



Policy for Scholarly Publishing

Purpose

Scholarly publishing is crucial for researchers' merits and their career progression, and for Karlstad University's national and international visibility and attractiveness. Scholarly publishing is also associated with significant research ethical and legal responsibilities. To promote all these aspects of publishing, this policy outlines principles to guide scholarly publishing at Karlstad University. The policy is supplemented by *Guidelines for Scholarly Publishing* (Rb 33/26).

Scope

This policy and the associated guidelines apply to scholarly publications where Karlstad University is the sole, or one of several, affiliated institutions.

Principles

1. Integrity

All publishing at Karlstad University must adhere to established principles of good research practice, as described in *The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity* (ALLEA) and the Swedish Research Council's *Good Research Practice*.

2. Openness

Research results, research data or educational resources published through Karlstad University's platforms or by external actors (for example journals, publishers, data repositories or publishing platforms) shall be freely accessible via the internet under an open licence, provided this complies with applicable legislation, research ethics principles, and any concluded agreements.

3. Quality

In order to ensure transparent and high-quality assessment of research content, publishing shall take place in relevant, acknowledged and peer-reviewed national and international publishing channels that employ peer review. In accordance with established practice in the respective research field, when research quality is assessed emphasis shall be placed on content, contribution and research process. Bibliometric indicators may be used as complement but should not replace qualitative assessments or be decisive in the choice of publication channel.

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4. Visibility

To disseminate knowledge of and generate interest in the university's activities, and to enable the evaluation and follow-up of research, it is important that information about publications authored by individuals affiliated with the university is made available. It is also important for researchers' merits and career development that bibliographic information is readily accessible to employers and reviewers. Each researcher/author at Karlstad University is therefore responsible for ensuring that their publications are registered in the university's publication database, DiVA.

To ensure traceability, visibility and correct attribution of research, organisational affiliation shall be stated at the time of publication. The affiliation shall read *Karlstads universitet* in Swedish and *Karlstad University* in English, coupled with other relevant organisational units, such as department or research centre. In cases where an author has multiple affiliations, for example with another university in addition to Karlstad University, or with several organisations within the university (such as a department or research centre), the general principle should be that the organisation where the majority of the research was conducted is given priority when organisational affiliation needs to be selected.

5. Control

Researchers/authors should strive to publish with open access, under an open licence, and while retaining copyright to their work. Publishing agreements that undermine academic freedom – for example by dictating where and how authors may disseminate their work – shall not be entered into. Open access materials and publications produced by employed or affiliated researchers of Karlstad University shall include clear and appropriate licensing information. The researcher is responsible for ensuring that material is not disseminated in breach of applicable legislation or steering documents.

Karlstad University shall ensure that scholarly publishing complies with the requirements of national and international research funders, including requirements for open access to publications and research data. Researchers are responsible for adhering to funders' conditions, while the university provides support structures and guidelines to facilitate compliance.