[Call for Proposal]
ROK-Nordic R&D Cooperation Program 2021-2022

The National Research Foundation of Korea(NRF), upon the agreements with its international partner, announces the call for the "ROK-Nordic R&D Cooperation Program 2021-2022."

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[NOTE]

The maximum number* of national research and development(R&D) projects that a researcher may perform simultaneously is <u>inapplicable</u> 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

- To strengthen R&D collaboration networks and develop future-oriented joint research projects by supporting organizations of workshops/seminars and promoting research visits of Korean and Swedish researchers

1.2. Features

- Program Type : Researcher Exchange and Workshops/Seminars Organization

- Eligible Fields : All academic fields

【NRF-STINT R&D Network Program Outline】

Agency	Grants		Commencement	No. of Projects
	Funding (KRW/Year)	Period		
STINT	30,000,000	3 years	April 1st, 2022	4

【Korea-Nordic R&D Network Program Outline】

Agency	Counterpart Country	Grants		Commencement	No. of Projects
		Funding (KRW/Year)	Period		
-	Norway, Denmark, Finland	Up to 20,000,000	1 year	Jan. 1st, 2022	10

※ *The program is exclusively for workshop/seminars and research visit. Up to 1 year extension of research period is possible, without extra funding.*

※ *The projects are unilaterally funded by NRF. The project with matching fund from parter organization will be prioritized in selection process.*

<NOTE>
1. Korean researchers can apply only one of the two programs at the same fiscal year.
2. In case of NRF-STINT R&D Network Program, applicants of each country should submit proposals to their country's responsible funding agencies (Korean researchers to the NRF / Swedish researchers to STINT). Swedish researchers are encouraged to check STINT for their funding. Plus, only proposals received to both the NRF and STINT are subject to evaluation.
3. Applicants of Korea-Nordic R&D Network Program should submit supporting documents to NRF if they are conducting projects supported by those counterpart countries' (Norway, Denmark, Finland) funding agencies.
4. The funding above is for Korean researchers applying to NRF. Partner researchers are encouraged to check STINT for their funding.
5. Funding grants include indirect expenses (less than 7% of direct expenses).
6. The program is aimed at building the network and base for research exchange activities, rather than conducting research itself. Therefore, when counting the costs of research equipment and materials is necessary, the relevance of the use thereof during the research should be specified in the proposal.
7. Personnel expense is not provided.
8. The full name of partner organizations and researchers, and research titles should be used in application form (in English).
9. An applicant should choose out a code (from Classifications of Academic Research Field) which he/she thinks represents his/her research fields (enclosed in Excel file).
10. A due date for submission may vary depending on partner organization so the applicant is encouraged to check the period of submission and its results with his/her respective partner organization.

2. Application Guidelines

2.1. Eligibility

- Researchers at universities/institutes eligible under Article 2 of the Academic Promotion Act
  ※ Swedish side researchers should meet qualifications by STINT.

- Researchers who are **NOT** restricted under the followings:

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① A researcher who has already participated in more than one research under ROK-Nordic R&D Cooperation Program.

② 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.*

③ 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).

④ A researcher funded by the NRF, and who has not yet submitted the final report on the respective projects within due date.

⑤ A researcher who intends to submit the same research already funded by either the NRF or other funding agencies.

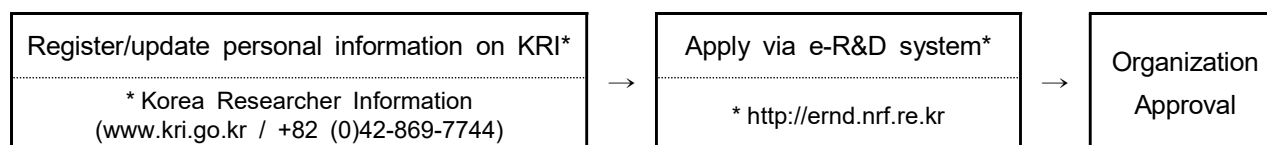*** NRF International Cooperation Programs**

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

2.2. How to Apply

- Application Period

Program Title	Schedule	
	Application	Deadline
NRF-STINT R&D Network Program	September 1st	September 30th, 18:00 KST
Korea and Nordic R&D Network Program	September 1st	September 30th, 18:00 KST

