

2025 Bilateral Research Exchange Program RFP (1st Round)

- Vietnam, Belgium, Czech Republic, Turkey, France -

► Overview of program

:: Purpose

○(Purpose) In order to build an international cooperation network for domestic researchers and lay the foundation for joint research, the National Research Foundation of Korea is inviting interested researchers to submit new projects for the 2025 Bilateral Research Exchange Support Project (Vietnam, Belgium, Czech Republic, Turkic and French) as follows. We look forward to your participation.

○(Award procedure) Confirmation of joint submission by both parties, review of eligibility requirements, and determination of the projects to be evaluated -> Implementation of individual selection evaluations by both parties -> Exchange of evaluation results and rankings, and consultation on the final selected projects -> Compilation of selected projects and initiation of research

:: Program details

Agency (Country)	Fields	Grant (year, per project)	Extension Period	Program start	# of projects
VAST (Vietnam)	Science Tech	15 months	2 years	25.01.01	Within 3 projects
FWO (Belgium)	All fields	20 months			Within 3 projects
GACR (Czech)	All fields	20 months			Within 3 projects
TUBITAK (Turkey)	All fields	20 months			Within 7 projects
CNRS (France)	All fields	20 months	5 years		Within 3 projects
Total					19 years total

※ Korea-France Project: French researchers apply through CNRS's IRN* or IRP**
 * International Research Network (IRN) / ** International Research Program (IRP)

< Mandatory Checks >

- The above contents can be changed according to agreement with partner organizations.
- The above support amount is the amount used by domestic researchers, and international researchers will receive a corresponding amount from the partner organization in the other country (for details on support for international researchers, please contact the partner organization in each country)
- The above support amount includes indirect costs (indirect costs can be calculated up to 5% of direct costs)- 'Researcher exchange' is a business type whose main purpose is to establish a foundation for revitalizing joint research by supporting various international cooperation activities such as exchange of information/manpower and holding joint seminars. This applies when it is necessary to account for research equipment and material costs. Please specify in detail in the research plan the direct connection with task performance.
- When applying, be sure to enter the 'research institution of the partner country' and 'research director' (English, full name)
- Since Korea's application period and the other country's application period may be different, applicants are advised to apply to the relevant institution after researchers from the other country must check the application period of the relevant institution.
 - Projects that are not submitted to both the foundation and the partner organization will be disqualified from the requirements review.

▶ Application submission

:: Eligibility

- Among those belonging to “universities” (including affiliated research institutes) and “research institutions” under Article 2 of the Academic Promotion Act, those who can apply in the name of the head of the relevant institution.
- In principle, each person must apply for one project within the same project (bilateral research exchange support).
- This project is an institution-specific project of the National Research Foundation of Korea, and is not included in the national R&D project research project award cap system (2 books/3 credits in the humanities and social sciences field, 3 books/5 credits in the science and technology field, etc.).
- A person who is or is planning to participate as a research director in the National Research Foundation of Korea's institution-specific international cooperation project* as of the scheduled research start date.
 - Korea Research Foundation-specific international cooperation project

Research exchange (Bilateral/general), Korea-China (NSFC) cooperative research, Key Joint Research, Korea-China(CSTEC) Young Scientist Exchange Project (dispatch researcher), Korea-Japan (JSPS) collaborative research, Korea-China-Japan A3Foresight Program, Korea-Germany special cooperation (DFG/DAAD related and R&D network program), Special cooperation between Korea and Northern Europe (related to STINT, etc.), special cooperation between Korea and the United States in the humanities field, IIASA cooperation projects, etc.

:: Required docs and procedure

- **Procedure:** Apply through online IRIS system
- **Required docs:** ① Research plan* ② Exchange letter with the other researcher** ③ Other supporting forms for new assignments

* In principle, the application must be written in Korean, but foreign applicants can apply in English.

** Exchange letter with the other researcher: Official document containing details of agreement and cooperation on project application or, attach a copy of email, etc. to submission form ② and submit.

***Please refer to attached docs for formats.

:: Time Frame

Classification	Deadlines
Principal Investigator (Close date of application)	Wed, 1 st of May ~ Thu, 27 th of June. '24 (17:00)
Lead Research Institution review & confirmation	Wed, 1 st of May ~ Mon, 1 st of July. '24 (17:00)

※ The above period is Korea's application period (based on KST [Korean Standard Time]). In some countries (Czech Republic*, etc.), the application period may be different, so applicants must be sure that researchers from the other country check the application period of the relevant institution. After confirmation, you will be instructed to apply to the relevant institution * Czech Republic application period: 2024.2.9.~4.3.

:: Assessment Criteria

Assessment Item	Details	Points
Research plans (40)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Creativity and necessity of research projects - Validity of research goals, achievability, innovativeness of ideas, etc. 	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fidelity of the implementation plan and appropriateness of the implementation system- Degree of establishment of a foundation for cooperation, including performance of exchanges with the other side- Validity of exchange plan, specificity and appropriateness of technology/human exchange- Role division and research performance promotion system 	20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Appropriateness of budget plan, including exchange costs 	10
Research capabilities (30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Research capabilities of Korean researchers or affiliated institutions/organizations 	15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Research capabilities of the other party's researchers or affiliated institutions/organizations 	15
Benefit (30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ripple effect of research project and possibility of utilizing research results- Potential for contributing to internationalization (building a global network, strengthening cooperation, etc.) 	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Possibility of domestic and international linkage and cooperation in carrying out research projects- Possibility of developing into a practical joint research group through interconnection with overseas researchers 	20
Total		100

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