

Compliance with UGC Parameters for the Research Journal: <i>Horizons of Holistic Education</i> (Primary Format)	
Parameter	Details for 'Horizons of Holistic Education'
1. Journal Preliminary Criteria	
1.1 Journal Title	Horizons of Holistic Education
1.2 ISSN NUMBER	*p-ISSN: 2349-8811 *e-ISSN: 2349-9133
1.3 Periodicity and Continuity	Quarterly (Published regularly in March, June, September and December).
1.4 Contact and Publication Details	Publisher: Children's Research University *Address: Sector 20, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, 382021, India *Email: editor.hhe@cru.ac.in *Website: www.cru.ac.in/journals/hhe
1.5 Transparent Review Policy	The journal adheres to a rigorous double-blind peer-review process . Detailed guidelines for authors and reviewers are clearly published on the journal's website.
1.6 Website on a Certified Domain	The journal is hosted on the official, secure domain of Children's Research University (cru.ac.in), managed by the university's IT department.
1.7 Open Access or Subscription-Based Policy	<i>Horizons of Holistic Education</i> is an Open Access journal , providing free and unrestricted access to all its content to promote the global exchange of knowledge.
1.8 Integration with Repositories	The journal is in the process of being integrated with national and international repositories.
1.9 Archival Policy	All past and current issues are digitally archived on the university's server and are freely accessible through the 'Archives' section on the journal's website.
2. Editorial Board Criteria	
2.1 Editorial Board Details	A comprehensive list of the editorial board members, including their full names, affiliations and areas of expertise, is available on the 'Editorial Board' page of the journal website.
2.2 Editorial Board Composition	The board comprises eminent national and international academicians, scholars and researchers specializing in Education, Child Psychology, Pedagogy, children's literature and related fields.
2.3 Efficient Editorial/Review Process	A rigorous double-blind peer-review process is followed. The editorial office ensures clear communication and adheres to strict timelines, typically providing a first decision within 6-8 weeks of submission.
3. Journal Editorial Policy	
3.1 Aims, Objectives and Scope	The journal aims to provide a scholarly platform for interdisciplinary research in holistic education, focusing on the cognitive, emotional, social, physical and ethical development of children. Over and above, it provides space to all scholarly works

3.2 Subject Areas	that adheres to the set of quality research in interdisciplinary areas of child-centric subjects. Early Childhood Education, Educational Psychology, Pedagogical Innovation, Children's Literature and films, Cartoon Studies, E-game & M-game narratives, Language Development, Curriculum Development, Inclusive Education, Child Development and Educational Policy.
3.3 Article Processing Charges (APC)	Currently, there are no Article Processing Charges (APC) for submitting or publishing articles in the journal.
3.4 Publishing Timeline	Submission to First Decision: 6-8 weeks * Acceptance to Publication: 4-6 weeks
3.5 Acceptance Rate	To be determined and published annually based on submission volume and quality.
4. Journal Quality Criteria – Content	
4.1 Academic Contribution	Submissions must present original, unpublished research that demonstrates clear motivation, advances existing knowledge and has potential applicability for policymaking and practice.
4.2 Conformity to Journal Scope	All submitted manuscripts undergo a preliminary editorial check to ensure alignment with the journal's aims and scope before being sent for peer review.
5. Journal Standards	
5.1 Bibliographic Data & Literature Citation	The journal strictly follows the APA (7th Edition) citation and referencing style.
5.2 Font & Design	The journal uses a professional and clean layout (Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced) to ensure maximum readability in both print and online formats.
5.3 Infographics & Exhibits	High-resolution (300 DPI or higher) images, tables and graphs are required. All visuals must be clearly labelled and cited appropriately.
5.4 Citation Record	To be established as the journal is progressively indexed in academic databases.
5.5 Print Continuum	The journal maintains a consistent quarterly publication schedule for both print and online editions.
5.6 Quality of Website	The website is professionally managed, regularly updated with new issues and announcements and features a user-friendly interface for easy navigation.
5.7 Multilingual Availability	While the primary language of publication is English, the journal encourages authors to provide abstracts in Gujarati and/or Hindi to enhance reach within the Indian context.
6. Research Ethics	
6.1 Ethical Guidelines for Authors	Clear ethical guidelines based on COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) are provided to authors, covering authorship, data integrity and originality.

6.2 Plagiarism Prevention	All submissions are mandatorily checked for plagiarism using latest software . A similarity index below the prescribed limit (typically 10%) is expected. For AI generated content, the limit is as prescribed by UGC.
6.3 Conflict of Interest Disclosure	All authors, reviewers and editors are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest that could influence the research or its interpretation.
6.4 AI Generated Content Policy	The journal has a specific policy regarding the use of AI tools in research and writing. The use of generative AI to create content is not permitted, but AI tools for editing and improving language are permissible with full disclosure.
7. Journal Visibility	
7.1 Impact Factor or Similar Factor	Not yet applicable. The journal is working towards meeting the criteria for evaluation by recognised rating agencies.
7.2 Indexation in Reputed Databases	Application for inclusion in Scopus, Web of Science and other reputed databases is in process and will be pursued actively.
8. Journal Impact Criteria	
8.1 Self-Citation Score	To be established and monitored once a sufficient citation record is available.
8.2 Total Citation Rate	To be established and compared with peer journals upon successful indexing in citation databases.