

Notice

2025 Call for Proposals: Strategic Hub for International Research Collaboration

Due Date: Friday, October 29, 2025

Note: This English announcement is a summarized version of the official Korean call. For full details and application templates, please refer to the original Korean announcement.

Program Overview

Seoul National University Office of Research Affairs (SNU ORA) is pleased to launch a new international collaborative research support program, titled **Strategic Hub for International Research Collaboration**.

This initiative aims to position SNU as a global research hub by:

- Fostering international collaborations in cutting-edge, convergent fields
- Empowering early-career researchers to take leadership roles in global research activities
- Building sustainable international research networks

The program adopts a **three-year, milestone-based structure (1+1+1 years)**. Projects must pass an annual review to continue, focusing on:

- **Year 1:** Planning
- **Year 2:** Execution
- **Year 3:** Outcomes & Scalability

Key Features for 2025 Call

- **Research Focus:** International collaborative projects led by or actively involving early-career researchers, with an emphasis on building a global research network.
- **Target Fields:** Research contributing to Korea's national strategic technologies and global challenges. Projects in STEM and medical sciences will receive priority if aligned with Korea's 12 National Strategic Technologies. Proposals from other disciplines, including the humanities and social sciences, are welcome and will be evaluated regardless of such alignment.
- **Estimated Funding:** ~8 projects; up to KRW 176 million per project per year

- **Funding Period:** ~3 years (1+1+1, continuation subject to annual review)
- **Supported Expenses (Year 1):** Seed grants for joint research, researcher mobility, international workshops, and collaboration activities
- **Research Fund Management:** All budgeting, expenditure, and reporting follow SNU's financial regulations and guidelines.

Eligibility & Roles (Year 1)

- **Principal Investigator (SNU only):**
 - Must be a full-time, endowed, or HK professor at SNU
 - Role: Responsible for overall project leadership, research network management, and mentoring
- **SNU Early-Career Researchers:**
 - At least two early-career researchers must participate
 - Eligible: Doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, assistant professors (within 5 years of appointment), and researchers who obtained a Ph.D. within the last 7 years or are under 40 years old
 - Role: Lead international teams, conduct joint research, and organize collaboration activities
- **International Collaborators:**
 - At least two international researchers from overseas universities or research institutes
 - No restrictions on academic rank or position
 - Role: Participate in joint research with SNU early-career researchers, co-develop project plans, attend workshops, and contribute to academic outputs

Key Requirement (within 6 months of the project start)

1. Establish at least two international research teams led by SNU early-career researchers, with a senior faculty mentor for each team
 - After fulfilling this requirement, the PI and other faculty participants may also organize international research teams.
2. Host an international collaborative workshop involving all project researchers (including international collaborators).
 - Must include: International research team formation report (sharing) + at least three

academic presentations

- If full in-person participation is not possible: At least five researchers must attend in person, including the PI, one key SNU early-career researcher, and one key international collaborator from each team. Each participating institution must be represented.
3. All SNU early-career researchers must complete at least one capacity-building training session per year.

4. Failure to comply may result in project termination and recovery of funds.

Application Process (SNU internal only)

- **Application Deadline:** Friday, October 29, 2025
- **Submission:** SNU PIs must submit all required documents to their affiliated college/school office, which will forward them to the SNU ORA
- **Required Documents**
 1. Form 1: SNU Internal Research Project Proposal
 2. Form 2: Research Team Composition and Development Plan (including research plans, team structure, and growth strategies)
 3. Form 3: Confirmation of Research Project Participation (to be submitted by SNU's researchers (Ph.D. students and postdocs) and all international collaborators)

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