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**Vellore Institute of Technology**  
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## **Office of Academic Research**

### **Publication Requirements for Adjudication of Thesis (Ph. D. and Integrated Ph. D. Programmes)**

1. **FOR SCHOLARS WHO WERE ADMITTED TILL 2014** (Approved in 18<sup>th</sup> Academic Council of VIT held on 16/7/2009)

**A minimum of one** refereed Scopus Indexed Journal publication, in which the scholar will be the first author and the guide will be the corresponding author. External part-time (EPT) scholars must include VIT affiliation in their publications.

2. **FOR SCHOLARS WHO WERE ADMITTED IN 2015 & 2016:** (Approved in 37<sup>th</sup> Academic Council of VIT held on 16/6/2015 and amendment in the core committee held on 13/2/23)

**A minimum of two** refereed Scopus Indexed Journal publications, in which the scholar will be the first author and the guide will be the corresponding author. Here, multiple authors are not allowed other than the approved Research Advisor, if any.

- For Social Sciences, Humanities, English language, Management and Law, a minimum of two Scopus-indexed peer-reviewed research paper publications are required.
- For other languages, a minimum of two peer-reviewed research paper publications are required.
- For the publications to be considered for the adjudication of the thesis, the research scholar shall be the first author with the Supervisor as the corresponding author. If there is an approved Co-Guide, he/she can be a co-author in the publications. Publications with the scholar being the corresponding author shall not be considered for processing of his/her synopsis.
- The Co-PI's of the project under which the scholar is working can be co-authors in the publications of the scholar. However, the Research guide shall submit to the office of Academic Research the proof for Co-PIs in the project in which the scholar is working.

3. **FOR SCHOLARS WHO WERE ADMITTED IN 2017 & 2018:** (Approved in 48<sup>th</sup> Academic Council of VIT held on 14/12/2017 and amendment in the core committee held on 13/2/23)

**A minimum of two** refereed Scopus Indexed Journal publications, of which **one Journal publication with impact factor. The Scholar will be the first author and the guide should be the corresponding author.** Here, multiple authors are not allowed other than the approved Research Advisor, if any.

- For Social Sciences, Humanities, English language, Management and Law, a minimum of two Scopus-indexed peer-reviewed research paper publications are required.
- For other languages, a minimum of two peer-reviewed research paper publications are required.
- For the publications to be considered for the adjudication of the thesis, the research scholar shall be the first author with the Supervisor as the corresponding author. If there is an approved Co-Guide, he/she can be a co-author in the publications. Publications with the scholar being the corresponding author shall not be considered for processing of his/her synopsis.
- The Co-PI's of the project under which the scholar is working can be co-authors in the publications of the scholar. However, the Research guide shall submit to the office of Academic Research the proof for Co-PIs in the project in which the scholar is working.

**4. FOR SCHOLARS WHO WERE ADMITTED FROM 2019:** (Approved in 56<sup>th</sup> Academic Council of VIT held on 24/09/2019 and amendment in the core committee held on 13/2/23)

- For scholars from Science, Engineering and Technology, **a minimum of two Scopus-indexed peer-reviewed research paper publications with impact factor is required.**
- For scholars from Management and Law a minimum of two peer-reviewed Scopus indexed research paper publications are required.
- For Social Sciences, Humanities and English language a minimum of two peer-reviewed Scopus indexed research paper publications are required.
- For other languages, a minimum of two peer-reviewed research paper publications are required.
- For the publications to be considered for the adjudication of the thesis, **the research scholar shall be the first author with the Guide should be the corresponding author.** If there is an approved Co-Guide, he/she can be a co-author in the publications. **Publications with the scholar being the corresponding author shall not be considered for processing of his/her synopsis.**
- The Co-PI's of the project under which the scholar is working can be co-authors in the publications of the scholar. However, the Research guide shall submit to the office of Academic Research the proof for Co-PIs in the project in which the scholar is working.
- The external collaborators could be co-authors with the recommendations of the School Dean. In the case of Research centres, the recommendations can be given by the Centre Director.
- The publications that involve UG/PG students shall not be considered in assessing the requirements for submission of the thesis.

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***Note:** For the publications of the scholars to be considered for the adjudication of the thesis, the scholars shall include VIT's affiliation in their publications.*