

**Lewis College of Business Policy No. LCOB-1**  
**Journal List Policy**

*The following text replaces the first bullet point in section 4.1 of the Faculty Qualifications Guidelines dated November 18, 2015*

- **Journal Publication\* (JP)**

The LCOB follows the Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) journal quality list to assign points for journal publications. This list was created by Australian and New Zealand business academicians and categorizes journals into 4 categories – A\*, A, B, C to signify journal quality. Many AACSB accredited business schools, including LCOB peer schools, have adopted the ABDC list. The 2019 ABDC list, which is the current version of the list, followed an extensive review conducted by expert panels and assessed journals relating to business and taxation law; economics; finance including actuarial studies; information systems; management, commercial services and transport and logistics; marketing and tourism; and other areas. It endorses 2,692 journals. The LCOB awards points to each ABDC category are as follows:

- A\* = 6 points
- A = 4 points
- B = 3 points
- C = 2 points
- Non-ABDC = 1 point
  - Non-ABDC journals only count for a three-year transitional period starting July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023.
  - Non-ABDC journals only include non-predatory journals.
  - Non-ABDC journals are similar to journals on Tier 4 of the previous LCOB journal list in effect from November 18, 2015 until June 30, 2020.

Any previous submissions, under review manuscripts, and publications before the ABDC adoption date are grandfathered (counted) under the LCOB homegrown list tiering system that was in effect from November 18, 2015 until June 30, 2020.

The ABDC list gets updated about once every three years. Faculty can choose which version of ABDC list they want their manuscript to be considered. This option is available as long as either the submission or publication date happened during an ABDC update.

A high-quality journal may not be listed on the ABDC journal list. In some rare instances, the attached, “**Application For Inclusion and Tier Classification of Journals**” form allows LCOB faculty members who publish in a high-quality journal that is not listed on the ABDC list to request the journal be counted according to an ABDC tier (A\*, A, B, or C) (see attached form). The request should be made to the Continuous Improvement Committee (CIC). The CIC will recommend to the dean. The dean has final approval. A list of these approved journals will be published on the college’s website. *Note: This paragraph replaces sections 3.2 to 3.5 of the Faculty Qualifications Guidelines dated November 18, 2015*

\*Note: The 5 year window for a JP begins at either the acceptance date or publication date (author’s choice).

**Application for Inclusion and Tier Classification of Journals**  
 Brad Smith Schools of Business, Marshall University

Please submit the completed form along with any supporting documents or evidence to the CIC.

Applicant name	
Discipline	
Journal name	
Journal web address	
Journal publisher name	
Journal ISSN	
Article title	
Date of acceptance publication if applicable	
Is the journal blind peer reviewed? (Yes/No)	
Is it a new journal? (Yes/No) If yes, include data first published.	
Is it double-blind peer-reviewed? (Yes/No)	
H index (include source)	
Scientific journal ranking (SJR): <a href="https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php">https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php</a>	
Journal impact factor (include source)	
SSCI citation count	
Journal acceptance rate (include source)	
List other institutions (Carnegie R2 classification or above) that accept the journal. Include name of the institution and tier classification.	
Additional comments	

**Policy Approval Date:**

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**Dean's Signature:**

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