2027 Announcement of Kyujanggak Fellowship Program

The International Center for Korean Studies (ICKS) of Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies (KIKS) announces its fellowship programs for the year 2027.

1. Fellow

● Eligibility

- Any Korean Studies researcher who is a full-time faculty member at a non-Korean university, OR post-doctoral researcher from a non-Korean university who is working on topics related to Korean Studies

※ A minimum of six-month residence at Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies (KIKS) is required.

※ Former Kyujanggak Fellows (Fellow A) are not eligible to apply.

※ Korean citizens returning to Korea with a Ph.D. degree from an overseas university without affiliation with overseas research institutions are encouraged to apply for early 2027 funding opportunities from National Research Foundation (NRF) of Korea. Designating the KIKS as your institution of research affiliation for the NRF funding application requires a prior consultation with the KIKS. See the 2026 NRF funding offers below.

● Benefits

- Research grant up to KRW 18 million (3 million paid monthly for maximum 6 months until February 2028)

※ Grants, stipends or other forms of payment from other institutions during the fellowship are not permitted.

- Eligibility for on-campus housing

※ All housing-related expenses are the applicant's responsibility. The International center for Korea Studies (ICKS) facilitates application for the BK Residence Halls at Seoul National University (SNU). Placement is not guaranteed.

※ If you or your spouse own real estate in Seoul, you are not eligible to apply.

※ Only your legal spouse and child(ren) are permitted to reside with you in the BK Residence Halls.

- Round-trip airfare (for economy class tickets only)

※ The itinerary of the tickets must closely approximate the fellowship period.

※ The upper limit of reimbursement varies depending on the travel zone (KRW 1 million for Asia, 1.5 million for non-Asia), and is subject to negotiation with the ICKS.

※ Reimbursement is available when fellows from their original foreign-affiliated institutions come to Korea.

※ Tickets purchased with mileage points cannot be reimbursed.
- Access to libraries
- Research space
- Administrative support (Insurance is the applicant's responsibility)

● Position & Period of Appointment
- Kyujanggak fellows will be appointed as visiting researchers of the SNU.
- The term of appointment will be between 6 months and 1 year, and may begin from March 1, 2027 at the earliest.

※ The fellowship period must begin on the first day of a month, in compliance with the appointment schedule of the SNU.

※ Upon being selected, fellows must confirm their fellowship period to the ICKS and set their dates of entry to and exit from Korea.

※ The fellowship appointment may be cancelled if a fellow disregards his/her confirmed fellowship schedule by adjusting it arbitrarily without prior consultation with the ICKS.

※ The term of appointment can be extended, upon application and review by the KIKS committee, once for up to 12 months without extension of grant.

● Obligations
- Presentation: one presentation of research findings at the Kyujanggak colloquium during the fellowship period
- Journal submission: one submission of a research article to the *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* (SCOPUS & ESCI-indexed), published by the KIKS, within a month of the conclusion of fellowship
- Report on research results: one 10-page written report on the outcome of the fellowship research within a month from the conclusion of the fellowship
- Acknowledgement of support: citing the affiliation with the KIKS when publishing any work done during the fellowship period, and providing the ICKS with a printed copy of such publication.
- Participation in events: active participation in academic events such as symposia, colloquia, book talks, and workshops hosted by the KIKS, and full cooperation in ICKS affairs (upon request and limited to 5% of the fellowship period)
- Residency requirement: The total length of stay outside Korea during the fellowship period may not exceed 30 days. A pre-departure consultation with the ICKS about the destination, duration, and purpose of stay outside Korea is required.
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● Application Procedure
- How to apply:

① Submit an online application form through the ICKS website within the

application period

② Have your letters of recommendation sent to the ICKS either by email or by post within the application period

- Documents required for application:

① Cover letter (approx. 2 pages)

② Curriculum vitae

③ Research proposal (approx. 5 A4 pages; research topic and methods must be specified)

④ Sample research (2 pieces)

⑤ Letters of recommendation (from 2 recommenders)

