

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Ministry of Education — Qassim University

Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research

Initiative to Incentivize Scientific Publishing in Indexed Journals

Overview

The Initiative to Incentivize Publishing in Indexed Journals aims to encourage faculty members, those of equivalent status, healthcare practitioners, and students affiliated with the University to publish their research in international scientific journals indexed in reliable global databases such as Web of Science and Scopus. This is achieved by providing financial incentive rewards granted based on the journal classification and publication quality in these approved databases, with the aim of raising the University's level of scientific output and strengthening its presence in the international research community.

General Criteria and Regulations

- 1) The financial reward shall be paid to Qassim University affiliates, including faculty members, those of equivalent status, healthcare practitioners affiliated with Medical City, and students.
- 2) To be eligible for the financial reward, the academic affiliation stated in the scientific paper for researchers affiliated with colleges must follow the format approved by the Scientific Council, as follows:
 - Department of, College of, Qassim University
 - The Applied College is exempted from the above college-name format and shall use the following format: Unit of Scientific Research, Applied College, Qassim University
 - Affiliates of Medical City shall use the following format: Department of, Medical City, Qassim University
- 3) To be eligible for the reward, the scientific paper must not be an output of research grants that received financial support from any entity within Qassim University, except for scientific papers that received financial support for APC.
- 4) An additional 30% of the reward value shall be added when there is research collaboration with universities ranked among the top 50 universities according to the Shanghai Ranking at the time of publication of the scientific paper.
- 5) An additional 15% of the reward value shall be added when there is research collaboration with universities ranked among the top 100 universities according to the Shanghai Ranking at the time of publication of the scientific paper.
- 6) An additional 10% of the reward value shall be added when there is research collaboration with non-academic entities outside the University.

7) An additional 5% of the reward value shall be added if fewer than five scientific papers published in Qassim University journals are cited, and 10% if five or more scientific papers are cited, provided that the citations are not from scientific papers authored by any of the authors of the submitted paper.

8) In the case of single-author publication, 50% of the category reward shall be paid.

9) Scientific papers accepted under the initiative shall be of the Research Article or Review type only.

10) The Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research is the authority responsible for interpreting the conditions.

11) The financial reward shall be withheld from any published research that violates the relevant regulations.

12) Applications shall not be accepted if more than six months have elapsed since the actual publication date.

13) The applicant's name must be among the first 15 authors of the scientific paper published under the first category; otherwise, it shall be counted under the second category.

First: Conditions and Regulations for Payment of the Financial Reward for All Disciplines (WoS)

1) To be eligible for the financial reward, the scientific paper must be published in a scientific journal indexed in Web of Science databases and listed within the following citation indexes: • Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) • Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) Research published in Web of Science Emerging Sources, in the Arts and Humanities Citation Index, or in journals without an impact factor shall not be accepted.

2) The financial reward for incentivizing publication shall be determined according to the following table:

Category	Journal Classification	Reward per Scientific Paper (SAR)	Maximum Aggregate Financial Reward per Gregorian Year
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First	Nature (ISSN: 0028-0836) Science (ISSN: 0036-8075)	One hundred thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 100,000)	Open
Second	Top 1% in the first quartile (Q1)	Thirty thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 30,000)	One hundred fifty thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 150,000)
Third	Top 10% in the first quartile (Q1)	Twenty thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 20,000)	One hundred thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 100,000)
Fourth	From 11% to 25% in the first quartile (Q1)	Fifteen thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 15,000)	One hundred thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 100,000)
Fifth	Second quartile (Q2)	Ten thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 10,000)	Seventy-five thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 75,000)
Sixth	Third quartile (Q3)	Eight thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 8,000)	Fifty thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 50,000)
Seventh	Fourth quartile (Q4)	Three thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 3,000)	Fifty thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 50,000)

3) The financial reward shall be divided by the total number of Qassim University authors in the scientific paper, and only the reward allocated to University affiliates shall be paid for the first and second categories.

4) The financial reward shall be divided by the total number of all authors of the scientific paper, and only the reward allocated to University affiliates shall be paid for all categories except the first and second categories.

Second: Conditions and Regulations for Payment of the Financial Reward for Humanities Disciplines (Scopus)

1) To be eligible for the financial reward, the research paper must be published in a scientific journal indexed in the Scopus database according to the most recent classification at the time of publication of the research paper.

2) The Scopus classification shall be the basis for determining the publication incentive reward for quartiles Q1 or Q2, as shown in the following table:

Category	Journal Classification in Scopus	Reward Value (SAR)
First	Top 10% in the first quartile (Q1)	Ten thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 10,000)
Second	From 11% to 25% in the first quartile (Q1)	Eight thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 8,000)
Third	Second quartile (Q2)	Five thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 5,000)

3) The total financial rewards paid to a single researcher shall not exceed fifty thousand Saudi riyals (SAR 50,000) in one Gregorian year.

4) The financial reward shall be divided by the total number of all authors of the scientific paper, and only the reward allocated to University affiliates shall be paid.

5) The colleges affiliated with the Research Center for Theoretical Colleges at the Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, Qassim University, are covered by this initiative for publication in Scopus databases.