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# **2020 Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers**

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*Program Announcement*



**National Research Foundation of Korea**

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## Preface

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century is an era for knowledge-based societies. Many developed countries around the world are expanding their R&D budgets and increasing the role played by research support organizations.

In line with the current administration's policy, the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF), the nation's biggest research support organization, was established to work side by side with world-leading countries.

The NRF is currently laying the groundwork for a more abundant life for all humankind and a brighter future for Korea as a developed nation. In order to help inspire researchers and improve the quality of life for all, the NRF supports creative research that demonstrates the spirit of challenge.

Furthermore, the NRF will act as a systematic and specialized research support organization that will comprehensively promote a wide range of research.

This program aims to expand Korea's scientific cooperation in response to increasingly diversified requests from home and abroad, particularly in the area of human resources.

Fellows are expected to take advantage of such opportunities as shared friendships and mutual exchange of ideas with Korean scientists. It is hoped that this program will contribute to mutual understanding between participating countries.

## I. Overview

### 1. Purpose

The Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers is designed to provide promising young foreign researchers with opportunities to improve their knowledge and experience in the fields of science and technology, while also conducting research activities in Korean universities and research laboratories.

Under the program, the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) grants fellowships to foreign researchers to carry out work/research as a staff member in an approved work program relevant to his/her specialization under Korean advisors.

## II. Procedures

<b>1. Online Announcement</b>	Notice will be announced in NRF Website. (Around May)
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<b>2. Fundamental Conditions before you apply for this program.</b>	<p><b>1) Check Qualifications</b> : Please, check qualifications before you search for your Korean Advisor</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Citizenship</li> <li>b. Research Field</li> <li>c. Degree and Age</li> <li>d. Language Ability</li> </ol> <p># Refer to III. Eligibility</p> <p><b>2) Search and Contact Korean Host Researcher by yourself</b> : To apply for this program, applicants <b>MUST find and contact</b> a Korean host researcher <b>by yourself</b> before you apply for this program.</p> <p># NRF doesn't provide any list of researchers. : You can search your host advisor through the university website.</p> <p># The example of Fellowship Institutions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Universities</li> <li>b. University-affiliated research institutions in Korea</li> <li>c. Government-supported research institutions in Korea</li> </ol> <p><b>* Important Notes (Korean host researcher will submit all the documents)</b> : Your Korean host advisor's online submission for the required documents is until <b>8.Jun.2020.18:00(KST)</b> Therefore, please make sure you send all the completed documents to your Korean advisor by e-mail(Scanned Copy) AND air mail(Original Copy) before at least one week.</p>
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<b>3. Online Document Submission (Korean Host Advisor is in duty to submit all the documents)</b>	<p><b>1) Online Document Submission</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Applicants MUST complete the Annex 1, Annex 2 and Annex 3.</li> <li>b. Send all the completed documents to your Korean Host Advisor by e-mail (Scanned Copy) AND air mail (Original Copy).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-mail: Send scanned documents to your Korean host researcher for Online submission.</li> <li>• Air mail: Send original documents to your Korean host researcher. He/She will send it to NRF office. <b>(Due date: 12.Jun.2020)</b></li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>* Important Notes</b> : Korean host advisor is responsible for submitting your application form to online system and NRF office (<u>Seven Copies: One Original document and Six duplicates</u>).</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Annex 1: Application Form] : will NOT be accepted without your signature on page 4</li> <li>• [Annex 2: Recommendation of the Authority] : Must be ORIGINAL COPY/DO NOT send duplicate copy of this form : Authority's office address or the name of the person in charge MUST correspond to <u>the list of authorities(page 7) if you gain recommendation of the organization listed below</u></li> <li>• [Annex 3: Medical Record] : MUST be completed by your doctor with his/her signature. (Submit the ORIGINAL COPY to your Korean host advisor)</li> </ul>
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<b>4. Approval from host institutions (University's R&amp;D Foundation etc.)</b>	Korean Host Institution MUST approve your applications until <b>9.Jun.2020. 18:00(KST)</b> through on-line system.  <b>* Important Notes</b> : NRF will check this.
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<b>5. Document Submission to NRF Seoul office (Korean Host Advisor is in duty to submit all the documents)</b>	<b>2) Document Submission to NRF Seoul office (Korean Host Advisor)</b> : Korean Host Researcher is responsible for submitting all of the applicant's documents to NRF office by post or in person during the designated period, and the address is same as below:  - <b>Submission due date: 12.Jun.2020. 18:00(KST)</b> - <b>Address:</b> <b>National Research Foundation of Korea</b> <b>25, Heonreung-ro, Seocho-gu, Seoul</b> <b>06792, Korea</b>  ※ Late delivery of supporting documents will be accepted ONLY with postmark stamped within the submission period.
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<b>6. Document Screening and the final result</b>	Once the document screening has been finished, final result will be delivered to your Host Institution and Korean Host Researcher. Please contact with them.
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**※ Important Notes**

- (1) If necessary, NRF can ask you additional documents for clear verification.
- (2) Once we receive any documents, it is not allowed to return.
- (3) Only ORIGINAL COPY for [Annex 2. Recommendation of the Authority] is officially considered as screening document.

### III. Eligibility

#### 1. Citizenship (13 countries)

- You must hold one of the citizenships of below countries.

<b>Asia (9 countries)</b>	Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal, Myanmar
<b>Africa (4 countries)</b>	Egypt, Republic of south Africa, Ethiopia, Tanzania

#### 2. Research Fields

- Natural Science and Engineering

#### 3. Degree and Age

- Hold a Ph.D. degree and have some experiences in natural science and engineering field
- Be under the age of forty in the time for submitting the application (**born after 8 June, 1980**)

#### 4. Language Ability

- Have a good command of spoken and written English or Korean Language.

### IV. Allowance & Expenses

1. A living allowance of 2,000,000 Won (Korean currency unit) per month.  
*\* Taxes will be levied in this living allowance according to the Income Tax Law*
2. Round-trip airplane tickets for fellows only.  
*\* Tickets will be issued by NRF and sent to applicants by PTA (prepaid ticket advice).*  
*\* Airplane ticket is one-year valid only*  
*\* Any expenses for change or delay is on beneficiaries themselves*
3. Insurance during your stay in Korea is paid by your institution.  
*\* Any expenses for medical treatment not covered by the policy must be handled by yourself.*

### V. Regulations

1. Not qualified for this program if you got a Ph.D. from a university in south korea.
2. MUST begin your research in Korea within 2 months after receiving the acceptance of this program.

*\* Reserved candidate will have the opportunity automatically if you don't obey this regulation.*

3. MUST abide by the rules and regulations of the training institutions once you join this program.

## VI. Check List of Required Documents

### 1. Applicant(Foreigner)

No.	Document List		Check
1	[Annex.1] Application Form	- Check your signature	
2	[Annex.2] Recommendation of the Authority	- the ORIGINAL Copy is officially considered as screening documents. - Recommendation of the President(or Director) of your organization(Including University) is officially recognized.	
3	[Annex.3] Medical Record	- MUST be completed by your doctor with his/her signature. - Submit the ORIGINAL COPY to your Korean host advisor	

### 2. Korean Host Advisor

No.	Document List		Check
1	[Annex.1] Work Plans for Foreign Researchers	- Should be written in Korean <b>OR</b> English	
2	Invitation Letter for Foreign Researcher.	- Should be written in English - Submit ORIGINAL COPY to NRF office	
3	Consent form for provision and application of personal information		

## VII. List of Nominating Authorities

**\*Important Note:**

The nominating authorities can be changed depending on the situation of each organization. Please contact the current responsible person of the organization to gain his/her recommendation and signature. You can submit Recommendation of the President(or Director) of your organization(including University) But Preference will be given to applicants who gain recommendation of Nominating authorities.

Country	Nominating Authorities	Remarks
Egypt	<b>Prof. Mahmoud M. Sakr</b> President Scientific and Cultural Relations Academy of Scientific Research & Technology(ASRT) 101 Kasr El-Aini St. Cairo 11516, Egypt	Tel : 20-2-27921305/1287 Fax : 20-2-27921305/1270 E-mail : <a href="mailto:asrt@asrt.sci.eg">asrt@asrt.sci.eg</a>
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**[Annex 1] Application Form**

## 2020 NRF Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers

*Instructions: Application form should be typewritten and filled out in English.*

1. Name in Full: _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <span>(First Name)</span> <span>(Last Name)</span> </div>			(PHOTO)
2. Passport No.:			
3. Current Institution:			
4. Current Position:			
5. Sex	6. Nationality	7. Date of Birth	8. Place of Birth
M / F			
9. Marital status: Married (    )      Single (    ) If married, will spouse and children accompany? Yes (    )    No (    ) Number of accompanying people:			
10. Field of specialization and proposed research title in Korea 1) Research Field: 2) Research Title:			
11. Addresses for contact 1) Office:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin-left: 20px;"> <span>(Tel: _____)</span> <span>Fax: _____</span> <span>)</span> </div> 2) Home:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin-left: 20px;"> <span>(Tel: _____)</span> <span>Fax: _____</span> <span>)</span> </div> 3) E-mail:			

12. Proposed duration of NRF research fellowship:  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_ months  
           day / month / year            day / month / year

13. Proposed Korean Advisor

1) Name:  
 2) Position or Title and Department:  
 3) Institution:

(Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ )

14. Educational background (starting with your undergraduate degree)

Name of Institution	Major Field	Academic Degree	Year

15. Foreign language proficiency  
 (Please evaluate yourself by writing “excellent”, “good”, or “fair”)

Language	Speaking	Writing	Reading

16. List of major publications including master's/doctoral theses:

17. Previous visit to Korea (if any):

Year	Length of stay	Institution/Location	Funded by	Purpose of Visit

18. Past and current research:

(State past and current research relevant to the proposed research title)

19. Research plan for the fellowship program in Korea:

20. Signature of the Applicant

**(THIS APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT SIGNATURE)**

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**[Annex 2] Recommendation of the Authority**

<p>21. Recommendation of the Authority</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Instructions: To be completed in detail and signed (the name and title of the responsible official must be typewritten) by the relevant government body (Please check VII. List of Nominating Authorities If you gain recommendation of the organization mentioned above).</p>
<p>1) Comments on academic qualifications, professional experience in the research field and ability of the applicant:</p>
<p>2) Comments on the utilization of training output of the fellowship recipient to his/her motherland after returning home:</p>

Signature of the Responsible Official	Date	Office Address
Name in Print		
Position		

		Telephone Number: Facsimile Number: Email Address:
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**[Annex 3] Medical Record**

Name: _____			
Age: _____	Sex: _____	Height: _____	Weight: _____
1) If the fellow has a history of illness or other disorders during the last five years, please describe the treatment received and present status.			
2) List any abnormalities indicated in the chest X-ray.			
3) What is the fellow's normal blood pressure?			
4) Is the fellow free from infectious disease (AIDS, tuberculosis, trachoma, skin diseases, etc.)?			
5) Is the fellow physically and mentally able to carry out intensive training away from his/her home?			
6) Describe the fellow's overall health condition (include remarks of the examining physician).			
Name and address of clinic: _____			
Date: _____			
Name of Physician: _____			
Telephone Number: _____			
Signature: _____			

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_