※ If using email, the recommenders must send the letters to the ICKS (icks@snu.ac.kr). If using postal mail, the recommenders must seal the envelops with their signatures and send the letters to the ICKS (#451 Bldg.103 Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University, 1 Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul 08826 Republic of Korea)

- Application due date: November 30, 2026 24:00(Korean Time, GMT+9)
- Announcement of result: by Late December, 2026 via email

2. Junior Fellow

● Eligibility

- Any Ph.D. degree candidate at non-Korean university with a research focus on Korean Studies (preferably using the Kyujanggak Archive materials)

※ A minimum of six-month residence at Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies (KIKS) is required.

※ Former Kyujanggak Junior Fellows are not eligible to apply.

● Benefits

- Research grant up to KRW 9 million (1.5 million paid monthly for maximum 6 months until February, 2028)

※ Grants, stipends or other forms of payment from other institutions during the fellowship are not permitted.

- Access to libraries
- Research space
- Administrative support (Insurance is the applicant's responsibility)

● Period of Appointment

- The term of appointment will be between 6 months and 1 year, and may begin from March 1, 2027 at the earliest.

※ Upon being selected, junior fellows must confirm their fellowship period to the

International center for Korea Studies (ICKS) and set their dates of entry to and exit from Korea.

※ The fellowship appointment may be cancelled if a junior fellow disregards his/her confirmed fellowship schedule by adjusting it arbitrarily without prior consultation with the ICKS.

※ The term of appointment can be extended, upon application and review by the KIKS committee, once for up to 12 months without extension of grant.

● Obligations

- Presentation: one presentation of research progress at the KIKS every six months
- Report on research results: one 10-page written report on the outcome of the fellowship research within a month from the conclusion of the fellowship
- Acknowledgement of support: citing the affiliation with the KIKS when publishing any work done during the fellowship period, and providing the ICKS with a printed copy of such publication.
- Participation in events: active participation in academic events such as symposia, colloquia, book talks, and workshops hosted by the KIKS, and full cooperation in ICKS affairs (upon request and limited to 5% of the fellowship period)
- Residency requirement: The total length of stay outside Korea during the fellowship period may not exceed 30 days. A pre-departure consultation with the ICKS about the destination, duration, and purpose of stay outside Korea is required.

※ Submission to the *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* (SCOPUS & ESCI-indexed), published by the KIKS, is encouraged.

● Application Procedure

- How to apply:

① Submit an online application form through the ICKS website within the application period

② Have your letters of recommendation sent to the ICKS either by email or by post within the application period

- Documents required for application:

① Curriculum vitae

② Outline of thesis proposal (approx. 5 A4 pages; research topic and methods must be specified)

③ Sample research (approx. 10 pages)

④ Two letters of recommendation (one from the applicant's current academic supervisor, the other from a Seoul National University faculty who will supervise the fellowship research)

※ If using email, the recommenders must send the letters to the ICKS (icks@snu.ac.kr). If using postal mail, the recommenders must seal the envelops

with their signatures and send the letters to the ICKS (#451 Bldg.103 Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University, 1 Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul 08826 Republic of Korea)
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3. Visiting Scholar

● Eligibility
- Any post-doctoral researcher affiliated with an overseas research institution who is working on topics related to Korean Studies (preferably using the Kyujanggak Archive materials)

※ A minimum of six-month residence at Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies (KIKS) is required.

※ Korean citizens with postgraduate degrees from an overseas university are encouraged to apply for funding opportunities from National Research Foundation (NRF) of Korea. Designating the KIKS as your institution of research affiliation for the NRF funding application requires a prior consultation with the KIKS. See the NRF funding offers below.

● Benefits
- Eligibility for on-campus housing

※ All housing-related expenses are the applicant's responsibility. The International center for Korea Studies (ICKS) facilitates application for the BK Residence Halls at Seoul National University (SNU). Placement is not guaranteed.

※ If you or your spouse own real estate in Seoul, you are not eligible to apply.

