
Call for Proposals: Grant Funding in 2022 for Academic and Policy Research Projects on North Korea and Unification

The Institute for Far Eastern Studies (IFES) of Kyungnam University (Seoul, Korea) invites applications for academic and policy research projects on North Korea and unification for the year 2022. For those who are interested, please see the details below.

1. Funding Objectives

Facilitate academic exchanges among scholars and experts focused on research pertaining to peace and unification of the Korean peninsula and North Korea.

2. Guidelines and Conditions for Academic and Policy Research Grants

To apply for funding for an academic or policy research project, please consult the following:

2.1 Research Themes (Select one of the following areas)

- Inter-Korean relations, North Korea, Peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula
- Policy strategy on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and establishment of peace on the peninsula
- Development of inter-Korean relations and Korean unification and its impact on the international community and relations

2.2 Prospective applicants: overseas researcher, research team, or research institute (note: proposals from research team or institute involving collaborative research with a scholar in Korea will also be considered)

2.3 Grants

- Research Institute · Research Team (of scholars): US\$30,000 ~ \$50,000
- Individual researcher: US\$20,000 max.

2.4 Funding Period

Approx. 6 months

*The duration of grant funding will vary upon proposal evaluation.

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1 Eligibility

- Overseas research institute, think tank, university institution
- Research team
- Individual researcher

* Research institute/think tank/university institution: the principal investigator is required to submit an official letter of approval authorizing him/her to make the application on behalf of and represent the applying overseas institute

* Research team: the principal investigator and every member of the research team is required to submit proof of affiliation

* Individual researcher: the principal investigator is required to submit one letter of reference

3.2 Restrictions

- A principal investigator, co-investigator, or researcher receiving grant funding (existing or forthcoming) from elsewhere during the funding period (April 1, 2022 ~ end of completion of proposed research) will be deemed ineligible for application.
- An applicant who has received or is receiving funding from another funding institution(s) for a project with the same research theme will be deemed ineligible for application.
- An applicant who has received a research grant from a Korean organization (e.g., Korea Foundation, National Research Foundation of Korea, Ministry of Unification, etc.) but failed to meet the grant requirements (i.e., failed to submit research results by the required deadline) will be considered unqualified and therefore ineligible to apply.

4. Application Guide

4.1 How to apply: [via Email] ifes_apply@kyungnam.ac.kr

- For an application to be considered, all application documents must arrive before the closing date/time (February, 28, 2022, 18:00 KST).
- Please check the documents carefully. After submission, no changes can be made to the documents.

4.2 Required documents (to be submitted in Korean *or* English)

- Application form
- Research proposal
- Budget justification
- Curriculum Vitae
- Agreement to collect and use personal information
- Letter of recommendation
- Application Checklist
- (If necessary) Supporting documentation, such as degree certificates and publication record

* All documents must be sent as PDF files.

* Supporting documents that are in a language other than English or Korean must be accompanied by an official translation of the original document.

* In accordance with the enforcement decree of the Personal Information Protection Act 2011, all applicants must submit consent to collection and use of personal information.

5. Application Period:

January 25 (Tue.), 2022 – February 28 (Mon.), 2022 (18:00 KST)

6. Review and Decisions

Reviews, Funding decisions, Signing agreements: No later than March 31, 2022
(Schedule may change depending on circumstances)

7. Note

- All materials and documents submitted cannot be returned.
- Forged, false and fraudulent documents will not be considered for review.
- All supporting documents should be attached to the proposal.
- IFES may contact the applicant/institute to request additional documents during the application review.
- IFES may contact the applicant/institute to request a revision of the submitted research proposal.
- Proposals and all supporting documents submitted will be treated confidentially.

7. Contact Information

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