

# **COVENANT UNIVERSITY POLICIES ON PUBLICATION AND CONFERENCE SUPPORT**

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# INTRODUCTION

- Policy- Deliberate **set of guidelines tailored towards attaining apt decisions and rational outcomes**; a statement of intent, implemented as a procedure or protocol to be adopted in both **subjective and objective decision making**.
- Covenant University drives open access (OA) policies on scholarly publications, conferences (local and international) and post graduate postgraduate qualification for graduation.
- The policies are meant to give clear directions and guidelines on what is obtainable to her stakeholders.
- Stakeholders refers to authors: Faculty, staff, students, trainees or other affiliated contributors and CU-affiliates (researchers).

# COVENANT UNIVERSITY POLICY ON JOURNAL PUBLICATION SUPPORT

- Covenant university policy on scholarly publications bothers on prevailing/emerging paradigms of electronic print, open access, and the respect for right of publishers/archiving databases and authors.
- CU-publication support on open access publication of scholarly works suffices for **Q1-Q4 Scopus/WoS** indexed publications.

## **Policy Text:**

- The referred scientific and scholarly publications bearing CU as authors' affiliation include research articles, reviews, opinion papers, book chapters, technical papers, editorials etc.

- Only OA publications in journals with impact factors (WoS-ESCI/SCI/SCIE)/Q1-Q4 Scopus shall receive publication support.
- Each support is subject to rebate requests for APCs < \$1000. Exceptional cases (striking Q1/Q2 slightly > \$1000) are subject to management's approval.
- Publications in journals without impact factors Q3 and Q4 outlets shall receive supports within the limit of 0-\$500.
- Other applications that do not meet the above requirements shall be considered on a case-by-case basis in terms of publication quality, pedigree of publishers, international co-authorship etc.

- CU-researchers are to oblige agreements that encourage self-archiving or hosting of such publications in the CU repository.
- All scholarly works to be supported shall be published in Open Access journals, indexed in SCOPUS/Web or Science in line with the OA Policy of CU.
- Researchers are also allowed to publish their scholarly works in **non-open access journals indexed in SCOPUS/WoS-ISI, especially those with very high APCs, far > \$1000.**

- CU authors shall constitute at least 50% of the authors including the lead or corresponding author to qualify for support of scholarly works.
- Exceptional/unavoidable situations that do not meet this requirement shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Cases such as supervision, journal quality, publisher, status of external lead or corresponding author, international co-authorship/external funding/grant support for research etc.
- CU advocates a non-exclusive (CCBY4.0), irrevocable, paid-up license and adheres to all copyright laws relating to the scholarly articles sponsored by the University in any medium.

- The articles are not to be sold for profit, and shall allow users free access provided the article is duly cited by the user.
- This policy shall apply to all open access scholarly works authored by CU-affiliates (Faculty/Researcher/Staff) or collaborators.
- Articles completed before the 1st adoption of this policy/policies for those wherein the author(s) entered into an incompatible agreement are excluded.



- Where author(s) entered into a shared agreement that informs a shared waiver between institutions, an **application + copy of invoice (showing distributed APCs)** shall be made for that particular article to the Vice-Chancellor and routed via the Director, CUCRID.
- A transparent disclosure of all supporting relationships, which include, but not restricted to financial, technical and collaborative provisions associated with the scholarly work shall be clearly stated.
- Under no circumstance, should an author make payment for an accepted article except granted such privilege/approval via an application to the Vice Chancellor which must be routed through the Director, CUCRID.

- Authors seeking support must complete and submit the relevant application forms in adherence to the set criteria at the Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID).
- Authors of paid articles are to be sent telexes as claims/evidences of payment with CUCRID in copy.

# COVENANT UNIVERSITY POLICY ON CONFERENCE SUPPORT

- Considering the relevance of conferences and publications to the global ranking of CU, the following suffice:

## **Sponsorship Eligibility**

- i. The faculty must be in full-time employment.
- ii. The faculty must have spent at least one (1) academic session in the University.
- iii. The faculty must be at least the rank of an Assistant Lecturer.

- iv. Ph.D students must have defended their Ph.D proposals.
  
- v. There must be evidence of appreciable participation in lectures and other departmental activities.
  
- vi. Any other category shall require special recommendations and sponsorships.

## **National Conference Support**

- Each Faculty shall enjoy full sponsorship (Registration, Transportation, Accommodation and Feeding).
- Every faculty shall qualify for sponsorship to attend a professional conference once in two years so that other interested faculties can take turns.
- Evidence of currency of annual due payment (professional conference/workshop) must be submitted with the application.

## Sponsorship of ISI and Scopus Indexed International Conferences

- Faculty/researchers for sponsorship i.e., single/group attendance, requires **evidence of affiliation to the same Research Cluster as in the papers submitted to the conference.** The University shall sponsor the following:
  - i. Full sponsorship- a minimum of two (2) full papers (not posters) per author.
  - ii. for one accepted paper, virtual presentation/paper registration is encouraged.
  - iii. accepted posters for virtual presentation/paper registration are also eligible for support.
  - iv. multiple authorship with international collaborators must comprise of minimum 50% CU-authorship.

