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# **Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers**

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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 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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