

Subject: Reimbursement of Printing Charges to Encourage Publication in Quality Journals

Background & Rationale

In the global academic environment, university ranking agencies systematically harvest data from institutional websites and major research databases to evaluate universities. Among key parameters, the number and quality of research publications significantly influence an institution's visibility and ranking.

Despite the digital era, the value of disseminating printed scientific research remains high. Recognizing this, the Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) at The University of Faisalabad strives to promote an increase in the number of faculty publications in reputable and impact factor journals.

To support faculty members and reduce their financial burden associated with publication, it is proposed that the University introduce a scheme for "Reimbursement of Printing Charges." This incentive aims to encourage faculty to publish more research in high-impact international journals rather than limiting themselves to local publications.

Program Objectives

- To enhance the number of publications by faculty in quality, peer-reviewed journals.
- To strengthen the University's research profile and improve national and international rankings.
- To support faculty financially by reimbursing part or all of the publications (printing) charges.

Program Outline

Under this initiative:

- The corresponding or principal author, after publication of a research paper in an impact factor journal, may apply for reimbursement of printing charges actually paid by him/her.
- The reimbursement shall be made based on the impact factor (IF) of the journal, as per the following criteria:

Journal Impact Factor (IF)	Reimbursement
IF > 5	Up to Rs. 50,000/-
IF between 1 and 5	Up to Rs. 30,000/-
IF<1+Scopus Index	Rs. 20000/-

- Reimbursement will be provided in Pakistani Rupees. For charges paid in foreign currency, the amount will be converted into PKR based on the exchange rate applicable on the date of the invoice/bill.

Procedure

1. The Principal/Corresponding Author will submit the following documents to the Director ORIC through proper channel:
 - Invoice/Bill for the printing charges of the published research paper.
 - Proof of payment (e.g., bank statement, receipt).
 - Copy of the published research paper.
 - Certificate that the charges were paid personally by the author.
2. The Director ORIC will verify:
 - The authenticity of the publication and its impact factor.
 - The completeness of the submitted documents.
3. Upon verification and approval by the Rector, the Director ORIC will submit the case bill to the Accounts Department for reimbursement.

Note: This policy is valid from August 08, 2025