# KIT
## Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

# Publishing within the KIT Open Access Infrastructure

## KIT LIBRARY

KIT Library operates various scientific publication infrastructures, following the Open Access model.

Therefore, KIT controls the distribution of scientific findings, and research is made visible, far from commercial intentions.

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**KIT open**     **KIT Scientific Publishing**

This tutorial will help in finding the right publication service for you.

## The ideal publication service at KIT for my project.

## GUIDELINES FOR PUBLISHING AT KIT

KIT and the Helmholtz Association are committed to open scientific research, with a baseline position on Open Access as well as an Open Science Policy and encourage all researchers to make their research results freely available on the internet.

## WHICH OPEN ACCESS SERVICE SUITS ME?

The decision in favour of a publication channel entails different efforts and framework conditions. You should ask yourself the following questions in advance:

- *What formal, technical and, if necessary, financial effort am I prepared to make for the preparation of my work?*

- *How can I guarantee that my work meets the quality requirements of the scientific community?*

- *How can I achieve the best possible visibility for my research results?*

## THE PUBLICATION SERVICES

KIT Library offers researchers at KIT two Open Access publication services with different focal points in terms of content and form:

**KIT⚙pen**

The KIT repository offers high standards for a sustainable and internationally networked service infrastructure.

- Dissertations
- Research reports
- Preprints
- Skripts
- Open Educational Resources
- Research data

**◣KIT Scientific Publishing**

The scientific publishing house of KIT offers high standards for publication processes, technical principles and best practices in publishing.

- Books
- Proceedings
- Publication series
- Open Access journals at KIT

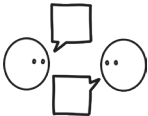A comparison of the two publication services is provided in the following table.

| | **Basic service** KIT**open** | **Service plus** KIT Scientific Publishing |
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| **Target groups** | PhD students, researchers and lecturers of KIT. | Heads of departments as editors of publication series as well as researchers with individual high-quality publications. |
| **Visibility** | Electronic publication with a persistent identifier (DOI) and indexing via search engines. Well-prepared metadata increases visibility. | Our publishing house is part of an international network of professional societies, research institutions and open access platforms, so in order to achieve the best possible visibility of high-quality research content. |
| **Content** | At KIT, publications must be prepared according to the guidelines of good scientific practice. The library supports you in all questions concerning the publication process. | Our publishing house makes the processes of reviewing manuscripts transparent. The reviewing process is differentiated according to different publication types. |
| **Open Access policy** | We recommend to distribute with Creative Commons licenses to increase visibility and secure terms for reuse. | Publications must be published with an open Creative Commons license (CC BY or CC BY-SA). |
| **ORCID** | The publication services are networked with the international research profile ORCID. We recommend authors to use this service. | For publishing, an ORCID of the author is mandatory. |
| **Manuscript** | You will find document templates for Word and TeX in the Toolbox. | Publications must comply with the KIT Scientific Publishing design guidelines. |
| **Typesetting and layout** | Consulting and training on format templates and editors for scientific writing (including SciFlow). | Assist authors with manuscript revision and typesetting work in XML editors. |
| **Publication formats** | PDF for texts; MP4 for AV files, various formats for research data. | Our publishing house provides professional distribution of publications in several formats (HTML, PDF, ePUB). The authors are involved in the production processes. |
| **Print copies** | Done via the KIT printing services. | Print on demand in the international book trade. |
| **Publication costs** | Free basic service. | Publication costs are incurred for certain types of publications (especially dissertations). |

## CONSULTING AND SUPPORT

The specialists of KIT Library's Publication and Media Services department provide advice and information on the following topics, among others:
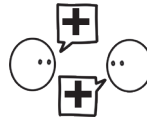
- Open Access distribution pathways
- Authors and their rights
- Quality assurance
- Publication series
- Regarding writing, typesetting and layout
- Digital teaching materials and Open Educational Resources
- Research data
- KIT-specific data and reporting
- Visibility in research profile services

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- **Repository KITopen**
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