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# Scopus indexed journals *list* 2026

The full Scopus indexed journals list is Elsevier's **Scopus source title list**, a free Excel file that Elsevier updates monthly; single titles can be searched on the free Scopus Sources page. Below it are 40 established engineering and computer science journals, each checked on SCImago, with ISSN, open access status and SJR quartile.

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Below: where to download Elsevier's official list and how to filter it, a shortlist of engineering and computer science journals checked one by one on SCImago, how to choose between them, what Q1 to Q4 mean, and why you should check a journal again the week you submit. To check whether one particular journal is genuine, use our guide to checking a Scopus indexed journal.

KEY POINTS

- **The complete list comes from Elsevier:** the Scopus source title list, a free Excel file that Elsevier says is updated monthly.
- **The September 2026 edition** lists 49,104 sources, of which 30,264 are active journals.
- **Our shortlist is a starting point,** not a recommendation for your paper. Pick a journal whose scope matches your work.
- **Quartiles below are SCImago's SJR quartiles for 2025,** the latest year SCImago shows. Scopus's own CiteScore quartiles can differ.
- **Indexing can end.** Check the journal on Scopus Sources again the week you submit.

# Where can you download the official Scopus journals list?

From Elsevier, which owns Scopus. Its Scopus content policy and selection page links the **Scopus source title list**, a free Excel file. Elsevier's page says the file includes the discontinued sources and is updated monthly. The edition linked when we checked, on 22 October 2026, was September 2026.

**Where to find the Scopus journals list**

| SOURCE | WHAT IT GIVES YOU | USE IT TO |
|---|---|---|
| **Scopus source title list (Excel)** | Every source Scopus covers or has covered, with ISSN, publisher, coverage years, active or inactive status, open access status and subject codes; separate sheets for accepted and discontinued titles | Build your own list for your subject |
| Scopus Sources | A free search page for one title at a time, with its publisher, ISSN, subject areas and CiteScore | Confirm one journal before you submit |
| SCImago Journal Rank | Rankings built on Scopus data, with SJR quartiles by subject category and filters for country and subject, updated once a year | Compare journals in your field |

The September 2026 counts are from our own count of the file's main sheet: 49,104 sources, active and inactive, of which 30,264 are active journals. Other sheets list conference proceedings.

To turn the Excel file into a list for your branch, filter the main sheet in this order:

1. **"Active or Inactive":** keep Active.
2. **"Source Type":** keep Journal, unless you also want book series or conference series.
3. **"All Science Journal Classification Codes (ASJC)":** filter for the codes of your field. Codes starting 17 are computer science (1702 is Artificial Intelligence, 1711 Signal Processing), codes starting 22 are engineering (2205 Civil and Structural, 2208 Electrical and Electronic, 2210 Mechanical) and codes starting 21 are energy. The file's ASJC sheet lists every code.
4. **"Open Access Status":** filter it if you want only fully open-access journals.

Lists titled “Scopus indexed journals 2026” on other websites, often PDFs, are copies of this file or of SCImago. They go out of date within weeks and may still include discontinued titles, so download the current month’s file from Elsevier yourself.

# Which Scopus indexed journals suit engineering and CS students?

**Checked on 22 October 2026**

Quartiles and coverage were checked on SCImago, which is built on Scopus data, on 22 October 2026: each journal’s page lists its publisher and ISSN, coverage running to 2025 or 2026, and its quartiles for 2025. Each journal is also marked active in Elsevier’s September 2026 source title list. Scopus adds and drops titles throughout the year, so check the journal on Scopus Sources before you submit. Being on this list says nothing about whether a journal will accept your paper.

The 40 journals are grouped into five areas: computer science and AI; electronics, communication and signal processing; electrical and energy; mechanical and civil; and multidisciplinary journals. Seven are Indian journals, from IETE, the Institution of Engineers (India), the Indian Academy of Sciences, DRDO and CSIR. “Best quartile” is the highest SJR quartile the journal holds in any of its SCImago subject categories for 2025; each quartile links to the journal’s SCImago page, where you can see every category. Open access “Yes” means every article is free to read and authors usually pay an article processing charge; “Yes, no fee” marks journals whose publisher states it charges authors nothing; hybrid means a subscription journal that also offers paid open access. Fees change, so check the journal’s current article processing charge on its own site.

