



## Graduate School, Khon Kaen University Announcement

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### On Guidelines for Using Publications in Scholarship and Award Considerations of the Graduate School, Khon Kaen University

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The Graduate School, Khon Kaen University aims to support academic staff and graduate students in publishing high-quality journals. This effort is intended to promote the research quality of Khon Kaen University, aligning with the vision of becoming “A World-Leading Research and Development University.”

By the virtue of Section 40 of Khon Kaen University Act B.E. 2558, Graduate School, Khon Kaen University hereby announces “Guidelines for Using Publication in Scholarship and Award Considerations” as follows:

1. The previous Graduate School, Khon Kaen University Announcement No. 28/2024 on Guidelines for Using Publications in Scholarship and Award Considerations of the Graduate School, Khon Kaen University is no longer applied, effective for all announcements of the Graduate School that reference the revoked announcement. This new announcement shall replace the previous one, effective from the date of issuance of this announcement.
2. Academic staff and graduate students in the fields of Science and Technology, and Health Sciences, are encouraged to publish in Q1 or Tier 1 journals listed in the SCOPUS database.
3. Academic staff and graduate students in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences are encouraged to publish in journals listed in the SCOPUS database.

4. For Open Access journals, they must not be published by publishers or journals that are considered controversial within the academic community regarding the quality of published works. These include the following publishers or journals:
  - 1) Hindawi
  - 2) Frontiers
  - 3) Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute (MDPI)
  - 4) OMICS Group
  - 5) Bentham Science
  - 6) Scientific Research Publishing (SCIRP)
  - 7) Heliyon
  - 8) Journal of the Knowledge Economy
  - 9) Cureus Journal of Medical Science
  - 10) Publishers and/or journals that the Graduate School may announce subsequently.
5. If a publisher or journal listed in Section 4 is determined to be widely recognized for its quality within the academic community, the Graduate School may remove it from the list in Section 4.
6. This guideline is not related to the criteria of published works for completing graduate studies.
7. This announcement is forced to be effective for the works accepted for publication from March 1, 2024, onward.
8. This announcement shall be effective only for scholarship and award applications of the Graduate School that are processed after this announcement comes into effect.
9. The Dean of the Graduate School shall be in charge of this announcement. If any dispute arises from this announcement, the Dean of the Graduate School has the final authority regarding arbitration, and his/her decision is final.

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**Signed**

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