
Call for Proposals: Grant Funding in 2023 for Academic and Policy Research Projects on North Korea and Unification

The Institute for Far Eastern Studies (IFES) of Kyungnam University (Seoul, Korea), with the support of the Ministry of Unification, invites grant applications for academic and policy research projects on North Korea and unification as a part of the international academic exchange program on North Korea and unification for the year 2023. For those who are interested, please see the details below.

1. Funding Overview

Provide grants to support individual researcher, research team, and overseas research institute to undertake research on North Korea and unification.

2. Funding Objectives

- Expand the research base and revitalize academic exchanges by reviving discussions overseas on Korean Peninsula issues and professional research on North Korea and unification.
- Diversify policy research reflecting the varied views of international research institutes, research teams, and experts.

3. Guidelines and Conditions for Academic and Policy Research Grants

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

3.1 Research Themes (Select one of the following areas)

1. Regional order of Northeast Asia and measures for unified future of the Korean Peninsula
2. Cooperation with the international community for the 'Audacious Initiative'
3. Strengthening public diplomacy to pursue peaceful unification of Korea
4. Case studies on domestic integration process of divided country
5. South Korea's responses for North Korea's diplomacy
6. Topic of your choice related to North Korea and the Korean Peninsula

* Note: Priority will be given to the topics(1-5) listed above.

3.2 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)

3.3 Grants

- Research Institute · Research Team (of scholars): Approx. US \$40,000
- Individual researcher: Approx. US \$20,000

3.4 Funding Period

Approx. 6 months

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

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1 Eligibility

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

* Research institute/think tank/university institution: The principal investigator is required to submit the application form with the official seal of

his/her affiliated institution in the signature column reserved for the host institution.

* Research team: The principal investigator is required to submit a reference from the director of his/her affiliated institution or a letter of reference that guarantees the identity of the applicants as researchers. In terms of eligibility, the principal investigator must be of a foreign nationality other than Korean, while the co-investigator could be Korean.

* Individual researcher: The principal investigator is required to submit one letter of reference from the director of his/her affiliated institution that authorizes the applicant's affiliation or a letter of reference that guarantees the identity of the applicant as researcher.

4.2 Restrictions

- A principal researchers, co-authors and researchers receiving grant or is planned to receive grant (existing or forthcoming) from elsewhere during the funding period (April 1, 2023 ~ end of completion of proposed research) will be deemed ineligible for application.
- An applicant who has received or is receiving funding from another sponsor(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.
- An applicant who has received grant funding from the '2022 Academic and Policy Research Projects on North Korea and Unification' will be deemed ineligible for application.

5. Application Guide

5.1 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 (March 15, 2023, 18:00 KST).
- Please check the documents carefully. After submission, no changes can be made to the documents.

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

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

* Please submit the application form (ONE Word file) and other required documents (ONE PDF file). For more details, please refer to the Application Checklist.

* 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.

6. Application Period

February 14 (Tue.), 2023 – March 15 (Wen.), 2023 (18:00 KST)

7. Review and Decisions

Reviews, Funding decisions, Signing agreements: No later than March 31, 2023
(Schedule may change depending on circumstances)

8. 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.
- When issuing statements resulting from activities (e.g. publications, presentations, report, etc.) supported by this grant funding, the grant recipient must include an acknowledgement of IFES-MOU assistance.

9. Contact Information

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