

**Requirements for Publications Submitted by Candidates for Academic  
Degrees Awarded by the HSE University's Dissertation Council in  
Communications and Media**

**Defences of dissertations for a Candidate of Sciences degree / PhD in  
Communications and Media**

When defending a single dissertation work, the following must be attached: at least 3 (three) articles in journals, included in the HSE University's "whitelist" or Scopus/WoS. At least 1 (one) paper must have been written without co-authors.

When defending a selection of published articles, the following must be attached: at least 5 (five) articles, with at least 2 (two) of them written in a foreign language. At least 1 (one) paper must be written without co-authors. All publications must be indexed in Scopus/WoS or included in the HSE University's "whitelist". At least 1 (one) of the publications must be made in a journal, included in Q1-Q2 Scopus/WoS.

**Defences of dissertations for a Doctor of Sciences degree /DS in  
Communication and Media**

When defending a single dissertation work, the following must be attached: at least 15 articles in journals, included in the HSE University's "whitelist" or Scopus/WoS. These may include chapters in collective monographs, indexed in databases, which are issued by leading international publishers, included in a List of Eligible Publishers at HSE University (subject to the availability of co-authors, presence of no more than 1 (one) chapter of the author in a monograph). At least 3

(three) articles must have no co-authors. In turn, at least 3 (three) publications must appear in journals, included in Q1-Q2 Scopus/WoS.

When defending a body of published articles, the following must be attached: at least 15 publications included in HSE University's "whitelist" or Scopus/WoS, with at least 7 (seven) of those being in a foreign language. These may include chapters in collective monographs, indexed in databases, which were put out by leading international publishers, included in the List of Eligible Publishers at HSE University (subject to the availability of co-authors, presence of no more than 1 (one) chapter of the author in a monograph). At least 5 (five) articles must have no co-authors. In turn, at least 5 (five) publications must be made in journals included in Q1-Q2 Scopus/WoS.

### **General Clarifications on Requirements**

In any and all instances, all submitted publications must reflect the key scientific results of dissertation research.

Furthermore, in any and all instances, works, accepted for print shall be considered, along with published papers, subject to the availability of official confirmations from a publisher or a journal's editorial board.

In any and all instances, a dissertation council shall retain the right to conduct substantive expert reviews of submitted articles at the pre-defence stage; whenever an article is published in a monograph, the dissertation council shall have the competency to recognize if the monograph meets criteria for academic publication.

If, as per procedures established at HSE University, there is an approved list of publishers, whereby a monograph submitted for review may be put out, the publishers from the list shall be automatically accepted. Other publishers may be recognized as per the decision of the dissertation council.

Dissertation councils may refuse to recognize a repeat publication as an individual publication, including a publication with a translation into Russian. In

any and all instances, publications in journals included in HSE University's Blacklist (<https://scientometrics.hse.ru/blacklist>) shall be discarded.

In any and all instances, articles published in journals where a candidate was serving as editor-in-chief, deputy chief editor or responsible secretary at the moment when the publication was released shall not be considered.

Please find HSE University's List of Recommended Journals here: <https://scientometrics.hse.ru/goodjournals>.

Journals in Web of Science shall be considered disregarding the database Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) unless its inclusion has been specifically agreed on. Nevertheless, publications, included in Scopus and HSE University's List of recommended journals, shall be considered.

A given journal's quartile shall be determined by citing the year when the respective publication was made in the journal. If the information about the year of publication is not available, the last year for which such information is available shall be considered.

If a journal has several quartiles, its quartile with respect to a candidate's article shall be found as per that for the specialization that is most relevant to the topic of the candidate's dissertation.

If a dissertation council offers a special procedure for the consideration of publications from the list of leading journals or other supplementary lists, such lists must be generated and posted in the public domain.

First co-author of an article shall be determined as per the rules of the journal where said article was published; if relevant rules are not presented – as per the respective dissertation council's decision.

Concerning proceedings of academic conferences in natural and technical sciences (CORE, etc.), only proceedings including papers presented during the core conference programme shall be considered.

In the social sciences and the humanities, articles may be replaced with individual peer-reviewed academic monographs, issued by leading publishers, included in an approved list.

In the social sciences and humanities, articles attached to an individual dissertation may be published in any other foreign language if the topic of the dissertation is related to the language or a country of the given language, as per the dissertation council's decision. A body of articles to be defended (without an individual dissertation) shall only be presented in Russian or English.