Guidance on Publication Lists

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1. All submissions should include a list of publications appropriate to the application.

2. The list of publications should be preceded by a brief account of the candidate's research, highlighting its main areas and significance.

3. The list of publications should be limited to books, refereed papers, refereed conference proceedings, and patents. Separate lists for each type of publication should be provided. (Books should be subdivided under the headings "Books Authored", "Books Edited" and "Contributions to Books Edited by Others".)

4. Other non-refereed publications can be listed separately.

5. The list should be numbered and in chronological order. Only work which has been published or firmly accepted for publication should be listed. Work not published because of its confidentiality may be listed only if copies can be made available for inspection by the College.

6. Under each category, the information relating to a paper, etc, must be presented in the form in which it was published in the original paper, for example, authors must be listed in the order in which they appeared in the original. The status of any co-authors should be detailed where appropriate.

7. Seminal works or publications of particular interest should be asterisked in the left-hand margin.

8. Example Entries:

Publications in scientific and technical journals in the sequence:

Author(s) and initials; title of article (in inverted commas); journal (abbreviated and underlined); volume (underlined); year (in brackets); pages.

For example:

Books in the sequence: Author(s) and initials; title (in inverted commas); name of publisher and place (in brackets); edition (if not the first); year.

For example:


For contributions to books, the sequence will be clear from the following example:


Published conference proceedings may be listed as follows:


Patents: