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Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers

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Preface

The 21st 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 separate research support foundations that were operating under the supervision of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology have been consolidated into one foundation, the NRF.

The NRF will search for new fields of studies by planning research and integrating disciplines from all academic fields

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.

2. Eligible Countries

Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Malaysia, Poland, Romania, Sudan, Thailand, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

3. Research Fields

Natural Science and Engineering

4. Duration and Commencement of Fellowship

- Fellowships are awarded for a period of 6~12 months
- Each fellowship must begin [between September 1 ~ November 30, 2010](#)

5. Fellowship Institutions

- Universities, university-affiliated research institutions in Korea
- Government-supported research institutions in Korea

II . Conditions of Award

1. Qualifications of Applicants

Applicants should:

- hold a Ph.D. degree and have some experiences in his/her field.
- [under the age of forty in the time for submitting the application .](#)
- be recommended by a nominating authority (Annex 3), in accordance with item 21 of the application form (Annex 1).
- hold an invitation letter from a Korean Advisor in order to be recommended by the nominating authority.
- have a good command of spoken and written English (or Korean language).
- be in good health, both physically and mentally.

2. Application Procedure and Screening

- (1) Each applicant should make contact with a Korean host researcher in advance and hold an invitation letter from him/her.
- (2) Each applicant must submit one signed copy of the Application Form (Annex 1 & 2) to the Korean host researcher with the recommendation from the nominating authority (item 21 of Annex 1, confer Annex 3).
- (3) Korean host researchers should submit the participant's application to NRF [by](#)

[30 July 2010.](#)

- (4) NRF will inform the applicants' Nominating Authorities and Korean host researcher whether or not the applicants have been accepted [by 31 August 2010.](#)

III. Allowance & Expenses

NRF provides Fellowship recipients with the following allowances and expenses:

1. A living allowance of 1,700,000 Won (Korean currency unit) per month.
2. Overseas travel accident insurance for the fellow covering medical treatment during their stay in Korea in accordance with local insurance company policy. Any expenses for medical treatment not covered by the policy must be borne by fellows themselves.
3. Round-trip airplane tickets for fellows only (Tickets will be issued by NRF and sent to applicants by PTA).

IV. Regulations

Fellows are required:

1. not to change their research title and proposed duration.
2. to commence their research in Korea within 3 months after receiving the acceptance mentioned in section II , 2.(4) above.
3. to abide by the rules and regulations of the training institutions or establishments with which fellows undertake to study.

V . Pre-departure Instruction

1. Selected candidates should make contact with the Korean host researchers, and submit the necessary documents for applying for a long-term (6-12months) VISA to the Korean Embassy in the candidates' country.
2. Selected candidates should confer with their host researchers about travel details at least 3 weeks before coming to Korea.

VI. Correspondence

For further details concerning this program, please contact the nominating authorities

in your home country (See Annex 3).

*The application must be submitted to NRF through the Korean host researcher. Any applicant not recommended by the nominating authority and a Korean host researcher **will not be accepted** (See the item 21 of the Annex 1, confer Annex 3).*

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Annex 1

APPLICATION FORM

2010 NRF Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers

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

1. Name in Full: _____ (First Name) (Last Name)			(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) Field: 2) Title:			
11. Addresses for contact 1) Office: (Tel: _____ Fax: _____) 2) Home: (Tel: _____ Fax: _____) 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:

)

※Attach an invitation letter from your Korean Advisor

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 : _____

<p>21. Recommendation of the nominating authority</p> <p>Instructions: To be completed in detail and signed (the name and title of the responsible official must be typewritten) by the relevant government body (See Annex 3).</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 (Confer Annex 3)	Date:	Office Address
	Name in Print	
Position		Telephone Number: Facsimile Number: Email Address:

Annex 2

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: _____	

Annex 3

NOMINATING AUTHORITIES

Country	Nominating Authorities	Remarks
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※ The above list of nominating authorities can be changed depending on the situation, so please contact the present responsible official of each country.