

# **Rapid Call for International Joint Research Against the Coronavirus(COVID-19) Pandemic**

## **1. Purpose of the Call**

- To overcome the current crisis, the COVID-19 epidemic, the urgent international joint research is promoted to encourage multinational cooperation
- To help solve urgent global issues and establish global networks by funding joint research projects on infectious diseases

## **2. Research Areas and Funding**

- Partner countries : All countries
- Eligible areas of research
  - ① Epidemiological investigation of infectious disease(COVID-19), Cooperation and response to the global public health
  - ② Life after COVID-19 : Joint response and cooperation at the global level
- Funding : 50 million Korean won(Incl. overhead cost) per project
  - ※ NRF will provide funding for approx. 5 projects
- Project duration : 6 - 12 months(short-term project)
- Project type : Joint Research
  - The Project PI affiliated to a domestic university or a research institute conducts international joint research involving two or more countries including Korea
  - Support expenses for research activities to conduct international joint research with partner researchers

## **3. Eligibility & Restrictions to participation**

- Eligibility : PIs are required to be affiliated to a university or a research institute in Korea. The affiliated universities or research institutes should be under Article 2 of the Sciences Promotion Act.

○ Restrictions to participation

- A researcher who is under restrictions such as the [Regulations for Management of National Research & Development Projects] and [Regulations for the Management of Academic Support Projects in Humanities and Social Sciences] until the deadline of the call shall not apply
- Certain subjects that this programme particularly restricts may apply for some researchers

#### 4. Application Procedure

- Submit the application and fill out necessary information onto the ERND system (<https://ernd.nrf.re.kr>)
- Submission period : (Mon) 18 May 2020, 09:00 ~ (Mon) 8 June 2020, 18:00

#### 5. Evaluation and Selection Procedures

○ Evaluation Process

Reviewing Requirements	Panel Review	Final Selection
Screening Qualifications	The Evaluation Committee assesses each area	Announcement of selected projects & Commencement of the project

○ Evaluation Criteria

Division	Evaluation Indicator
Research Projects	Necessity of joint research
	Appropriateness of the research goals and the detailed programme
	Rationality of research implementation system and strategy
	Appropriateness of potential impact and expected exploitation
Researcher	Capability of project partners
Joint Research	Balance of collaborative interaction between project partners (Roll division and feasibility of the exchange plan)

- Selection : Final selection will be made based on evaluation results of NRF

## **6. Project Management**

- Projects will be managed based upon the regulations of NRF

## **7. Call Timetable**

- 6 May 2020 : Call for announcement
  - 18 May - 8 Jun 2020 : Submission of the projects
  - June 2020 : Evaluation and Notification of the selected projects
  - July 2020 : Start of the projects
- ※ The timetable can be changed upon the promotion process.

## **8. Contact Details**

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