

Working Paper # 39

Publication Charges for Peer-Reviewed Journals

Sponsored by Research Dte

1. Introduction and Rationale behind the Policy

The necessity of research publications for the prestige of university like NUST cannot be overstated. The citations received from these publications play an important role in the ranking of universities. Therefore, to further accelerate the research productivity and improve quality of our research publications, policies are periodically revised by Research Dte. Several brainstorming sessions were conducted with HoDs (Research), Principals of Schools and R&I Steering Committee members. A consensus was reached among the members of the 6th UCRIP meeting on the criteria for availing paper publication charges. The rationale behind the change in the policy is:

- a. Funding of Quality based Journal with respect to Quartile of the journal.
- b. As per Research Directorate investigation, Quartile 1 journals provide greater number of citations than lower quartiles, which contributes to the ranking of NUST.
- c. Shift of publishing attitude of the faculty towards higher impact factor journal.
- d. Halt in funding of predatory or non-impact factor journal, whose peer reviewing quality is low.

2. Publication Charges Rules

- a. On acceptance of research paper in a journal, case for sponsorship of publication charges/fee may be submitted on a prescribed Application Form attached as *Appendix A* **at least 04 weeks in advance** of the due date for processing and approval.
- b. Articles will be eligible for publication charges cases, if sent **within 3 months of acceptance** date. Any case sent later than 3 months, will not be eligible and entertained.
- c. **Only articles published in impact factor journals indexed in Web of Science will be provided publication charges. In Web of Science JCR – Journal Impact Factor (JIF)- Quartile ranking will be taken into account.**
- d. For **Quartile 1** articles in Web of Science JCR, publication fee up to \$ 1,800/- may be sponsored by NUST. For **Quartile 2** articles in Web of Science JCR, publication fee up to \$ 1,200/- may be sponsored by NUST.



- e. For **Quartile 2** articles in Web of Science JCR, only **one case per faculty** will be permitted for the Fiscal Year. If a second case is received, the share of the author will be cut.
- f. Faculty applying for publication charges with publications ranked in the **top 10 % (90th percentile)** of WoS-JCR subject category will be awarded **Quartile 2** financial award.
- g. Corresponding author of NUST if not present in the position of the first two authors will be moved to the **2nd position** for calculation of share of NUST authors in total publication charges.
- h. Quartiles and Journal Position data from WoS-JCR will be taken from the JCR year in which the article was published. If the JCR of the year of publication is not present, then the current JCR will be taken for the extraction of quartiles and journal position.
- i. Faculty applying for publication charges will not be eligible for financial awards.
- j. Exceptional cases for complete publication charges will be considered on a case-to-case basis.
- k. In case of multi-authored paper, the publication charges share of the authors will be added as follows:

No of Authors	Order of Authors	Percentage of Share
One	Sole Author	100 %
Two	1st Author	60%
	2nd Author	40%
Three	1st Author	50%
	2nd Author	35%
	3rd Author	15%
Four	1st Author	45%
	2nd Author	30%
	3rd Author	15%
	4th Author	10%

- l. The policy stated here will supersede the policies published previously in the NUST ORIC Policy 2015. The policy will be reviewed after every six months of its

publication. This policy will be implemented for e-minute case sent after **12th July 2021**.

- m. It is requested that the above information may please be disseminated for the information of all faculty members, researchers, and students. Relevant cases will be processed according to this policy.

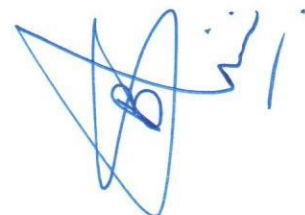
3. Benefits to NUST of the proposed policy

This policy is going to be advantageous in the following ways:


- a. Increase in number of higher impact factor journals being published every year leading to increase in citations.
- b. The funds which were used for non-impact factor journals will now be used for impact factor journal lying in higher quartiles.

4. Recommendation

The working paper was recommended for approval by 7th UCRIP held on 26 August 2021, and duly approved by 61st ACM held on 30 August 2021.



Appendix
Application Form

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**APPLICATION FORM FOR SPONSORSHIP OF PUBLICATION CHARGES/FEE OF RESEARCH
WORK/PAPER TO BE PUBLISHED IN JOURNAL**
(Providing information against each column is mandatory)

1. **Applicant's Profile:**
 - a. Name:
 - b. Registration No. /Date of Joining
 - c. Highest qualification
 - d. Designation
 - e. Institution
 - f. E-mail
 - g. Mobile #
 - h. Employment ID / Student Registration No:
 - i. CNIC No:

2. **Publication Details:**
 - a. Title of Book/Chapter/Paper:
 - b. Title of Journal:
 - c. ISBN/ISSN Number:
 - d. Edition/Volume Number:
 - e. Number of Pages Published:
 - f. Address of Publisher:

3. **Indexation Details**
 - a. Web of Science Indexations (Please attached copy of supporting documents):
 - b. Journal Quartile in the Category (only Q1 and Q2):
 - c. Subject Category Name:
 - d. TJ = Total journal in relevant WoS-JCR subject category:
 - e. PJ = Position of the journal in descending order in the subject category:
 - f. Impact Factor:

4. **Authorship Details:**
 - a. **1st Author**
 - (i) Name:
 - (ii) Designation:
 - (iii) Contact No:
 - (iv) e-mail Address:
 - (v) Organization:
 - (vi) Research Interest:
 - (vii) Paper Published:
 - (viii) Employment ID / Student Registration No::
 - (ix) CNIC No:

 - b. **2nd Author**
 - (i) Name:
 - (ii) Designation:
 - (iii) Contact No:
 - (iv) e-mail Address:



- (v) Organization:
- (vi) Research Interest:
- (vii) Paper Published:
- (viii) Employment ID / Student Registration No:
- (ix) CNIC No:

(To be continued depending upon number of authors)

5. Confirmation of Publication:

- a. Acceptance Letter:
- b. Reviewers Remarks:
- a. Copy of Camera Ready Research Paper to be provided.

6. Invoice Details

- a. Amount:
- b. Due Date:
- c. Details incentive/honorarium/sponsorship offered by any other Organization:

7. Utilization/commercialization aspects of the research work at present and in future with plans and goals:

8. Undertaking by the Applicant

I/we hereby undertake and affirm that

- a. The publication has been checked for plagiarism. The substance of the book/chapter/research work/paper being published (as indicated in S.No.1(a) above) is based on the original research conducted by me/us. No sentence, equation, diagram, table, paragraph or section has been copied verbatim from previous work unless it is placed under quotation marks and duly cited. A verified copy of Turnitin Report is attached. In case any plagiarism is proved, apart from penalties imposed, I will refund entire amount of funds.
- b. No other incentive, reward or financial assistance has been provided by any organization to me for the research work/paper.
- c. I will inform Research Dte, if there is any alteration/addition or change in copy of camera ready research paper (provided with the case) for publication.
- d. All the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- e. All the supporting documents submitted are authenticated.

Dated: _____

Name & Signature of Applicant

9. Recommendations of Commandant/Principal of Institution:

- a. Peer review/ objective evaluation of research work:
- b. Recommendations:

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

