



Korea Research Fellowship

Since 2015, a total of 303 overseas early-career researchers have been invited to research institutions in Korea and got long-term growth support. This program is designed to help overseas post-doc researchers produce outstanding achievements and pursue mutual growth in Korea. Interested applicants are requested to file an application in accordance with the relevant procedures.

Program Details

- Eligible KRF candidates : Overseas post-doc researchers or Korean national post-doc researchers currently residing overseas who have obtained their doctoral degree within the past five years (conferred within Mar. 1, 2015~ Mar. 31, 2020).
- Quota for 2020 (Scheduled) : Approx. 60
- Application Submission Period : Feb. 10, 2020 ~ Mar. 31, 2020

Types of KRF Programs and Level of Funding

Type	Program Period	Program Type	Personnel Costs	Living Expenses	Other	Subsidies for Host Institutions
[Type 1] Invited researchers who are residing overseas (Overseas → Korea)	3~5 years	1-1	Up to KRW 50 million	Up to KRW 12 million (for housing expenses, such as rent)	Up to KRW 5 million (airfare, moving expenses, travel expenses, etc.)	KRW 5 million (fixed amount) (for assigned staff, Nuri Course subsidies, etc.)
		1-2	Support of up to KRW 70 million/year		Up to KRW 5 million (airfare, moving expenses, travel expenses, etc.)	KRW 5 million (fixed amount) (for assigned staff, Nuri Course subsidies, etc.)
[Type 2] Long-term residents in Korea (Korea → Korea) * Korean Nationals not eligible			Up to KRW 40 million	For [Type 2] - Funding for "Living Expenses," "Other expenses," and "Subsidies for Host Institutions" is not applicable - Personnel costs for the KRF fellow – matching funds of 25% or more needs to be provided by the host institution (ex. If KRF fund is KRW 40 mil., KRW 10 mil. [KRW 40 mil. x 0.25] in matching funds is required [mandatory] from the host institution; total personnel costs will be KRW 50 mil.)		

Preferences & Other Notices

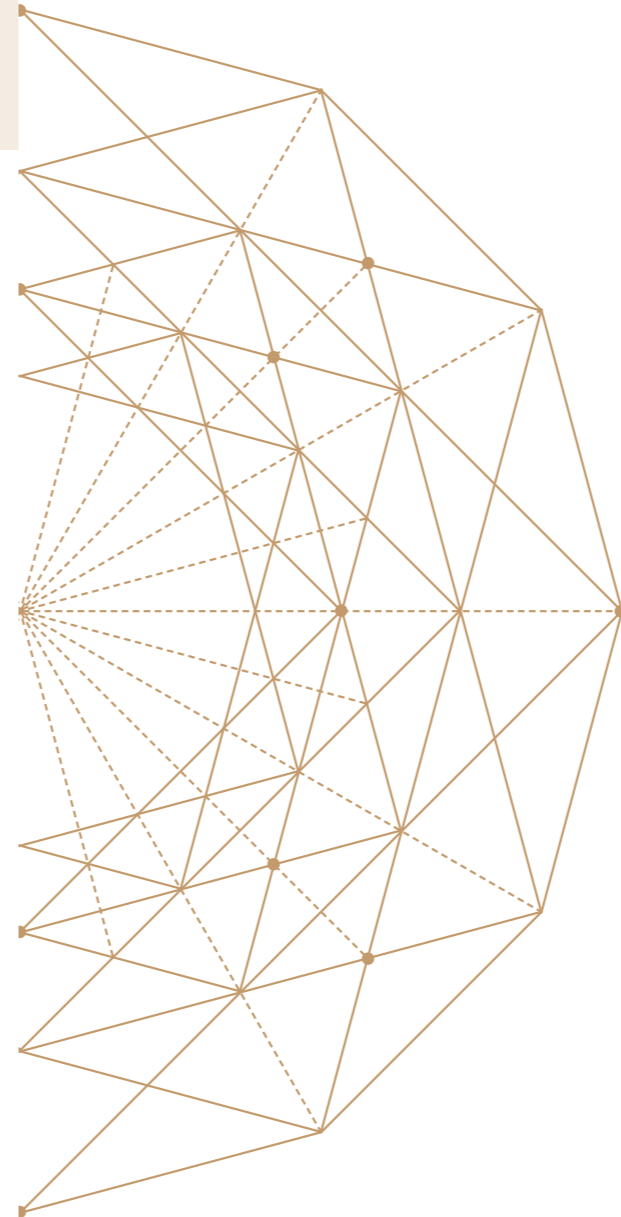
- Preference given to following industries and technology fields.

