SUGGESTIVE PARAMETERS FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

UGC 2025 GUIDELINES

In strict accordance with the UGC 2025 Guidelines governing the assessment and curation of peer-reviewed journals, we maintain rigorous adherence to these standards, which were formally promulgated on 11th February 2025. It is confirmed that certain 36 parameters for choosing peer-reviewed journals by faculty members, students and the Higher Educational Institutions by the Commission at the 59lst meeting held on 24 June, 2025 to use the guidelines for all academic and research-related publication activities. These guidelines serve to uphold the principles of academic rigour, scholarly transparency, and publication excellence within the research community. In its recent advisory concerning selection criteria for peer-reviewed publications, the University Grants Commission (UGC) emphasises that Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) must uphold their commitment to advancing rigorous research and ensuring its dissemination through reputable peer-reviewed journals. To facilitate this objective, HEIs are advised to adopt the following indicative parameters when evaluating journals, tailored to their institutional priorities and disciplinary specialisations. These guidelines serve as a foundational framework to safeguard the quality, editorial transparency, and scholarly relevance of selected publications. For cross-verification against the UGC-mandated 36 parameters, please find below a detailed examination of this journal's alignment with the stipulated criteria.

1. Journal Preliminary Criteria

Suggestive Parameters	Details
Journal Title	**Literary Druid**
ISSN Number	E-ISSN - 2582-4155 (Online), No Print ISSN
Periodicity and Continuity	Quarterly Publication
Contact and Publication Details	**Maheswari Publishers** (The publishing unit of PANDIAN EDUCATIONAL TRUST-TN32D0026797) 3/350, Veterinary Hospital Backside, Virudhunagar-626001 Tamil Nadu - India.
Transparent Review Policy	Double-Blind Peer Review
Website on a Certified Domain	https://literarydruid.com/ (SSL, SEO Validated Domain)
Open Access or Subscription-Based Policy	Gold Open Access
Integration with National/International Repositories	Indexed in MLA, MIRABEL, ROAD, ZDB, SUDOC, SHERPA ROMEO, EZB, MIAR, ERIH PLUS, ZENODO, Google Scholar, Index Copernicus, Internet Archive. Portal ISSN - https://portal.issn.org/resource/ISSN/2582-4155
Archival Policy	Long Term Archival in Internet Archive

2. Editorial Board Criteria

Suggestive Parameters	Details
Editorial Board Details	**Dr. M.Vinoth Kumar & Dr. S. Kulandhaivel** (Full EB details available on website)

Editorial Board Composition	Erudite Professors from International and National HEIs (Full EB details available on website)
Efficient Editorial/Review Process	**8 weeks** timeline with rigorous editorial and review process.

3. Journal Editorial Policy

Suggestive Parameters	Details
Aims and Scope	English Studies research across Language, Literature and Criticism
Subject Areas	English Studies
Article Processing Charges (APC)	APC
Publishing Timeline	Typically four Months from submission
Acceptance Rate	30%

4. Journal Quality Criteria - Content

Suggestive Parameters	Details
Academic Contribution	Original Research Papers, Review Papers, Book Reviews, Poems.
Conformity to Journal Scope	Article content should align to journal's objectives

5. Journal Standards

Suggestive Parameters	Details
Bibliographic Data & Literature Citation	MLA Style Citations
Font & Design	Times New Roman 12 font size for English. Professional and readable PDF format
Infographics & Exhibits	Quality Images and Tables
Citation Record	Indexed in Public Repositories - Google Scholar, ZENODO
Print Continuum	Avoided for ecological safety
Online Availability	Free full-text articles available online
Quality of Website	Well-maintained, updated regularly and user-friendly
Multilingual Availability	Main article Title, abstract and references in English

6. Research Ethics

Suggestive Parameters	Details
Ethical Guidelines for Authors	Clear author guidelines for ethical conduct in **Instructions** page - https://literarydruid.com/instructions.html
Plagiarism Prevention	Plagiarism detection tools such as Plagiarism Checker-X, Crossref Similarity Check are used
Conflict of Interest Disclosure	Disclosure required from all contributors. All article PDFs contains COI disclosure.

AI Generated Content Policy	AI generated content Policy is displayed in website.

7. Journal Visibility

Suggestive Parameters	Details
Impact Factor	MIAR - ICDS - 2.80
Indexation in Reputed Databases	Indexed in MLA, EBSCU Host, MIRABEL, ROAD, ZDB, SUDOC, ASI, SHERPA ROMEO, EZB, JISC OPF, MIAR, ERIH PLUS, ZENODO, Google Scholar, Index Copernicus, Internet Archive, **Reviewer Credits**. Portal ISSN - https://portal.issn.org/resource/ISSN/2581-7140

8. Journal Impact Criteria

Suggestive Parameters	Details
Self-Citation Score	NA (basically self-citations are avoided in our journal)
Total Citation Rate	We consider SCOPUS and WOS as authentic citation providers. We have been applied for SCOPUS and WOS for Indexing.
Cite Score	ONLY SCOPUS provide Cite Score and WOS by JCR (we are in the process of applying to SCOPUS and WOS indexing)

Suggestions for HEIs

1. Choice of Peer-Reviewed Journals: Using the above parameters, faculty members and students may choose peer-reviewed journals tailored to their specific disciplines and research focus areas for publishing their research work.

2. Internal Review Committees: HEIs may establish internal committee(s) to fine-tune the above-suggested parameters from time to time as needed in their specific cases to ensure they continue to meet the quality standards and to align with the institute's academic and research goals. (Ref: 584th meeting held on 3rd October 2024, circular released on 11 February, 2025), (Ref: 59l[st] meeting held on 24 June, 2025, Public Notice released on 16th July 2025)

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