

ENHANCING THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS OF VNUHCM

In the context of international education integration, the university ranking poses as an indispensable requirement of society on the right of being informed about the quality and operation of universities. "Living with rankings" is a common practice for universities around the world.

The ranking systems of THE and QS both use Scopus database to evaluate research achievements in the ranking process, in which the proportion of research accounts for 60%. Therefore, the implementation of the Project on Enhancing the International publications recognized by the Scopus database for the 2019- 2023 period is quite necessary to strengthen the prestige and position of VNUHCM in the region and the world.

The first thing to do is increase the awareness of international publication among lecturers, undergraduate and graduate students through communication activities on how to promote VNUHCM in research publications. Accordingly,

it is imperative that researchers/lecturers be required to submit articles to international journals in accordance with the regulations.

For example, when an article is coded "the article by Nguyen Van A 1,2", in details, 1 refers to University of Technology, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and 2 refers to Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

The second is to implement policies to enhance international publications by effective annual recognition with rewards for Science and Technology, rewards for ISI international publication, and rewards for international publications in the Scopus database. Most of them are not included in the research projects at

all levels. It is essential to develop policies to maximize the support for conference/workshop organizers that have proceedings under the Scopus list; policies to support conference and travel fees for authors who participate in such conferences/ workshops or support the fees for publication in Scopus journal; and formulate regulations on assessment framework or regulations on criteria for lecturers' task completion based on the Ministry of Education and Training's Circular No. 47 /TTBGD?T, dated December 31, 2014.

It is also necessary to insure proper management of research activities. VNUHCM reviews and approves the projects ranked VNUHCM A, B and C priority levels, and maximizes funding support for projects whose products are graduate training products and research publications in the Scopus list and the institution's Journal of Science and Technology Development.

Importantly, VNUHCM has developed key research programs associated with strong research groups and piloted centers of excellence since 2018; strengthened research resources through concentrated investment in strong research groups; promoted international cooperation in research in association with the formation of centers of excellence; and prioritized the implementation of interdisciplinary and national projects and projects of coordination between enterprises and localities.

Finally, it is needed to link research activities to graduate education. Strongly invested research groups will provide 20% of the funding for graduate training activities. The Department of Graduate Studies has collaborated with the Center for Predoctoral Training to organize a course for lecturers and researchers on "Process and techniques for developing international research publications according to Scopus standards".

The member universities need to coordinate with the Department of Graduate Studies in proposing/adjusting the training regulations; upgrading Journal of Science and Technology Development in accordance with the Scopus standards; establishing an international publication support office and support programs for international publication to support VNUHCM lecturers/researchers/learners in perfecting and improving the quality of manuscripts, and provide support language service so that their articles can be approved for publication by reputable international journals.