## Computer science and AI

**Scopus indexed journals: computer science and AI**

| JOURNAL | PUBLISHER | ISSN (PRINT / ONLINE) | OPEN ACCESS | BEST SJR QUARTILE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **IEEE Access** | IEEE | — / 2169-3536 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **PeerJ Computer Science** | PeerJ | — / 2376-5992 | Yes | Q2, SJR 2025 |
| **Journal of King Saud University – Computer and Information Sciences** | Springer | 1319-1578 / 2213-1248 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Journal of Big Data** | Springer Nature | — / 2196-1115 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Expert Systems with Applications** | Elsevier | 0957-4174 / — | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Pattern Recognition** | Elsevier | 0031-3203 / — | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence** | Elsevier | 0952-1976 / — | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Neural Computing and Applications** | Springer | 0941-0643 / 1433-3058 | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems** | IEEE | 2162-237X / 2162-2388 | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |

## Electronics, communication and signal processing

### Scopus indexed journals: electronics, communication and signal processing

| JOURNAL | PUBLISHER | ISSN (PRINT / ONLINE) | OPEN ACCESS | BEST SJR QUARTILE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sensors** | MDPI | — / 1424-8220 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Electronics** | MDPI | — / 2079-9292 | Yes | Q2, SJR 2025 |
| **IEEE Sensors Journal** | IEEE | 1530-437X / 1558-1748 | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **IEEE Internet of Things Journal** | IEEE | — / 2327-4662 | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Signal Processing** | Elsevier | 0165-1684 / — | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |

| JOURNAL | PUBLISHER | ISSN (PRINT / ONLINE) | OPEN ACCESS | BEST SJR QUARTILE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **IEEE Transactions on Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) Systems** | IEEE | 1063-8210 / 1557-9999 | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **IETE Journal of Research** | Taylor & Francis | 0377-2063 / 0974-780X | Hybrid | Q3, SJR 2025 |
| **Journal of The Institution of Engineers (India): Series B (electrical, electronics and telecommunication, computer)** | Springer | 2250-2106 / 2250-2114 | Hybrid | Q3, SJR 2025 |

## Electrical and energy

### Scopus indexed journals: electrical and energy

| JOURNAL | PUBLISHER | ISSN (PRINT / ONLINE) | OPEN ACCESS | BEST SJR QUARTILE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Energies** | MDPI | — / 1996-1073 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **International Journal of Electrical Power and Energy Systems** | Elsevier | 0142-0615 / — | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Energy Reports** | Elsevier | — / 2352-4847 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **IET Renewable Power Generation** | Wiley | 1752-1416 / 1752-1424 | Yes | Q2, SJR 2025 |
| **Electric Power Systems Research** | Elsevier | 0378-7796 / — | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics** | IEEE | 0885-8993 / 1941-0107 | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics** | IEEE | 0278-0046 / 1557-9948 | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |

## Mechanical and civil

### Scopus indexed journals: mechanical and civil

| JOURNAL | PUBLISHER | ISSN (PRINT / ONLINE) | OPEN ACCESS | BEST SJR QUARTILE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Case Studies in Construction Materials | Elsevier | 2214-5095 / — | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| Construction and Building Materials | Elsevier | 0950-0618 / — | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| Structures | Elsevier | — / 2352-0124 | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| Applied Thermal Engineering | Elsevier | 1359-4311 / — | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| Journal of Manufacturing Processes | Elsevier | 1526-6125 / — | Hybrid | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| Journal of The Institution of Engineers (India): Series A (civil, architectural, environmental, agricultural) | Springer | 2250-2149 / 2250-2157 | Hybrid | Q2, SJR 2025 |
| Journal of The Institution of Engineers (India): Series C (mechanical, production, aerospace, marine) | Springer | 2250-0545 / 2250-0553 | Hybrid | Q3, SJR 2025 |

## Multidisciplinary engineering and science

### Scopus indexed journals: multidisciplinary engineering and science

| JOURNAL | PUBLISHER | ISSN (PRINT / ONLINE) | OPEN ACCESS | BEST SJR QUARTILE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scientific Reports | Springer Nature | — / 2045-2322 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| Applied Sciences | MDPI | — / 2076-3417 | Yes | Q2, SJR 2025 |

| JOURNAL | PUBLISHER | ISSN (PRINT / ONLINE) | OPEN ACCESS | BEST SJR QUARTILE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Heliyon** | Elsevier | — / 2405-8440 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Results in Engineering** | Elsevier | — / 2590-1230 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Engineering Science and Technology, an International Journal** | Elsevier | — / 2215-0986 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Ain Shams Engineering Journal** | Ain Shams University | 2090-4479 / 2090-4495 | Yes | Q1, SJR 2025 |
| **Sadhana – Academy Proceedings in Engineering Sciences** | Springer | 0256-2499 / 0973-7677 | Hybrid | Q2, SJR 2025 |
| **Defence Science Journal** | DESIDOC, DRDO | 0011-748X / 0976-464X | Yes, no fee | Q2, SJR 2025 |
| **Indian Journal of Pure and Applied Physics** | CSIR-NIScPR | 0019-5596 / 0975-1041 | Yes, no fee | Q3, SJR 2025 |

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# How do you choose the right Scopus journal for your paper?