※ Only your legal spouse and child(ren) are permitted to reside with you in the BK Residence Halls.
- Access to libraries
- Research space
- Administrative support (Insurance is the applicant's responsibility)

● Position & Period of Appointment
- Kyujanggak visiting scholars will be appointed as visiting researchers of the SNU.
- The term of appointment will be between 6 months and 1 year, and may begin from March 1, 2027 at the earliest.

※ The fellowship period must begin on the first day of a month, in compliance with the appointment schedule of the SNU.

※ Upon being selected, visiting scholars must confirm their fellowship period to the ICKS and set their dates of entry to and exit from Korea.

※ The fellowship appointment may be cancelled if a visiting scholar disregards his/her confirmed fellowship schedule by adjusting it arbitrarily without prior consultation with the ICKS.

※ The term of appointment cannot be extended. Exceptions will be made for those supported by the NRF funding.

● Obligations

- Presentation: one presentation of research findings at the Kyujanggak colloquium during fellowship period
- Report on research results: one 10-page written report on the outcome of the fellowship research within a month from the conclusion of the fellowship.
- Acknowledgement of support: citing the affiliation with the KIKS when publishing any work done during the fellowship period, and providing the ICKS with a printed copy of such publication.
- Participation in events: active participation in academic events such as symposia, colloquia, book talks, and workshops hosted by the KIKS, and full cooperation in ICKS affairs (upon request and limited to 5% of the fellowship period)
- Residency requirement: The total length of stay outside Korea during the fellowship period may not exceed 30 days. A pre-departure consultation with the ICKS about the destination, duration, and purpose of stay outside Korea is required.

※ Submission to the *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* (SCOPUS & ESCI-indexed), published by the KIKS, is encouraged.

● Application Procedure

- How to apply:

Submit an online application form through the ICKS website within the application period

- Documents required for application:

① Curriculum vitae

② Research proposal (approx. 5 A4 pages; research topic and methods must be specified)

- Application due date: November 30, 2026 24:00(Korean Time, GMT+9)
- Announcement of result: by Late December, 2026 via email

4. Visiting Student

● Eligibility

- Any graduate student enrolled in an overseas university with a research focus on Korean Studies (preferably using the Kyujanggak Archive materials)

※ A minimum of six-month residence at Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies (KIKS) is required.

● Benefits

- Access to libraries
- Research space
- Administrative support (Insurance is the applicant's responsibility)
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● Period of Appointment

- The term of appointment will be between 6 months and 1 year, and may begin from March 1, 2027 at the earliest.

※ Upon being selected, visiting students must confirm their fellowship period to the International Center for Korean Studies (ICKS) and set their dates of entry to and exit from Korea.

※ The fellowship appointment may be cancelled if a visiting student disregards his/her confirmed fellowship schedule by adjusting it arbitrarily without prior consultation with the ICKS.

※ The term of appointment can be extended, upon application and review by the KIKS committee, once for up to 12 months.

● Obligations

- Presentation: one presentation of research progress at the KIKS during fellowship period
- Report on research results: one 10-page written report on the outcome of the fellowship research within a month from the conclusion of the fellowship
- Acknowledgement of support: citing the affiliation with the KIKS when publishing any work done during the fellowship period, and providing the ICKS with a printed copy of such publication.
- Participation in events: active participation in academic events such as symposia, colloquia, book talks, and workshops hosted by the KIKS, and full cooperation in ICKS affairs (upon request and limited to of 5% of the fellowship period)
- Residency requirement: The total length of stay outside Korea during the fellowship period may not exceed 30 days. A pre-departure consultation with the ICKS about the destination, duration, and purpose of stay outside Korea is required.

※ Submission to the *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* (SCOPUS & ESCI-indexed), published by the KIKS, is encouraged.

