Archiving Requirement

As a condition of graduation, KAUST requires master’s students who complete a thesis and doctoral students who complete a dissertation to have an electronic copy of it deposited in the KAUST research repository.

Deposit of theses and dissertations is completed by Graduate Program Coordinators after they receive the completed and signed approval and copyright forms, along with a final version of the thesis or dissertation.

Copyright and Availability

In the copyright form submitted with their final thesis or dissertation, students certify that:

• The version of the thesis or dissertation they are submitting is the same as that approved by their advisory committee;

• If appropriate, they have obtained a written permission statement from the owner(s) of any third-party copyrighted matter to be included in their thesis or dissertation.

In addition, they grant to KAUST a non-exclusive license to archive their thesis or dissertation and to make it accessible online, under one of the availability options below:

• Release the work immediately for worldwide access on the internet.

• Hold the work for one year, then release it for worldwide access on the internet. (This option allows the work to be temporarily secured for patent and/or other proprietary purposes. If continued protection is needed at the end of one year, the embargo can be extended with the email approval of the student’s advisor.)

At KAUST’s discretion an institutional embargo on the public release of a thesis/dissertation through the KAUST research repository can be placed by the Vice President for Research, the Vice President for Academic Affairs or the student supervisor for a period to be indicated through email instruction to the Library Director.

Students retain the copyright of their thesis or dissertation, including the right to use all or part of it in future works (such as articles or books).