Korea's Invitation Programs For Outstanding Researchers

The Korean government is inviting outstanding overseas researchers to research institutes in Korea in order to support joint research via the Brain Pool and KRF programs.

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Program Overview

Program	Details					Remarks
Brain Pool (BP)	Support for outstanding scientists' joint research and settlement in Korea •Target : Scientists who have more than five years of experience in R&D outside of Korea after obtaining a Ph.D. •Host Institutions : Universities in Korea , Government-supported Research Institutes, National and Public Research Institutes, Corporate Research Institutes, etc. •Level of Support					•The 2 nd call is scheduled to start in
	Туре	Program Period		Personnel Costs	Invitation Expenses	May~June •A total of 100 scientists are expected to be selected in 2019
	(Short Jerm)	6~12 Months For corporate research institutes, possible to apply for 3~12 months.		Max. of USD 177,000/year % Support up to USD 177,000/ year out of total personnel costs agreed with the host institution in Korea	Airfare, Moving expenses, Domestic business travel expenses, etc.	
	(Long Jerm)	3 years (2 + 1 year) % Additional funding year will be decided after the evaluation for the first 2 years.				
Korea Research Fellowship (KRF)	Supporting growth for promising early stage researchers as principal investigators •Target : Researchers who have obtained their doctoral degree within the past five years (Korean nationals are required to belong to a foreign affiliate when applying) •Host Institution : Universities in Korea , Government-supported Research Institutes, National and Public Research Institutes, Corporate Research Institutes, etc. •Level of Support					•The 2 nd call is scheduled to start in June~July
	Туре	Program Period	Level of Support			•A total of 100 researchers are expected to be selected in 2019
	Type 1 (Overseas→Korea)		Max. of USD 62,000/year including personnel costs (max. of USD 44,000/year), monthly rent fees for housing, etc.			
	Type 2 (For foreign researche residing in Korea)	3~5 years	 max. of USD 35,400/year for personnel costs ※ Additional 20% or more of personnel costs need to be set by matching funds from the host institution 			

How to Apply

(for the 2nd call of 2019 recruitment)

•Secure a host PI in Korea (Supporting research host matching) \rightarrow Draw up a research plan/ Discuss on the terms of the agreement \rightarrow Fill out the application form and submit via ERND by host PI (Scheduled in May~ July 2019) \rightarrow Selection notification (Scheduled in Aug~Sep 2019) \rightarrow Entry into Korea (by Dec. 2019)

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