

# **2027 Support for Employment of Teaching Staff**

## **Program Outline**

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The Korea Foundation provides financial support to universities abroad seeking to hire **new** teaching staff with the goal of creating or expanding their Korean language or Korean studies program.

## **Eligible Applicants**

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Universities abroad which currently operate or plan to launch an educational and research program in Korean language or Korean studies

## **Eligible Areas**

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Korean language and/or Korean studies

## **Details of Support**

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The KF provides partial funding for the salary and employee benefits of a new teaching staff member in accordance with the recipient university's existing salary scale.

- Housing expenses, salaries/compensation for assistants or secretaries, recruitment expenses, administrative expenses, and other indirect or overhead expenses are not covered by this grant.
- This program does not support expenses for existing faculty members.

## **Grant Period**

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One to three years

- Following the conclusion of the KF's support, recipient universities must maintain the teaching staff position for at least the duration of the KF grant period.

## **Program Schedule**

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1. Application Period: July 1 to September 11, 2026  
(Deadline: September 11, 18:00 KST)

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2. Notification of Results: December 2026
  3. The grant period starts in the 2027-28 or 2028-29 academic year.

### **Required Documents**

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1. **Online application**
2. **Supplementary materials** (to be uploaded with the online application)
  - ① Curriculum for Korean language/Korean studies program (Only applicable if the university offers degree programs in Korean Studies or Korean Language)
  - ② Curriculum vitae of the project director
  - ③ Curriculum vitae of the teaching staff member to be hired (only if the university has a specific candidate under consideration at the time of application)
  - ④ The university's salary scale

### **How to Apply**

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All required documents must be submitted in Korean or English via the KF Online Application System (<http://apply.kf.or.kr>).

- Click on the "Apply" button at the bottom of this program announcement and complete the online application form.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

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1. Is the plan well-organized enough to achieve its stated objective? Is the applicant institution committed to fostering the development of the Korean studies or Korean language program? Does the applicant institution have a long-term plan for enhancing education/research on Korean studies or Korean language at the university?
2. Considering the applicant institution's reputation and its prior accomplishments/experience in the field of Korean studies, how adequate is the applicant institution's ability to implement the program?
3. How sound and specifically-written is the budget plan? Is there a matching fund effort for the program?
4. How feasible are the expected outcomes/goals, and to what extent will the program contribute to the regional diversification of Korean studies?

## Important Reminders

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1. **Cancellation of Support:** The KF may cancel its decision of support if the KF and the support recipient university cannot conclude an agreement.
2. **Notification of Changes to the Project:** After an application has been submitted, applicant universities must notify the KF of any changes to the project plan, including postponement and/or cancellation.
3. **Revision of the Project Plan:** When deemed necessary, the KF may request an applicant university to revise or supplement its project plan.
4. **Disbursement of the Grant:** Before grant funds are made available to recipient universities, the KF and each recipient university will enter into a grant agreement, the details of which (including regarding the project and budget) will be determined through mutual discussion.
5. **Submission of Report:** Recipient universities are required to submit an annual project report to the KF during the term of the agreement. The report must be accompanied by a financial statement drafted and signed by the recipient university's accounting officer. The KF's report format will be provided.

## Contact

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