

NASHER's "publisher's" Track

Deanship of Scientific Research – King Faisal University

Definition of the Track.

Based on:

- The Vision and Mission of the King Faisal University (KFU) in supporting scientific research,
- Creating a stimulating environment to achieve excellence in scientific research,
- Development of a culture of scientific research production by the Deanship of Scientific Research (DSR),
- The development of a motivated research system that establishes a meaningful research production,
- Encouraging the research capabilities of KFU staff (faculty members, post-graduate and undergraduate students),

The NASHIR's publisher's track by the DSR provides the necessary services, material, logistic and technical support needed by researchers, faculty members and students (post-graduate and undergraduate) for their research articles/projects which were completed and published in the ISI recognized journals. The funding will include translation and editing charges, the journal charges and the honorarium (allowance) offered to the researcher (s).

The proposal of the "NASHIR" track is a contribution from the DSR to achieve its strategic objectives in serving researchers and motivating them to publish their research in prestigious research journals and to document their research outputs in order to raise the rank of the researchers and the KFU in accordance with the recognized international standards. This is exactly what is supported by the universities scientific research unified bylaws where the Sixth Article, section (c), stipulates that the council of the DSR decides the approval of research projects, funding them and following up their implementations. The track also complies with Article 14 of the unified bylaws, which states that services may be provided for research and studies carried out by the researcher's own initiative for the purpose of publication or promotion even though the published research is not within any of the approved research plans of the DSR.

The Objectives of the NASHIR Track.

- To enhance the role of KFU in providing outstanding scientific research.
- To encourage scientific publications in international databases or recognized research journals.
- To support and document the research production of university employees and motivate them to raise the quality of research and increase the scientific publishing in order to raise the university ranking according to the relevant international research standards.
- To create an environment that encourages postgraduate students to perform outstanding scientific research.

Terms and Condition to Obtain Funding Through the NASHIR Track:

It should be taken into consideration that the terms and conditions related to funding through the NASHIR track should not conflict with the Financial Regulations and the Uniform Rules for Scientific Research in Saudi Universities.

In accordance to the Financial Regulations and the bylaws of Scientific Research in Saudi Universities, financial support offered by the NASHIR track is limited to translation costs, editing services, publishing fees in the ISI recognized scientific journals, and to the honorarium (allowance) of the researcher(s). Following terms and conditions must be followed to get the honorarium (allowance)of the researcher(s):

- The DSR or any other internal or external parties should not have funded the published research.
- The researcher (whether primary or associate) may submit two projects during the financial year for submission within NASHIR track, If the two projects completed during the fiscal year, the Deanship of Scientific Research may approve the researcher to submit two other projects one by one. provided that the published research is not a part of any other research projects supported by the DSR or any other funding body.
- The affiliation to KFU should appear clearly in the published research and at the top of the authors' list (the author should be listed as first leading author in the published paper).
- The research should be published in an international journal that is included in the Web of Science database (ISI) and has an impact factor according to the Journal Citation Report (Clarivate Analytics) for scientific, engineering and medical sciences. The journals classified in the Scopus database can be accepted for social and human disciplines.
- The researcher's KFU e-mail address should appear on publication.

- The compensation offered is limited to the aforementioned basic publishing expenses and the researchers' the honorarium (allowance) (provided that it includes the charges of free access to Open Content Choice). however, it does not cover the charges for obtaining hard copies of the research article or buying the journal issue in which the published research appeared etc.
- Comply with international scientific integrity, including the research international authorship.
- Refunds are made by submitting the original invoice and filling out the "NASHER" form. Non-original invoices will not be accepted.
- Financial benefits of the 'NASHER' track is offered after obtaining the approval of the committee of specialized member's at DSR.
- **Additional Criteria for Post-Graduate Students.**

In addition to the aforementioned regulations, postgraduate (Master and PhD) and undergraduate students are compensated if the following criteria are met:

- The student must be enrolled in one of the university academic programs (bachelor, master, PhD) when applying to "NASHER."
- Researchers must provide a proof of approval of their research proposal (for master and PhD students) or an approval of student project (undergraduate students) from the relevant councils.
- The DSR or any supporting body should not have supported the students' thesis/project
- A clear acknowledgment of the financial and logistic support provided by the DSR should be included in the publication.

The Budget of the NASHIR Track

The maximum limit for the financial support and honorarium (allowance) for published research is 30,000 SR, **which are distributed as follows:**

- The maximum financial support for translation, editing and publication fees in scientific journals is 15,000 SR per research published in accordance with the aforementioned regulations and the submitted invoices. Compensation for the publisher track shall not include any compensation for materials or equipment used in the published research.
- The financial honorarium (allowance) of the researcher(s) of the published research is calculated based on KFU regulations and on the unified regulations for scientific research in the Saudi Universities, with a maximum of 15,000 SR for KFU-affiliated researchers only.

- The maximum amount of the honorarium (allowance) offered to the primary researcher is 7,200 SR.
- The maximum limit for the honorarium (allowance) (reward) of the co-researcher is as follows:
 - PhD: (6.000 riyals).
 - Masters: (4.800 riyals).
 - Bachelor: (3.600 riyals).
 - Diploma and undergraduate students: (2,400 riyals).
- The honorarium (allowance) (reward) of the Principal Investigator if he/she is a Master, Bachelor, Diploma or Undergraduate student, as follows:
 - Masters: (800 riyals per month) and a maximum of 8 months.
 - Bachelor: (600 riyals per month) and a maximum of 8 months.
 - Diploma and undergraduate students: (400 riyals per month) and a maximum of 8 months.
- In the above cases, the sum of SAR 500 is added to the Correspondent Investigator (except the primary researcher).