



Call for proposals

Cooperation South Korea (NRF)

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Introduction and purpose

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Under a cooperation agreement with the National Research Foundation of South Korea (NRF, formerly Korea Science and Engineering Foundation KOSEF), NWO offers researchers the following opportunities:

- short stays from 2 weeks to 3 months in South Korea
(grants for a maximum of 6 short stays are available each year)
- a contribution towards the costs of joint seminars (maximum 2 per year).

Grants for such short stays and seminars are provided jointly by NWO and the National Research Foundation of South Korea (NRF).

The aim of this cooperation programme is to promote contact between Dutch and South Korean researchers. The programme gives South Korean researchers the opportunity to spend time in the Netherlands and Dutch researchers the chance to visit South Korea. The programme also helps to fund joint seminars held in South Korea or the Netherlands.

Who can apply

This NWO programme is open only to researchers with a permanent contract of employment at one of the thirteen Dutch universities, a KNAW or NWO research institute, NKI or MPI Nijmegen. The programme focuses on the natural sciences (i.e. all fields of science except the social sciences and humanities).

Applicant eligibility conditions vary according to type of application.

Exchange of Researchers – short stay fellowships

Highly qualified and experienced researchers in the natural sciences may apply for a short stay fellowship in South Korea (from 2 weeks to 3 months).

Bilateral Joint Seminars

An application for a joint seminar must be submitted simultaneously by a South Korean and a Dutch applicant to NRF and NWO. The Dutch applicant must be a highly qualified and experienced researcher.

What can be applied for

The grants for short stays in the Netherlands or Taiwan awarded by NWO and NRF are composed of standard allowances.

Exchange of Researchers – short stay fellowships

In this form of cooperation fellowship, the home organisation is responsible for the costs of international travel and the host organisation for local travel and subsistence costs.

In the case of a fellowship for a *short stay* of at least 2 weeks and at most 3 months in South Korea, NWO meets the costs of international travel (max. € 880) and NRF covers local travel and subsistence costs.

In the case of a fellowship for a *short stay* in the Netherlands, NWO meets the local travel and subsistence costs (max. € 1750 for a senior researcher and € 2000 for a professor per month).

Grants are available for a maximum of 6 short stays per year.

Bilateral Joint Seminars

Researchers may apply for a contribution towards the costs of a short *joint seminar*, to be held either in the Netherlands or in South Korea and involving a maximum of 10 participants per team.

The home organisation meets the costs of international travel for a maximum of 10 participants; the host organisation covers local travel and subsistence costs for these participants, and may make a small contribution towards seminar costs, depending on the number of participants. The home organisation may cover the costs of a visit by the organiser to the host country if this proves necessary.

When acting as home organisation, NWO meets the costs of international travel up to a maximum of € 880 per person. When acting as host organisation, NWO meets local travel and subsistence costs on the basis of € 175 per person per day and may make a contribution towards the costs of the seminar; depending on the number of participants (maximum 10 per team), this may amount to a maximum of € 1000 per day.

There are maximum amounts per cost heading and a maximum total amount per seminar (€ 15,000). Funds are available for a total of 2 seminars per year.

When can applications be submitted

Proposals may be submitted at any time. There are no deadlines.

Exchange of Researchers – short stay fellowships

An application for a *short stay* in South Korea must be submitted at least 6 months before the intended departure date. Otherwise, there are no set dates for the submission of these applications.

Bilateral Joint Seminars

An application for a *Joint Seminar* must be submitted simultaneously to NRF and NWO at least 6 months before the intended date of the seminar. Otherwise, there are no set dates for the submission of these applications.

Drawing up an application

Your grant application has two parts: a fact sheet and the application form.

- You complete the fact sheet directly in NWO's electronic application system Iris.
- The application form is on the grant page for this programme on the NWO website. As soon as you have completed it you can add this form to the Iris fact sheet as a PDF file.

Specific conditions

Applications will *not* be accepted for consideration by NWO if:

- the submission deadline has passed;
- the applicants fail to comply with any written request from NWO to supply information/documentation within a specified period;
- the entire costs have already been covered from another source;
- there is no room for them within the available budget.

Grants can only be awarded so long as the available budget has not been exhausted and the quota and limits set by NWO and NRF for travel fellowships and seminars have not been exceeded.

This form of grant does not imply any contract of employment with NWO.

Submitting an application

An application can only be submitted to NWO via the electronic application system Iris. Applications not submitted on the appropriate form via Iris will not be admitted to the selection procedure. A main applicant is obliged to submit his/her application via his/her own Iris account.

If the main applicant does not have an Iris account yet then this should be created at least one day before the submission. Then any possible registration problems can still be solved on time. If the main applicant already has an Iris account then he/she does not need to create a new account to submit a new application.

Bilateral Joint Seminars

Proposals for seminars must be drawn up jointly, in English, by one South Korean and one Dutch researcher and must be submitted simultaneously to NWO and NRF.

For technical questions, please contact the Iris helpdesk.

Procedure

The NWO office will screen the applications to determine if they comply with the requirements of this call for proposals. Applications that do not comply with these requirements will not be considered.

Exchange of Researchers – short stay fellowships

As part of the assessment procedure for applications for short stays in South Korea, NWO seeks the views of one or more referees (the number depending on the proposed duration and budget).

As a rule, for a visit of maximum six months, no external referee will be consulted. The Visitors Travel Grants committee will assess the application and accompanying documents and will advise; the Governing Board of NWO will decide whether the application will be nominated to NRF.

When the application is nominated and if NRF also takes a positive view of the application, the grant is awarded jointly by NWO and NRF.

NRF can likewise select South Korean candidates for short stays in the Netherlands and present their applications to NWO.

Bilateral Joint Seminars

Applications received by NWO and NRF for joint seminars are assessed separately by the two organisations.

As part of its assessment procedure, NWO seeks one or more independent views (the number depending on the budget requested for the Dutch team).

The Visitors Travel Grants committee will assess the application and accompanying documents and will advise. The Governing Board of NWO will decide whether the application will be nominated to NRF.

Based on the outcome of their two assessments, NRF and NWO then reach a joint decision on the application, with each organisation awarding a grant in relation to the costs for which it is responsible.

The NWO Code of Conduct on Conflicts of Interest applies to all persons and NWO staff involved in the assessment and/or decision-making process.

Criteria

Proposals will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

Exchange of Researchers

- Scientific quality, originality and relevance;
- Quality of the research teams.

Bilateral Joint Seminars

- Scientific relevance;
- Quality of the researchers involved;
- Effects of the seminar on e.g. cooperation between Dutch and South Korean researchers

Contact details and other information

Contact

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For technical questions about the use of Iris please contact the Iris helpdesk. Please read the Iris manual before consulting the helpdesk.

The Iris helpdesk is available from Monday to Friday from 11.00 to 17.00 hours on +31 900 696 4747. Unfortunately not all foreign phone companies allow you to phone to a 0900 number in the Netherlands. You can also send your question by e-mail to iris@nwo.nl.

Other information

There is no other information.

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