

[Call for Proposal]
NRF International Mobility Program 2026

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[NOTE]

The maximum number* of Research and Development task that one researcher may perform simultaneously is inapplicable to this program.

**** S&T(3 projects as PI, 5 project as Co-I) / Humanities and social science(1 project as PI, 3 project as Co-I)***

1. Program Overview

1.1. Objectives

- Support research exchanges and multilateral cooperation domestic researchers and researchers from various countries around the world.
- Establish the global R&D network and promote joint research by supporting various international cooperation activities such as joint seminars and researcher exchanges between domestic and overseas researchers.

1.2. Features

- Eligible Fields : All fields
- Funding(KRW/Yr) : 20,000,000
- Period : 1 year
- Number of Project* : Around 10
 - * *The number of projects may be subject to change.*
- Commencement Date : December 1st, 2026
- Program Type : Research Exchange(personnel exchange, joint seminar, etc.)
- Subject(overseas counterpart*) : Researchers who can secure funds from government, funding agencies, institutes or universities, to conduct international research projects.

* *Partner countries under “NRF Cooperation Program” and “MSIT International Cooperation Program” are excluded*

Continent	Country
America	Brazil
Asia	China, Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand
Europe	Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, Austria, Italy, Czech, Türkiye, France

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1. In the case of multilateral cooperation, researchers in all partner countries must have their own research funds.
2. The program is aimed at building the network and base for research exchange activities, rather than conducting research itself. Thus, expenses of personnel, research equipment and materials should not be counted.
3. Funding grants include indirect expenses (less than 5% of direct expenses).
4. The funding above is for Korean researchers applying to the NRF. Partner researchers are encouraged to use their funding.
5. The names of partner countries, organizations and researchers should be stated in application form (in English).
6. The information(name of program, title of project, research period, funding, ect.) of the applicant's project in progress should be stated in application form.

2. Application Guidelines

2.1. Eligibility

- Researchers at universities/institutes as defined in Article 2 of the Framework Act on Academic Promotion, and be eligible to apply with the official nomination of the head of the affiliated institution.
- ※ *Partner researcher should meet qualifications by respective agencies*
- Researchers who are **NOT** restricted under the followings:

- ① A researcher, as of the commencement date, who is currently participating or intends to participate as PI in other NRF funded international cooperation programs*
- ※ *Short-term research exchange(international symposium/seminar/airfare funding) programs are NOT included.*
- * NRF funded International Cooperation Program**
- NRF-NSFC Joint Research, NRF-JSPS Joint Research, NRF-NSFC Key Joint Research, A3 Foresight Program, ROK-GER Cooperation Program(DFG,DAAD,AvH), NRF-NORDIC Cooperation Program, ROK-US Cooperation Program in Humanities, Research Exchange(bilateral/unilateral), NRF-IIASA Cooperation Program, NRF-CSTEC Young Researcher Exchange Program(dispatched researchers only)*
- ② A researcher under restriction by Enforcement Decree of National Research and Development Act as of the last day of submission. An applicant who gets restriction after the submission must report to NRF. and the respective proposal will be excluded from evaluation.
- ③ A researcher funded by the NRF, and has not yet submitted the final report on the respective projects within due date.
- ④ A researcher who intends to submit the same research already funded by either the NRF or other funding agencies. ※ *NTIS inspection and expert review will decide redundancy.*

2.2. How to Apply : Online Application via IRIS system ※ URL : <https://www.iris.go.kr>

2.3. Requirements ※ *Forms for each requirement is enclosed*

- Research Proposal ※ *Foreign applicants may submit the proposal in English*
- Letter of Collaboration between PIs(either e-mail or official documents)
- (Conditional) Document* to prove matching fund
- * *E-mails are not valid while Scanned copies of official letters or screenshot of a research funding system with total among of funds are valid.*
- Personal Information Collection and Use Consent Form

2.4. Schedules

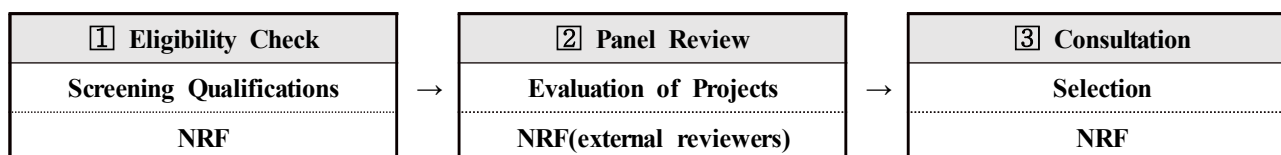
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Open Call	Application	Deadline
August 11 th 2026	August 19 th 09:00 KST, 2026	September 15 th 16:00 KST, 2026

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- PI application and organization approval should all be done within application period. Application without approval from organization is not accepted.

3. Evaluation and Selection Procedures

3.1. Evaluation Procedures



3.2. Criteria

Criteria	Evaluation Indicators	Score
Research Plan (40)	• Creativity and necessity of research project - Validity, feasibility and innovation of research objectives	10
	• Fidelity of plans and adequacy of implementation system - Previously conducted exchange activities, and basis for cooperation - Validity and concreteness of exchange(technical/personnel) plans - Distribution of workload between partners, and validity of plans	20
	• Budget allocation adequacy	10
Research Capability (30)	• Capability and research performance of a Principal Investigator	15
	• Capability and research performance of a partner researcher/institute	15
Research Impact (30)	• Expected effects of research result and utilization plans - Contribution to globalization(establishment of network, strengthening cooperation, etc.)	10
	• Possibility of further development to domestic/international cooperation - Development to joint research group via research exchange with partners	20
Total		100

3.3 Selection

- Proposals are ranked based on the panel review.
- Panels are organized through a comprehensive analysis of the volume of proposals and the relevant academic fields, with selection rates tailored and applied to each panel accordingly.
- To ensure that the proportion of selection is not biased in some countries, only up to 30% of total budget can be allotted for each country.

4.1. Management of Research Fund

- Provision : NRF provides contracted fund to a lead institute after concluding contract.
- Management : An affiliated institute is responsible for management of research funds.
- Use : Fund should be used according to the proposal for contract and *[Management Guideline for International Cooperation Program]*
 - ※ Must use Research Credit Card and be managed through EZbaro System(<https://www.ezbaro.go.kr>)
- Financial Report : A financial report shall be submitted via Ezbaro system within three months after the end of the research.
 - ※ For other details, refer to the *Management Guideline for International Cooperation Program*

4.2. Submission of Reports ※ *Forms and other details(how to submit, lengths etc.) will be provided by the NRF*

- Final report : Must be submitted to the NRF within 60 days after the end of project

4.3. Research Outcome and Acknowledgement

- An affiliated institute(or PI) should register/upload research outcomes to IRIS system for five years after the end of the project. The NRF may request an affiliated institute(or PI) to submit research outcome in hard copy
- In any research outcome(thesis, journal, etc.) acknowledgement should be stipulated

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- Other details shall conform to the *[Management Guideline for International Cooperation Program]*

5. Schedules

Application		Eligibility Check	Evaluation	Selection & Contract	Commencement
Start	End				
August 19 th 09:00 2026 KST	September 15 th 16:00 2026, KST	September	September to October	November	December 1 st , 2026

※ *The schedule may change depending on the progress of the program.*

6. Contact Point

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