



Call for Applications: Early-Career Visiting Scholar in Korean Studies

[The Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies](#) at Lund University is pleased to announce the launch of **the NEST (Nordic–Lund Emerging Scholars Teaching Program in Korean Studies)**, generously supported by the [YWS Foundation](#).

The NEST program is designed to help **early-career scholars** gain **teaching experience** and **networking opportunities** in an international academic environment. It aims to support scholars in translating their research into teaching practice while engaging with students and faculty across the Nordic region.

Residency period: A three-week visit between late January and early March 2026 (exact dates to be agreed with the Centre).

Eligibility: Doctoral candidates in the final stages of their PhD (ABD in North America or final year in Europe) and recent PhD graduates (within five years of completion), conducting **research on Korea** and working broadly in the **social sciences** (including, but not limited to, anthropology, sociology, political science, international relations, gender studies, and history).

Expectations during the residency

- Contribute to the MA-level course “[Contemporary Japanese and Korean Societies](#)” by designing and leading **three sessions**:
 1. one **class lecture** offering a broader overview of their research topic;
 2. one **public lecture** presenting their ongoing research;
 3. one **seminar** with in-depth discussion with students.
- Visit one **Nordic partner university** (e.g., Oslo, Helsinki, Turku, Copenhagen, or Stockholm) to give a **public lecture** and expand your professional network.
- Participate in the Centre’s internal research seminars and engage informally with PhD students and faculty.

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- Round-trip travel between the scholar’s home institution and Lund, as well as travel to one Nordic partner university;
- Accommodation in Lund and in one Nordic city;
- An honorarium for teaching.

Application materials

- **Cover letter** (2–3 pages) describing your research, reasons for applying, how the program would benefit you, and how you plan to structure your three sessions.

- **CV**, including nationality (for visa purposes) and the names and contact information of two referees.
- **Writing sample** related to your current research (to inform your teaching).

Deadline: 7 November 2025

Submission: Send all materials to youngeun.koo@ace.lu.se with the subject line: *Application for NEST – [Your Name]*.

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