- v. only conferences with open access proceedings will be sponsored henceforth.
- vi. conferences with prospect of papers becoming **book chapters/journal papers will be prioritized** (provided there is sufficient proof of Scopus and WoS indexations).
- vii. applicants for sponsorship are required to attach comprehensive proof of all claims (**e.g., calls for papers, evidences of SCOPUS/ISI Indexation, full paper, evidence of Scopus page and open access status, etc.**) to their applications.

viii. only papers accepted in journal/conferences evidently Scopus/WoS-indexed at the time of application will be considered; **journals near discontinuation/discontinued in Scopus should be avoided.**

ix. cluster members having the required publications accepted in desired publishing outlets **shall be supported by the University Management based on her terms.**



## Frequency of Support


- Each faculty shall benefit from the university's support on a yearly basis provided the specified criteria are met; only one faculty per session; 2 faculties per department per semester.
- The University Management shall not support multiple conferences for one faculty. However, other members of a Research Cluster shall be encouraged to attend the same conference.
- The University Management shall encourage group support of each pair of supervisor and supervisee for a minimum of 3 papers.



# COVENANT UNIVERSITY POLICY ON GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

1. Publication of research findings in conference proceedings and journals indexed in SCOPUS/WoS is a graduation requirement for all students (Master's and Ph.D programmes) in CU. **Requirements for:**
  - i. Master's degree (Dissertation)- two journal articles indexed in SCOPUS (2Q1s or 2Q2s or 1Q1 & 1Q2/two WoS indexed journals or one Q3/Q4 + 1 conference paper; may be closed access).
  - ii. Ph.D degree (Thesis)- minimum two journal articles (2Q1s; one Q1 & one Q2 + one conference paper; two Q3s/two Q4s + 1 conference paper) indexed in SCOPUS/WoS.

2. The student shall publish the papers with the assigned/approved supervisor (s) and with the consent of the supervisor(s)/mentor.

3. The student on a Ph.D programme                      lead author in jointly authored publication with supervisor(s) + shared/decided corr. authorship; Master's programme supervisor  Lead/Corresponding author.



- The cost of publication (journal article indexed in WoS/Scopus shall be fully borne by the university provided it meets the stipulated requirements).
- CU pays the registration fee for accepted articles in a conference proceedings indexed in Scopus (OA)/WoS.
- Submission of detailed report of conferences attended to CUCRID thereafter.
- Copies of articles published and indexed in Scopus/WoS conference proceedings/journals are to be submitted to the **SPS and Centre for Learning Resources (CLR)** for archiving in the Repository.
- Application **for PG seed fund/faculty/staff seed fund)** shall be processed through the SPS CUCRID Management.



## ESSENTIALS: PERSISTENT IDENTITIES

- Persistent identifiers (PIDs) are for digital objects (published articles/papers). A set of numbers, letters, or symbols that is used to represent a piece of data.
- A PID has two components: a unique identifier; and a service that locates the resource over time even when its location changes.
- Persistent identifiers usually consist of a prefix (uniquely identifies the organization) and a suffix (which identifies the object). Their combination has a global uniqueness.

## Why are they important?

- The use of PIs - considered a good practice for those involved in providing long-term access to digital resources.
- Meta data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier (meta data - stored and identified by PID's).
- PIDs serve as a means of discovering/identifying/referencing digital objects with full citations.
- PIs are assigned and maintained to store digital content.
- The Nestor seal and ISO 16363 (ISO, 2012) also encourage the use of persistent identifiers.
- PIDs help in avoiding **reference rot/content drift** while trying to access digital content (which do not encourage research reproducibility)

# Going Forward!

- **Archival Resource Key** - ARK: <https://arks.org/>
- **Digital Object Identifier** - DOI: <https://www.doi.org/>
- **Handle System**: <https://www.dona.net/handle-system>
- **Persistent URLs** - PURL: <https://purl.archive.org/>
- **Uniform Resource Name** (National Bibliography Number) - URN(NBN)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Bibliography\\_Number](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Bibliography_Number)

\* Every CU author is encouraged to get familiar with the listed PIDs and register for an open researcher and contributor identity (ORCID), Scopus ID, Google Scholar ID, WoS researcher ID for enhanced visibility; detailed sessions on PIDs and ORCID will come up in apt slots of the CUCRID Research Clinic Series.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

- All policies must be duly consulted to avoid pitfalls.
- Evidence of APC rebate-requests are required per submission/application through CUCRID for publication (conference/journal) support.
- Compliance with the terms of each policy is highly anticipated.
- Consult SPS (PG students) and CUCRID (Faculty/researchers) where in doubt regarding policy content.
- All CU-researchers are encouraged to have their ORCID and get familiar with the use of PIDs.



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