director, including the justification for the selected journal and its relevance to the research focus or discipline. The Director of the Graduate School and the Dean would make determinations on these requests.

No more than 10% of the five (5) year period journal publications should fall within this category.

No exceptions will be granted for journals considered predatory/ unethical as described in Section

6. REVISION TO THIS DOCUMENT

Every **five years** (during the second semester) the Finance Faculty, the Director of the Graduate School, The Dean and the Accreditation Office will collaborate revising this document, its policies and procedures.

7. LAST REVISION

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8. WHERE NOT TO PUBLISH

The importance of publications in the academic world has led to the growth of predatory publishers. These organizations typically offer rapid publications, have low standards/ quality and charge significant fees for publication. These publishers typically report false impact factors and indexing. Articles that appear on journals published by the organizations will not be counted towards the SA/SP qualification.

Furthermore, the importance of citations has led to the practice of journal self-citations (journals encourage authors to cite multiple past articles from the same journal). This practice artificially

inflates a journal's citation and does not represent a quality journal. Thomson Reuters, who is one of the flagship organizations in regards to citation reports, provides a list of journals that have been "tagged" for excessive self-citations

For more information, use the following resources to avoid publishing in predatory journals:

1. *Cabell's Black List* (available from any computer in the school):
<http://www2.cabells.com/blacklist>
2. *Cabell's list of journals under review* for the blacklist:
<http://www2.cabells.com/assets/docs/Journals%20Under%20Blacklist%20Review.xlsx>
3. *Beall's list of predatory publishers*: <https://beallslist.weebly.com/>
4. Thomson Reuters list of journals "tagged" for excessive self-citations
<https://tinyurl.com/selfcitation1>
<https://tinyurl.com/selfcitation>