● Application Procedure

- How to apply:

① Submit an online application form through the ICKS website within the

application period

② Have your letters of recommendation sent to the ICKS either by email or by post within the application period

- Documents required for application:

① Curriculum vitae

② Research proposal (approx. 5 A4 pages; research topic and methods must be specified)

③ Sample research (approx. 10 pages)

④ Two letters of recommendation (one from the applicant's current academic supervisor, the other from a Seoul National University faculty who will supervise the fellowship research)

※ If using email, the recommenders must send the letters to the ICKS (icks@snu.ac.kr). If using postal mail, the recommenders must seal the envelops with their signatures and send the letters to the ICKS (#451 Bldg.103 Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University, 1 Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul 08826 Republic of Korea)

- Application due date: November 30, 2026 24:00(Korean Time, GMT+9)
- Announcement of result: by Late December, 2026 via email

5. Kyunggak Archive Travel Grant

● Eligibility

- Postgraduate researcher affiliated with an overseas research institution who plans to conduct research using the collection of the Kyujanggak Archive

※ A minimum of 30-day residence at Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies (KIKS) is required.

※ If the source materials that you need can also be found in institutions and libraries other than the Kyujanggak Archive, you are not eligible to apply for this grant.

● Benefits

- Travel grant of KRW 1 million
- Access to libraries
- Research space
- Administrative support

● Obligations

- Presentation: one presentation of research findings at the KIKS within the grant period
- Attendance: 2 visits a week at least to the Kyujanggak library

- Report on research results: one 10-page written report on the outcome of the fellowship research within a month from the conclusion of research
- Acknowledgement of support: citing the affiliation with the KIKS when publishing any work done during the fellowship period, and providing the International Center for Korean Studies (ICKS) with a printed copy of such publication.
- Participation in events: active participation in such academic events as symposiums, colloquiums, book talks, and workshops hosted by the KIKS.

※ Submission to the *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* (SCOPUS & ESCI-indexed), published by the KIKS, is encouraged.

● Application Procedure

- How to apply:

① Submit an online application form through the ICKS wesbite

② Have your letter of recommendation sent to the ICKS either by email or by post

- Documents required for application:

① Curriculum vitae

② Research proposal (approx. 5 A4 pages; research topic and methods must be specified)

③ Book list (please refer to https://kyudb.snu.ac.kr)

④ Letter of recommendation

※ If using email, the recommender must send the letter to the ICKS (icks@snu.ac.kr). If using postal mail, the recommender must seal the envelop with his/her signature and send the letter to the ICKS (#451 Bldg.103 Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University, 1 Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul 08826 Republic of Korea)

- Application period: year round
- Announcement of result: within 2 weeks of submission of application materials

6. Overseas Publishing Grant

● Eligibility

- Any post-doctoral researcher affiliated with an overseas research institution who is working on an edited volume resulting from the academic events at Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies (KIKS) or on the final stage of a book project involving Korean Studies (preferably using the Kyujanggak Archive materials)

※ Residence at the KIKS (maximum 3 months) is required.

※ A publication agreement with an leading overseas publisher is required.

※ Only a book project which has not received any sort of funding from other institutions is eligible for this grant.

※ A maximum of two people may apply for the same book project.

● Benefits

- Research grant up to KRW 9 million (3 million paid monthly for maximum 3 months until February 2028)

※ Grants, stipends or other forms of payment from other institutions during the fellowship are not permitted.

- Eligibility for on-campus housing

※ All housing-related expenses are the applicant's responsibility. The International Center for Korean Studies (ICKS) facilitates application for the BK Residence Halls at Seoul National University (SNU). Placement is not guaranteed.

※ Only your legal spouse and child(ren) are permitted to reside with you in the BK Residence Halls.

- Round-trip airfare (for economy class tickets only)

※ The itinerary of the tickets must closely approximate the fellowship period.

※ The upper limit of reimbursement varies depending on the travel zone (KRW 1 million for Asia, 1.5 million for non-Asia), and is subject to negotiation with the ICKS.

※ Reimbursement is available when researchers from their original foreign-affiliated institutions come to Korea.

※ Tickets purchased with mileage points cannot be reimbursed.

