

Guidelines for Application and Review of National Cheng Kung University Press

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1. Objectives

The primary objectives of NCKU Press is to publish academic publications and achievements. In addition, NCKU Press also welcome outstanding scholars and experts to contribute their academic works.

2. Application

- a. Submissions are divided into general submissions and invited submissions. All contributions must follow the publication process (please check “Application for Publication” for more details).
- b. Contributors must fill in the “Application Form for Publication,” e-mail their works to NCKU Press (nckupress@ckhp.org.tw), or send digital files to NCKU Press. NCKU Press will contact the contributor after receiving the submission.
- c. Digital file formats: doc. txt. or any formats which allow editing.
- d. Charts, graphs, photos or pictures of the digital manuscript should be noted or fixed in the file.
- e. The references in the manuscript should be correctly formatted based on each contributor’s academic fields.

3. Review Process

- a. Publications are divided into academic publications, textbooks, and general publications.
- b. Academic publications, whose authors are mainly faculty members and students at NCKU, include academic books and book translations. Other submissions, whose authors are not associated directly with NCKU, will be reviewed as a special case. Before publication, all manuscripts must first be reviewed by the Editor-in-Chief of NCKU Press and then undergo anonymous review by two reviewers nominated by the Subject Area Editorial Committee. Book translation authors must confirm copyrights of the Chinese translation

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- c. All submissions must be unpublished works. Duplicate publications are not allowed, and NCKU press will reject any submissions from the same contributor within a three-year period.

6. These guidelines will be implemented after the approval at the executive meeting of the NCKU Foundation. Amendments will be approved at the same time.