

**KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY**

Proceedings

KAU-Edn-Publishing research papers by PhD scholars-Modifications in the guidelines-  
Approved-Orders issued

**DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION**

Acad B2/2023/101/5494

Dated: 15/08/2023

- Read:- 1. Minutes of the 139<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 31.03.2023  
Item No:III (3),Resolution 3  
2. University Order No.Acad/B2/2019/101/22033 dated 26/02/2021

**ORDER**

As per KAU guidelines it is mandatory for PhD scholars to publish two research papers in NAAS rated journals for the completion of PhD programme. In the case of scholars in social sciences, both papers should be in journals with a NAAS rating of 3.5 and above. For scholars in other sciences, one publication should be in a journal with NAAS rating 4.5 and the other in a journal having 5.0 NAAS rating

The University Grants Commission (UGC), as per their new guidelines, has removed the compulsory requirement of publication of research papers in peer-reviewed journals for Ph.D. scholars. In this context, a proposal was placed before the 139<sup>th</sup> Academic Council to change the minimum requirement of publishing two research papers to one acceptance letter and one acknowledgment letter for the completion of PhD for all batches in KAU.

The council having examined the matter in detail has decided to retain the mandatory requirement of publication of two research papers. A modification is approved to the extent that amongst the two research papers, one may be a short research communication /review paper.

In the above circumstances the following orders are issued.

Publishing of two research papers will continue to be a mandatory requirement for the completion of PhD degree in KAU. Of the two, one shall be a short research communication/ review paper.

This modifications will be applicable from 2022 admission onwards.

All other academic guidelines in this regard remain unchanged.

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**To**

1. All Deans of Faculty/ Deans of all colleges under KAU
2. The Comptroller of Examinations
3. All Academic Officers of all colleges under KAU.
4. Programmer, (Acad), KAU (for publishing in the website)

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