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International Scholar Exchange Fellowship 2026-2027

The Chey Institute for Advanced Studies is a non-partisan institute established in 2018 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the late SK Chairman Chey Jong-hyon, the founder of Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS), with the vision of upholding his legacy by advancing academic excellence and fostering global scholarly exchange.

Through a global academic network spanning over 20 countries worldwide, the Chey Institute pursues integrated research on global strategy and scientific innovation, while advancing international exchange programs initiated by KFAS, including support for distinguished scholars and the hosting of international forums.

Since its inception in 2000, the **International Scholar Exchange Fellowship (ISEF)** has supported 1,012 fellows worldwide, serving as a vital platform for international scholarly collaboration. Each year, outstanding scholars are invited to Korea for one year or six months to conduct joint research with leading Korean universities and research institutes. The fellowship provides comprehensive support, including a monthly research stipend, initial settlement support, publication support, round-trip airfare, and accident insurance.

Beginning with the 25th cohort (2025-2026), ISEF broadened its scope to all academic disciplines and regions worldwide (excluding Korean citizens), actively supporting scholars to conduct research in Korea and collaborate with local institutions. In 2025, 10 fellows from universities in China, Vietnam, Mongolia, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Sweden were selected as ISEF fellows and began their research in Korea in September.

Please refer to the enclosed Guidelines for International Scholar Exchange Fellowship 2026-2027 for further details.

Attachment: Guidelines for International Scholar Exchange Fellowship 2026-2027

International Scholar Exchange Fellowship 2026-2027

□ Purpose

- To contribute to the advancement of academic knowledge and the shared prosperity of the global community by promoting international scholarly exchange and research cooperation

□ Fields of Research

- Open to all academic disciplines

□ Eligibility

- Faculty members and researchers at overseas universities or research institutions holding a doctoral degree (including postdoctoral researchers.)
- Applicants must, in principle, be no older than 50 years of age at the application deadline.
- ※ Applicants must be able to conduct research in English and should not have any health issues that could hinder research activities
- ※ Those **not** eligible include:
 - Individuals whose prime interest is to teach in Korea
 - Korean citizens
 - Individuals currently residing in Korea or already conducting research in Korea

□ Application Schedule

- Application Deadline: February 20, 2026
- Announcement of Results: April 3, 2026

□ Research Period

- 1 Year: From September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027
- 6 Months
 - From September 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027
 - From March 1, 2027 to August 31, 2027

※ For postdoctoral researchers, a one-year extension may be granted upon review.

□ Details of Financial Support

1. **Research Stipend:** 3,500,000 KRW/Month
2. **Initial Settlement Support:** 1,000,000 KRW (one-time)
3. **Publication Support:** 1,000,000 KRW (one-time, awarded upon review and acceptance of the Final Research Paper at the conclusion of the fellowship)
4. **Publication Incentives**
 - ① \$2,000~\$5,000 (for articles published in journals indexed in SSCI, AHCI, or SCI)
 - ② \$1,000 (for articles published in journals registered with the National Research Foundation of Korea)

※ Publication incentives are available for articles published within 2 years of the official completion date of the fellowship, provided that the publication includes the following acknowledgment:

“This work is supported by the Chey Institute for Advanced Studies’ International Scholar Exchange Fellowship for the academic year of 2026–2027.”

The amount will be determined after careful evaluation of the journal’s impact and the fellow’s level of contribution.

5. **Round-trip Airfare:** Economy-class round-trip airfare between Incheon/Gimpo International Airport and the nearest airport from the fellow’s residence
6. **Medical Insurance:** Accident Insurance and National Health Insurance

□ Research Support Program

- Support for Academic Seminars
- Korean Language Course
- Cultural tours and industrial site visits

□ Application Procedure

※ **Nomination System:** Scholars may be nominated in advance by Korean universities or institutions, in which case priority will be given in the selection process. Nominated candidates must still complete the online application process. Recommenders should submit letters of nomination directly to ISEF (isef@chey.org) by the application deadline.

1. **Membership Registration:**

Applicants must create an account on the Chey Institute website (www.chey.org) and log in prior to initiating the application process

2. **Online Application:**

Applicants must complete the online application form, including all required information, and upload a detailed research proposal

3. **Submission of Supplementary Documents:**

The following documents must be submitted electronically through the online system:

- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- 2 Research Samples that best represent your work (i.e. books or research papers), each accompanied by an abstract in English
- Certificate of Employment (issued within the past 3 months)

- Copy of doctoral degree certificate
- Letter of Research Affiliation (if available)
 - ※ Applicants who have already arranged a host institution in Korea may submit the confirmation letter at the time of application. Following selection, all fellows are required to contact their host scholar and formally finalize their institutional affiliation in Korea.

4. Verification of Submission:

Confirm submission status under “Application History.”