- Access to libraries
- Research space
- Administrative support (Insurance is the applicant's responsibility)

● Position & Period of Appointment

- Overseas Publishing fellows will be appointed as visiting researchers of the SNU.
- The term of appointment will be 3 months maximum, and may begin from March 1, 2027 at the earliest.

※ Upon being selected, fellows must confirm their fellowship period to the ICKS and set their dates of entry to and exit from Korea.

※ The fellowship appointment may be cancelled if a fellow disregards his/her confirmed fellowship schedule by adjusting it arbitrarily without prior consultation with the ICKS.

● Obligations

- Report on research results: the completed book manuscript within a month from the conclusion of the fellowship
- Acknowledgement of support: citing the affiliation with the KIKS when publishing the book project completed during the fellowship period, and providing the ICKS with a printed copy of the publication within 6 months from the conclusion of

the fellowship.
- Participation in events: active participation in academic events such as symposia, colloquia, book talks, and workshops hosted by the KIKS, and full cooperation in ICKS affairs (upon request and limited to 5% of the fellowship period)
- Residency requirement: residence outside Korea during the fellowship period due to unavoidable circumstances such as family events is permitted, but a pre-departure consultation with the ICKS about the destination, duration, and purpose of stay outside Korea is required. The total length of stay outside Korea during the fellowship period may not exceed 15 days.

● Application Procedure
- How to apply:
Submit an online application form through the ICKS website within the application period
- Documents required for application:
① curriculum vitae
② book proposal (approx. 5 pages; title and table of contents must be specified)
③ contract of publication
④ book manuscript (the most up-to-date version indicating its stage of completion)
※ If a publication contract is not available at the time of application, please submit a book proposal sent to a publisher instead. The publication contract must be submitted within one month from the beginning of fellowship at the latest.
※ The submitted documents for application will not be returned and will be destroyed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act.
- Application due date: November 30, 2026 24:00(Korean Time, GMT+9)
- Announcement of result: by Late December, 2026 via email

7. KFAS-Kyujanggak Fellow

● Eligibility
- Any post-doctoral researcher who is invited by the International Scholar Exchange Fellowship(ISEF) Program of the Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies(KFAS)/ Chey Institute for Advanced Studies(CIAS)

● Benefits
- Eligibility for on-campus housing
※ All housing-related expenses are the applicant's responsibility. The International Center for Korean Studies (ICKS) facilitates application for the BK Residence Halls at Seoul National University (SNU). Placement is not guaranteed.

※ If you or your spouse own real estate in Seoul, you are not eligible to apply.

※ Only your legal spouse and child(ren) are permitted to reside with you in the BK Residence Halls.

- Access to libraries
- Research space
- Administrative support

● Position & Period of Appointment

- KFAS-Kyujanggak Fellows will be appointed as a visiting researcher of the SNU.
- The term of appointment will be maximum one year.

※ The fellowship period must begin on the first day of a month, in compliance with the appointment schedule of the SNU.

※ Upon being selected, fellows must confirm their fellowship period to the ICKS and set their dates of entry to and exit from Korea.

※ The fellowship appointment may be cancelled if a fellow disregards his/her confirmed fellowship schedule by adjusting it arbitrarily without prior consultation with the ICKS.

● Obligations

- Presentation: one presentation of research findings at the Kyujanggak colloquium during fellowship period
- Report on research results: one 10-page written report on the outcome of the fellowship research within a month from the conclusion of the fellowship.
- Acknowledgement of support: citing the affiliation with Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies (KIKS) when publishing any work done during the fellowship period, and providing the ICKS with a printed copy of such publication.
- Participation in events: active participation in academic events such as symposia, colloquia, book talks, and workshops hosted by the KIKS, and full cooperation in ICKS affairs (upon request and limited to 5% of the fellowship period)
- Residency requirement: The total length of stay outside Korea during the fellowship period may not exceed 30 days. A pre-departure consultation with the ICKS about the destination, duration, and purpose of stay outside Korea is required.