* (3 Key Strategic Investment Industries) ① Data Economy (Big Date/Block Chain/Sharing Economy), ② Artificial Intelligence (AI), ③ Hydrogen Economy
 * (8 Key Leading Industries) ① Smart Factory, ② Smart Farm, ③ Smart City, ④ Fin-tech, ⑤ New Energy Industry, ⑥ Drone, ⑦ Future Automobile, ⑧ Bio-health
 * (13 Key innovation growth engines) ① Big Data, ② Next Generation Communications, ③ Artificial Intelligence, ④ Autonomous (Driving)Vehicles, ⑤ Drone, ⑥ Customized Healthcare, ⑦ Smart City, ⑧ Virtual and Augmented Reality, ⑨ Intelligent Robot, ⑩ Intelligent Semiconductor, ⑪ Advanced Materials, ⑫ Innovative New Drugs, ⑬ New and Renewable Energy

- If the selected candidate abandons the appointment without an exceptional reason after receiving notification, the applicant (host researcher) and the candidate (invited scientist) will be disadvantaged when applying for the same program in the future.
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Korea's Invitation Programs for Outstanding Overseas Researchers

- Brain Pool (BP) Program
- Brain Pool Plus (BP+) Program
- Korea Research Fellowship (KRF) Program





Brain Pool Program

Since 1994, a total of 2,006 mid-career researchers have been invited to research institutions in Korea to perform joint research projects, with up to 300million KRW/person/year being provided as support for personnel costs and invitation expenses for each invited scientist.

Program Details

- Eligible Brain Pool Candidates : Outstanding overseas scientists in all science and technology fields, who have more than five years of experience in R&D outside of Korea after obtaining a Ph.D.
- Eligible Host Institutions : Government-funded research institutes, national/public research institutes, universities, research institutes affiliated with universities, corporate research institutes, nonprofit research institutes
- Quota for 2020 (Scheduled) : Approx. 75
- Application Submission Periods
 (1st) Feb. 10, 2020 ~ Feb. 28, 2020 (18:00 Korean Local Time) (2nd) (Scheduled) : Mar. 9, 2020 ~ Apr. 24, 2020
 (3rd) (Scheduled) : May. 4, 2020 ~ Jun. 26, 2020 (4th) (Scheduled) : July. 6, 2020 ~ Aug. 28, 2020



Types of BP Programs and Level of Funding

Type	Program Duration	Personnel Costs	Invitation Expenses
[Type 1] Short Term Support	6~12 months ※ for industrial bodies : 3-12 months	Based on the Brain Pool fellow's annual salary level at his/her original organization Min. KRW 5 mil. ~ Max. 25 mil. per month ※ For corporate research institutes, only 70% of the organization original personnel costs of original organization will be supported. ※ In the case of full-time (permanent) employees, this can be provided with expenses other than "personnel costs," such as subsidies for research activities, etc.	Airfare, moving expenses, insurance premiums, business travel expenses (domestic/overseas), child education subsidies (Nuri Course, etc.), subsidies for assigned staff ※ For type 2, housing allowance support is available based on actual expenses (Max. KRW 12 mil./year/fellow) from the 2nd year
[Type 2] Long-Term Support	3 years (2years+1year) ※ Possible to be awarded a Brain Pool Program extension up to 3 consecutive times, for a maximum of 5 years (includes Types 1·2)		

Preferences & Other Notices

- There is a minimum selection quota (30%) for ethnic Koreans or Korean nationals residing overseas.
- Preference is given to following industries and technology fields.

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Brain Pool Plus (BP+) Program

The Brain Pool Plus Program invites outstanding overseas scientists to come to Korea for the purposes of enhancing research competency through joint research in R&D fields, and hosts scientists who will be hired as full-time(permanent) employees by host institutions in Korea. Interested applicants are requested to file an application in accordance with the relevant procedures.

Program Details

- Eligible Overseas Ph.D. Researchers : Overseas researchers (Korean nationals, ethnic Koreans, foreign nationals) who are currently residing overseas, with excellent research skills in new industries, or who will be hired as full-time (permanent) employees by host institutions in Korea
- Host Researchers : For universities, the dean of academic affairs (director of the faculty personnel department); for other institutions, the general manager of the personnel department
- Host Institutions : Government-funded research institutes, national/public research institutes, universities, research institutes affiliated with universities, corporate research institutes, nonprofit research institutes, etc.
- Relevant Fields : 3 strategic investment fields, 8 leading industry technology fields, and 13 innovation growth engines

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- Quota for 2020 (Scheduled) : Approx. 10
- Application Submission Period : Mar. 2, 2020 ~ Mar. 13, 2020

Types of BP+ Programs and Level of Funding

Period of Support	Personnel Costs	Housing Allowance	Research Expenses	Other Expenses
Max.10 yrs(2+3+3+2)	Personnel costs at the level of a full-time employee or higher Fund matching by host institution is mandatory	(Support for invited scientist, as well as participating researcher(s) who have entered Korea together to participate in the project) Monthly rent / long-term rent with lump-sum deposit(Jeonse) and interest payments. Max. KRW 12 Mil. /Year/Researcher	Personnel costs for participating researcher(s) such as post-docs, and initial costs of setting up a laboratory, etc. * Indirect costs shall be limited to within 10% of the research expenses excluding personnel costs for post-docs, research allowances, etc. *Assigning administrative staff to be in charge is mandatory	(Support for invited scientist, as well as participating researcher(s) who have entered Korea together to participate in the project) Child education subsidies (Nuri Course, Korean or international schools which meet the requirements for Korean scholastic recognition corresponding to the elementary, middle, or high school level under the [Elementary and Secondary Education Act]; max. KRW 10 million/year per child in support available [based on actual expenses]), private insurance premiums, relocation expenses, domestic/overseas business travel expenses, etc.
Max. Support : KRW 600 Mil./Year				

Preferences & Other Notices

- The personnel costs for the invited scientist should be at the level of a full-time employee or higher at the host institution.
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