- Application Procedures

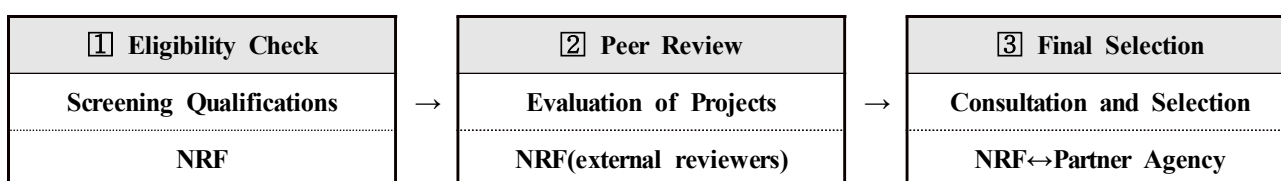| Register/update personal information on KRI*		Apply via e-R&D system*		Organization Approval
* Korea Researcher Information (www.kri.go.kr / +82 (0)42-869-7744)	→	* http://ernd.nrf.re.kr	→	

<NOTE>

1. PI application and organization approval should all be done within application period. Application is not accepted without approval of organization.
2. In electronic application, seal or stamp from researcher and lead organization is not required.
3. Swedish side applicant should submit their application via STINT website*.
   *URL : https://www.stint.se/en/program/mobility-grants-for-internationalisation

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

- Proposal(either in Korean or English)
- Letter of Collaboration between PIs(Email or official letter)
- Personal Information Collection and Use Consent Form
- (Conditional) Document* to prove matching fund ※ *Only for Korea-Nordic Program*
  * *Applicant to Korea-Nordic R&D Network Program should submit supporting documents to NRF if they are conducting in projects supported by those counterpart countries' (Norway, Denmark, Finland) funding agencies.*

3. Evaluation and Selection Procedures

3.1. Evaluation Procedures

① **Eligibility Check**		② **Peer Review**		③ **Final Selection**
Screening Qualifications	→	**Evaluation of Projects**	→	**Consultation and Selection**
NRF		**NRF(external reviewers)**		**NRF↔Partner Agency**

※ *Each Procedure except for the final selection is conducted according to the protocols of each agency. In case of Korea-Nordic R&D Network Program, the NRF makes an independent selection evaluation.*

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

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

4. Project Management

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

- Mid-term report : Must be submitted to the NRF within one month after the end of the current year
- Final report : Must be submitted to the NRF within one month after the end of project
  ※ *Mid-term and final evaluation shall be implemented according to [Management Guideline for International Cooperation Program].*

4.2. Management of Research Fund

- Provision : The NRF provides contracted fund to a lead institute after concluding contract.
- Management A lead institute is responsible for management of research funds.
  ※ *Funding grants include indirect expenses (less than 7% of direct expenses).*
  ※ *The program is aimed at building the network and base for research exchange activities, rather than conducting research itself. Therefore, when counting the costs of research equipment and materials is necessary, the relevance of the use thereof during the research should be specified in the proposal.*
  ※ *Personnel expense is not provided.*

- Use of Fund : Fund should be used according to the proposal for contract and *[Management Guideline for International Cooperation Program]*.
  ※ *Fund must be used by Research Credit Card and be managed through EZbaro System.*
- Financial Report (adjustment) : Should be reported via Ezbaro system within 3 months after the end of current research year
  ※ *For multi-year contract, balance may be carried to the next year, yet in the same category.*

4.3. Research Outcome and Acknowledgement

- A lead institute (or PI) should register/upload research outcomes to NRF's e-R&D system for five years after the end of the project. The NRF may request a lead institute(or PI) to submit research outcomes in hard copy.
- In any research outcomes (thesis, journal, etc.) acknowledgement should be included.

< Acknowledgement >
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- Applicants can find any other details from *[Management Guideline for International Cooperation Program]*.

5. Schedules

Program Title		NRF-STINT R&D Network Program	Korea-Nordic R&D Network Program
Application	Start	September 1st, 09:00 KST	September 1st, 09:00 KST
	End	September 30th, 18:00 KST	September 30th, 18:00 KST
Eligibility Check & Exchange the List		Early October	Early October
Evaluation		November	November
Consultation		January 2022	-
Selection & Contract		March 2022	December 2021
Commencement		April 1st, 2022	January 1st, 2022

※ *Schedules may change upon the process of the program and the agreement between the NRF and STINT.*

※ *Please make sure to contact Swedish partner as the deadline on the part of STINT is September 24th, 2021.*

6. Contact Point

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