[Call for Proposal] NRF-SNSF(Switzerland) Bilateral Exchange Program 2021

The National Research Foundation of Korea(NRF), upon the agreement with the Swiss National Science Foundation(SNSF), announces the call for the "Bilateral Exchange Program 2021".

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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

- Establish the global R&D network by supporting research exchange program between Korean researchers and its partner countries.
- Secure the foundation for future joint research and meet international cooperation demands by providing exchange opportunities in form of seminar and personnel exchange.

1.2. Features

- Program Type: Research Exchange

- Program Summary

Eligible	Grant		Common coment Data	No. of New Project
Fields	Funding(USD/Year)	Period*	Commencement Date	(Korea→Switzerland)
All Fields	Airline ticket /Living Expense	1~6 months	2021.11.1.~2022.10.31.	3

^{*} Period : 1 to 6 months, should begin and end between November 2021 to October 2022.

- Grant Details

- ① Airline ticket(NRF funded): To the nearest airport to a visiting university/institute / Economic Class ** Domestic airfare is not included in funding
- ② Living Expense(SNSF funded) : About 2,000€ per month

2. Application Guidelines

2.1. Eligibility

- Researchers at universities/institutes eligible under Article 2 of the Academic Promotion Act

 * Partner researcher should meet qualifications by respective agencies
- Researchers who are NOT restricted under the following:
- 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.
 - **For the project with extended period due to COVID-19, only originally contracted period is considered.
- ② A researcher under restriction of participation in national R&D project(participation can be allowed only if his/her restriction ends before the last day of submission).
- 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.

* 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-STINT Cooperation Program, ROK-US Cooperation Program in Humanities, Research Exchange(Bilateral/unilateral), NRF-IIASA Cooperation Program, NRF-CSTEC Young Researcher Exchange Program

2.2. How to Apply

- Application Period: 2021.5.3.~2021.6.30. 18:00 / KST
- Application Procedures



<NOTES>

- 1. PI application and organization approval should all be done within application period. Application without approval from organization is not accepted.
- 2. When applying via e-R&D system, <u>research expense should be "0"</u>. Airline ticket and living expense will be provided directly to a selectees.
- 3. In electronic application, seal or stamp from researcher and lead organization is not required.

2.3. Requirements *Forms for each requirement is enclosed

- Research Proposal
- Invitation Letter from a host university/institute(either email or official document)
- Personal Information Collection and Use Consent Form

3. Evaluation and Selection Procedures

3.1. Evaluation and Procedures

Eligibility Check		2 Panel Review		3 Final Selection
Screening Qualifications	\rightarrow	Evaluation of Project	\rightarrow	Consultation and Selection
NRF		NRF(external reviewers)		NRF↔SNSF

^{*} The above procedures may change upon the agreement between partner agencies

3.2. Criteria

Criteria Evaluation Indicators		Score		
	Creativity and necessity of research project			
	- Validity, feasibility and innovation of research objectives	10		
Research Plan	• Fidelity of plans and adequacy of implementation system			
(40)	- Previously conducted exchange activities, and basis for cooperation			
	- Validity and concreteness of exchange(technical/personnel) plans	20		
	- Distribution of workload between partners, and validity of plans			
Research Capability	Research Capability • Capability and research performance of a Principal Investigator			
(30)	• Capability and research performance of a partner researcher/institute			
	Expected effects of research result and utilization plans	25		
Research Impact	Research Impact - Contribution to globalization(establishment of network, strengthening cooperation, etc.)			
(30)				
	- Development to joint research group via research exchange with partners	15		
Total 1				

3.3 Selection

- Selection is finalized through consultation among funding agencies
- As stated in [Management Guideline for International Cooperation Program], a project with a score of less than 60 is excluded from the final selection
- Agencies may not select any projects if they are under-qualified for funding

4. Project Management

[NOTE] The below statements may change and be implemented as [Management Guideline for International Cooperation Program] may be revised in the first half of 2021, according to the implementation of [The National Research Development Innovation Act(January 2021)]

- 4.1. Submission of Final Report
- Final report should be submitted to NRF within one month after the end of project ** Forms and other details(how to submit, lengths etc.) will be provided by NRF
- 4.2. Research Outcome and Acknowledgement
- A lead institute(or PI) should register/upload research outcomes to NRF e-R&D system for five years after the end of the project. NRF may request a lead institute(or PI) to submit research outcome in hardcopy
- 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 and Contact Point

5.1. National Research Foundation

- May 3rd 2021 : Start of Application

- June 30th 2021 : Application Deadline

- July 2021 : Qualification Screening and Evaluation

- September-October 2021: Consultation and Final Selection

- November 2021 : Commencement

* The above schedules may change upon the agreement between partner agencies

5.2. Contact Point

Country	Organization	Name	Contact		
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