

Information regarding the online publication of doctoral theses

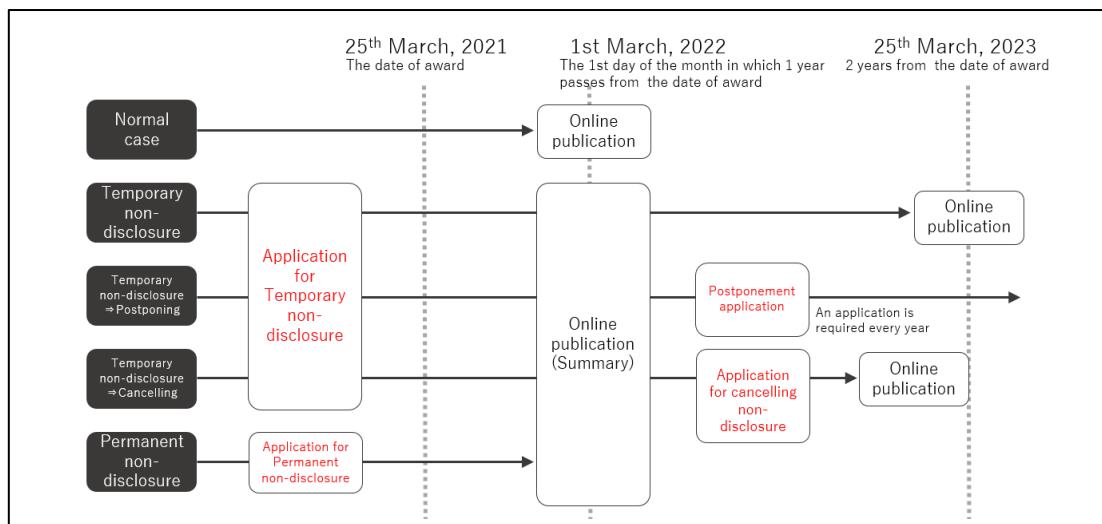
Since the Degree Regulations revision came into effect in April 2013, it has been mandatory for doctoral theses to be made publicly available on the Internet. At Kobe University, theses must be published on the "Kobe University Repository Kernel", with some exceptions. Please check the information below and follow the appropriate procedure.

Overview

- Since the enforcement of the Degree Regulations revision on April 1 2013, it has been mandatory to make doctoral theses publicly available on the Internet as follows:
 - Abstract: within 3 months after the date of award
 - Doctoral thesis: within 1 year after the date of award
- If it is not possible to make your doctoral thesis publicly available on the internet due to one of the unavoidable circumstances listed below, a summary can be substituted for the full text. However, even in this case, the full text of the doctoral thesis will be provided for viewing at the National Diet Library and Kobe University Library.
- Unavoidable circumstances are as follows:
 - ✓ The thesis includes a 3D shape.
 - ✓ Copyright protection
 - ✓ Privacy protection
 - ✓ Publishing in academic journals (incl. planned publication)
 - ✓ Publishing (incl. planned publication)
 - ✓ Applying for a patent

Procedure

- A non-disclosure application must be submitted to your department if one of the unavoidable circumstances above applies to your thesis. Please confirm with the Academic Affairs Section in your department regarding when you should submit this. If you fail to submit an application, your doctoral thesis will be made available on the Internet within 1 year from the date of award.
- Non-disclosure applications are either temporary (2 years from the date of award) or permanent.
- After graduation, a postponement application (for a period of 1 year) must be submitted if the unavoidable circumstance remains when the temporary non-disclosure period ends.
- If the unavoidable circumstance is resolved, an application for cancelling the non-disclosure must be submitted to your department.



How theses are disseminated

- At Kobe University, the full text (or summary) and abstract of each doctoral thesis are made available on the “Kobe University Repository Kernel”.
- Doctoral theses are provided for viewing at the National Diet Library and Kobe University Library.

"Kernel" is a platform for publishing Kobe University members' research results online, including academic journal articles and bulletin papers, in addition to doctoral theses. If there are no copyright or other issues, your research results can also be published. Please access the following URL for more details.

<https://da.lib.kobe-u.ac.jp/da/kernel/?lang=1>

Checklist for publication and internet publication

When	Checklist	What to do
Before thesis submission	Personal information	Confirm that you have permission to publish the personal information in your thesis in print and online.
	Copyrighted works	Confirm that you have copyright permission to publish in print and online (for matters beyond the scope of the references)
	Submission to a journal ※1	Check the publisher's policy on subsequently including a journal article in a doctoral thesis.
	Published articles ※1	Check the publisher's policy regarding the online publication of the article
	Patents	Consult with the Office for Academic and Industrial Innovation, Industry-University Collaboration and IP Management Section
After thesis submission	Submission to a journal ※2	Check the publisher's policy on submitting a doctoral thesis to the journal
	Published articles ※2	Check the publisher's policy on online publication

※1 When including your journal article in your thesis, you should make sure that

1. the publisher permits the inclusion of the journal article in a doctoral thesis
2. the publisher permits the doctoral thesis to be made available on the Internet (If it's not permitted, please submit a non-disclosure application of your doctoral thesis to your department.)

※2 When submitting and publishing a doctoral thesis as a journal article or a book, you should make sure that

1. the publisher permits the submission of the doctoral thesis as a journal article or a book
2. the publisher permits the doctoral thesis to be made available on the Internet (If it's not permitted, please submit a non-disclosure application of your doctoral thesis to your department.)

Notice regarding the full text file of your doctoral thesis

- It is possible to mask copyrighted works and others' personal information in your thesis if internet publication is not permitted. (Please submit a full text without masking as well.)
- Since a full text of the doctoral theses without masking will be provided for viewing at National Diet Library and Kobe University Library, please make sure that there are no issues with the copyrighted works and personal information of others in your thesis being made viewable in this way.
- Please consult with your academic advisor for further details.

More information

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<http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/stdnt-kymsys/student/blue04/index.html>
- Doctoral Theses (Kobe University Library)
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