

Kobe University Open Access Policy

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(Aim)

1. Kobe University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) will disseminate its outstanding Research Results widely to the world, as the goal set out in the Kobe University Charter on Research. Through this, we aim to realize the establishment of the world’s highest-level hub for education and research and the expansion of its international presence, leading to contributions to the resolution of current and future social issues and the advancement of academic research. To this end, the University adopts the following Open Access Policy regarding the Research Results achieved by board and faculty members belonging to the University (hereinafter referred to as “Faculty Members”).

(Definition)

2. In this Policy, the term “Research Result” means scholarly information as represented by scholarly articles authored or co-authored by Faculty Members and published in scholarly journals of commercial publishers, academic societies or university departments.

(Authority to make Research Results available to the public)

3. The University makes Research Results of Faculty Members available to the public on the internet via the Kobe University Institutional Repository (hereinafter referred to as the “Repository”). The ownership of the copyright of these Research Results is not transferred to the University.

(Exception)

4. The University will not make the specific Research Results available to the public if it is inappropriate to do so due to any compelling reasons such as copyright and licensing restrictions.

(Non-retroactive)

5. This Policy will not apply to any Research Results published prior to the implementation of this policy or any Research Results for which the Faculty Member entered into an incompatible licensing agreement prior to the implementation of this policy.

(Submission of Research Results)

6. Each Faculty Member will submit their Research Results with the permission of co-authors as soon as possible in the form of the published version or the author's final version subject to publisher permission policies for self-archiving.

(Operation of the Repository)

7. Issues related to the operation of the Repository will be managed based on the Guideline of Kobe University Repository.

(Operation and Review)

8. The University will review regularly to ensure that the Policy is functioning in accordance with its aim.

(Amendment)

9. This policy will be amended if the need arises, in accordance with the review stated in Article 8 and any changes in the domestic and international environment surrounding Open Access.

(Others)

10. Any necessary issues regarding Open Access unstated in this Policy will be discussed among the parties involved to make a decision.