- **Match the scope first.** Read the journal's aims and scope and the titles in its last few issues. A strong paper sent to a journal outside its scope is often rejected without review. The papers in your literature survey show which journals publish work like yours.

- **Weigh the quartile against your deadline.** Top-quartile journals are often more selective, and review can take longer. Many journals print received, revised and accepted dates on each article; read them on a few recent papers to see the real pace, and plan for at least one revision round.
- **Check the fee model.** Fully open-access journals usually charge an article processing charge after acceptance; a few, marked "Yes, no fee" above, do not. Hybrid journals usually let you publish without that charge, or pay to make your article open. Check the journal's current article processing charge on its own site.
- **Reach the journal through its publisher.** Cloned websites copy real journal names and ISSNs. Open the journal from the publisher's own site (ieee.org, sciencedirect.com, springer.com, mdpi.com and so on), and match its title, ISSN and publisher with its Scopus Sources record. Our guide shows how to spot a cloned or hijacked journal.
- **Follow the journal's author guidelines.** IEEE journals use the IEEE template; see our IEEE paper format guide. For the paper itself, see how to write a research paper.
- **Check your university's rule.** PhD regulations may ask for a particular database, quartile or kind of journal. Since the UGC-CARE list ended, universities apply their own criteria; see our UGC-CARE list guide.

# What do Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 mean?

A quartile places a journal within one subject category. SCImago ranks the journals in each category by their SJR, a citation-based prestige score, and splits them into four equal groups:

- **Q1:** the top 25% of journals in that category.
- **Q2:** the next 25%.
- **Q3:** the 25% below that.
- **Q4:** the bottom 25%.

A journal in several categories has a quartile in each, and the tables above show the best one, which may not be the category your paper belongs to. Energies, for example, is Q1 in Engineering (miscellaneous) for 2025 but Q2 in Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Defence Science Journal is Q2 in Multidisciplinary but Q3 in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Open the SCImago link to see the quartile in your own category. Scopus publishes its own quartiles based on CiteScore, and the two can disagree. When a rule asks for a "Q1 journal", ask whether it means SJR or CiteScore, and in which subject. Our Scopus journals guide compares the metrics.

## Is a journal on this list still indexed when you submit?

Check it again; do not assume. Scopus re-evaluates journals continuously, and when it discontinues one, nothing published after the final covered issue is added to Scopus. The September 2026 source title list shows how this affects well-known journals: **Alexandria Engineering Journal** (Elsevier) and **Case Studies in Thermal Engineering** (Elsevier), both open-access engineering journals, are on its Discontinued Titles sheet, with final coverage in 2025. When we checked, SCImago still showed both as Q1 in SJR 2025, because its rankings describe the past year. We left them out of the tables above.

- Search the ISSN on Scopus Sources the week you submit, and again if your paper sits in review for months.
- Check the Discontinued Titles sheet of the current month's Excel file.
- Do not rely on SCImago alone for current status: its rankings are published once a year and can still show a quartile for a journal Scopus has since discontinued.
- Match the journal's website, title and ISSN with the Scopus record before you pay any fee.

What discontinuation means for papers already published is explained in our guide to discontinued titles.

# How can we help you publish in a Scopus journal?

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# Frequently asked questions

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### How many journals are indexed in Scopus?

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### What is a Q1 Scopus journal?

Usually a journal in the top 25% of its subject category. SCImago ranks journals by SJR within each category, and Scopus ranks them by CiteScore, so the two quartiles can differ, and a journal can be Q1 in one category and Q2 in another. Ask which source your university's rule means, as our Scopus journals guide explains.

### Can a journal on this list stop being Scopus indexed?

Yes. Scopus re-evaluates titles continuously, and two well-known engineering journals, Alexandria Engineering Journal and Case Studies in Thermal Engineering, are on the Discontinued Titles sheet of the September 2026 list. Check the journal on Scopus Sources the week you submit. Our UGC-CARE list guide covers how universities judge journals now.

### Do Scopus journals charge a publication fee?

Fully open-access journals usually charge an article processing charge, paid after acceptance, though some, such as Defence Science Journal, charge nothing. Hybrid journals usually let you publish without that charge under the subscription model, or pay to make your article open. Fees change, so check the current charge on the journal's own website before you write your paper to its format.

### Can you guarantee publication in a journal from this list?

No. Acceptance is decided by each journal's editors and reviewers, and indexing by Elsevier. We help you write the paper, choose a journal whose scope fits your results and answer reviewers, but no one outside the journal can promise acceptance. See our research paper writing and publication help.

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