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# Guidelines for the Highly Cited Paper Award

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## **A. Purpose**

The Highly Cited Paper Award is proposed to recognize KFUPM faculty members and researchers who have generated high-quality publications that have received high recognition by other researchers in the field. This award will also encourage faculty and researchers to carry out seminal work that attracts interest from other researchers.

## **B. Nomination**

Nominations from Department Chairs, Center Directors or faculty members, including self-nominations, are all acceptable.

## **C. Eligibility**

1. The paper to be considered must be published while the applicant is affiliated with KFUPM and the KFUPM name appears on the paper.
2. The nominated paper should have at least 200 non-self-citations over last 2 years.
3. Previously awarded papers must be excluded.
4. Papers that have received the “High Impact Paper Award” are not eligible for this award.

## **D. Process and Evaluation Criteria**

1. Only verifiable counts of citations from ISI web and SCOPUS are acceptable. Self-citations of all authors must be excluded.
2. While verifying citations, overlapping, (if any, between ISI and Scopus) should be eliminated to avoid double counting.
3. Only citations found in ISI paper publications are to be considered.
4. All nominations will be evaluated by an ad-hoc committee to be formed by DSR.



5. One paper will be selected for the award which has the highest average number of citations. This will be calculated as:

$$\text{Average number of citations} = \frac{\text{Total number of citations}}{\text{Year of application} - \text{Year of publication}}$$

## **E. Benefits**

The winner will receive a SR 15000 cash award as well as a plaque of recognition.