

## UL's list of high impact Book Publishers

### *A+ major European and US university presses*

Cambridge University Press  
Columbia University Press  
Cornell University Press  
Harvard University Press (and imprints such as Belknap)  
Johns Hopkins University Press  
MIT Press  
Oxford University Press (and imprints such as Clarendon)  
Princeton University Press  
Stanford University Press (and imprints such as Hoover)  
University of California Press  
University of Chicago Press  
Yale University Press

### *A other large European and US university presses and high impact international commercial publishers*

Allen Lane/Penguin  
Basic  
Duke University Press  
Manchester University Press  
Michigan University Press  
Palgrave Macmillan  
Polity  
Routledge  
Rowman & Littlefield  
Sage  
University of Pennsylvania Press  
Verso

### *B+ more specialised US and European commercial presses specialising in academic publishing and smaller university presses*

Blackwell  
Edinburgh University Press  
Hurst  
Indiana University Press  
Lynn Rienner  
Pluto Press  
Random House  
Rutgers University Press  
Westview  
Zed

**B** *more specialised commercial presses in academic publishing, national university presses*

Allen and Unwin  
Ashgate  
Berg  
Blackhall Publishing  
Brill  
Cork University Press  
Edward Arnold  
Edward Elgar  
Gill and Macmillan  
Hart  
I.B. Tauris  
John Wiley  
M.E. Sharpe  
Methuen  
Praeger  
Pinter  
Prentice Hall  
Random House  
Roundhall  
Sweet & Maxwell  
Springer  
St Martins Press  
Texas University Press  
UCD Press

**C** *others*

Anthem  
Clarus  
Four Courts  
Frank Cass  
Irish Academic Press  
Irish Manuscripts Commission  
Jessica Kingsley  
Kluwer  
Lexington  
New Island  
Nova Science Publishers Inc  
Ohio State University Press  
Open University Press  
Reaktion  
Rodopi  
Scribner  
Taylor & Francis  
Transaction  
Woodhead Publishing

## Definition of a book for the purpose of RAM allocation

The definition of a book is based on the definition used by the Department of Education in Australia - <http://docs.education.gov.au/node/34673>

To be included as a book or book chapter the publication must meet all of the following:

- must be a major work of scholarship
- must have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN)
- must be written entirely by a single author, or by joint authors who share responsibility for the whole book
- must have been published by a commercial publisher, as defined at **below**

The types of books that may meet the criteria include:

- critical scholarly texts
- new interpretations of historical events
- new ideas or perspectives based on established research findings

The types of books that do not meet the criteria include:

- textbooks
- anthologies
- dictionaries
- edited books
- creative works such as novels (unless the author is in a creative field such as creative writing)
- translations (unless they have a major demonstrable original research component)
- revisions or new editions
- manuals and handbooks
- theses (PhD, Masters and Honours)

### Commercial Publisher

A commercial publisher is an entity for which the core business is publishing books and distributing them for sale.

#### **Important note:**

Publication is more than the production of a book. It includes quality control such as peer review or equivalent in-house quality control through processes such as expert assessment or review, as well as editing, copy-editing, design, and conversion of the work to an appropriate format.

If publishing is not the core business of an organisation but there is a distinct organisational entity devoted to commercial publication and its publications are not completely paid for or subsidised by the parent organisation or a third party, the publisher is acceptable as a commercial publisher.

HEIs and other self-supporting HEI presses are also regarded as commercial publishers, provided that they have responsibility for distribution in addition to publication.