※ Submission to the *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* (SCOPUS & ESCI-indexed), published by the KIKS, is encouraged.

● Selection Procedure

- Eligibility, application requirements, eligible countries, volume of recruitment, etc. follows the ISEF program.
- The KFAS-Kyujanggak fellows are selected by a selection committee of the KIKS among the fellowship laureates of the ISEF program.

※ The KFAS-Kyujanggak Fellowship does not accept online application. The ISEF laureates who wish to be affiliated with the KIKS during their research visit to Korea need to express their wish to the ISEF program(Email isef@chey.org Tel. +82-2-6310-7800).

● Required Documents for SNU Appointment

- CV with a color photo on it (附有彩色照片的简历)
- Copy of Passport (护照复印件)
- Certficate of the Latest/Highest Academic Degree (授予的最高学历证书)
- Certificate of Current Employment (就业证书)
- Certificate of Career Experience: Dean's Confirmation Letter (职业经验证书)
- Letter of Consent for Joint Appointment (双重任命同意书)
- Pledge (誓约书)
- Agreement to the Collection of Personal Information (收集个人信息的同意书)
- Residency Application for the BK Hall (BK生活馆的居住申请)
- [For applicants with accompanying family only] Marriage Certificate, Certificate of Family Relation, and Copy of Each Family Member's Passport (仅针对有随行家属的申请人：结婚证，家庭关系证明，随行家属的护照复印件)

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NRF funding offers in Humanities and Social Sciences of 2026

	Academic Research Fellowship (A Type)	Academic Research Fellowship (B Type)
support amount	KRW 40 million/year (incl. institution subsidy of 1 million)	KRW 20 million/year (incl. institution subsidy of 1 million)
support period	up to 5 years	1 year
requirements for entry	① Ph.D. degree ② upper age limit of 60 ③ min. 3 publications in past 5 years (past 8 years if maternity leave taken in past 5 years) ④ Korean nationality and residency in Korea	① postgraduate degree ② upper age limit of 64 ③ (postgraduate degree) min. 3 publication in past 5 years, (Ph.D. degree) min. 1 publication in past 5 years (past 8 years if maternity leave taken in past 5 years) ④ Korean nationality & residency in Korea ⑤ unemployed
research begins on	June 1, 2026	June 1, 2026
entry process	notice: January/ application: February/ selection: March~April/ pre-selection: May/ initiation: June 1st	notice: January/ application: February/ selection: March~April/ pre-selection: May/ initiation: June 1st
scale of support	274 new projects	1,295 new projects
evaluation of research results	submission of a publication within 2 year from end of research period, and assessment of implementation results for research outcome (upon submission of final report after research completion)	submission of a final report 1 month before end of research period
link to NRF info	https://nrf.re.kr/biz/notice/view?ac=view&searchType=&searchText=&pageNum=1&postNo=259592&menuNo=362&bizNo=427&searchBizNo=0&bizNotGubn=guide&bizCompleteNm=&orderType=REG_DTTM&orderTypeBiz=BIZ_DYSC_END_DATE_ORDER&orderTypeAt=DESC&orderTypeBizAt=DESC&myBizCheckYn=&bizChgMbrNo=&myDeptBizCheckYn=&bizChgMbrPostNm=&bizSelectSearchRegDttm=&regStartDttm=&regEndDttm=&searchRegChoi	https://nrf.re.kr/biz/notice/view?ac=view&searchType=&searchText=&pageNum=1&postNo=259601&menuNo=362&bizNo=433&searchBizNo=0&bizNotGubn=guide&bizCompleteNm=&orderType=REG_DTTM&orderTypeBiz=BIZ_DYSC_END_DATE_ORDER&orderTypeAt=DESC&orderTypeBizAt=DESC&myBizCheckYn=&bizChgMbrNo=&myDeptBizCheckYn=&bizChgMbrPostNm=&bizSelectSearchRegDttm=&regStartDttm=&regEndDttm=&searchRegChoi

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