SNU President Fellowship (SPF)

Spring 2022

1. Overview
Based on the recognition that the main driver for national development of Korea has been its human capital, Korea is now responsible to share its experiences with other developing nations. Recognizing its global social responsibility, Seoul National University launched the SNU President Fellowship to provide opportunities to faculty members of major universities in developing countries to pursue Ph.D. degrees at SNU.

2. Details of the Award
A recipient of SPF will be awarded the following:

- Full tuition fee for six semesters
- KRW 1,500,000–2,000,000 monthly stipend for 3–4 years*
- A round-trip airfare (economy class based on GTS system)
- Korean language training (only evening class during regular semesters)
- National health Insurance coverage (amount of coverage can differ depending on the recipient’s situation)

* All doctoral programs at Seoul National University have an established length of time for the completion of a doctoral program (called Normative Time) which is usually three years. Recipients can select between the option of receiving a monthly stipend of KRW 2,000,000 for 3 years, or KRW 1,500,000 for 4 years (if the recipient expects that it would be difficult to complete his/her degree in three years)

3. Eligibility
An applicant must be BOTH:

1) a faculty member of a major university in a developing country* WITHOUT a Ph.D. degree
2) a newly admitted student to SNU as Ph.D. student for Spring 2022 semester

* Priority will be given to faculty members from major universities in developing countries in Asia, Africa, South America etc.

4. Research Areas
Applicants can apply to pursue Ph.D. in any research area but selection priority will be given to applicants doing exceptional work in engineering, medicine, public health, agriculture, developmental studies, Korean studies, etc.

5. SPF Application Timeline for Spring 2022 Semester
1) Admission to Seoul National University

Online Application

https://en.snu.ac.kr/admission/gradutate/application

July 5(Mon) ~ July. 15 (Thu) 2021, 17:00 KST

Announcement of Final Admissions Results

After 17:00, November 26(Fri), 2021

After receiving an acceptance letter from Seoul National University

2) Application to SPF Scholarship

Application and Submission of Documents to the recipient’s affiliated college/department

Application documents from college/department offices to the SNU Office of International Affairs

Interview

Announcement of the final results

December 10th (Fri.), 2021, 18:00

December 14th (Tue), 2021

December, 2021

Note: All application and evidentiary documents must be submitted by the applicants affiliated college on behalf of students to the Office of International Affairs. Direct submission from individual students are not allowed.

6. Required Documents

- SPF Spring 2022 application form (including study plan)
- certificate of employment (as a faculty member)
  - the certificate of employment must state:
    1. the name of the university the applicant is currently registered as a faculty member
    2. the address of the university the applicant is currently registered as a faculty member
    3. the department the applicant is employed in as a faculty member
    4. the name of the position that the applicant is employed as a faculty member
    5. since when the applicant was employed at the university as a faculty member
- academic transcript and graduation certificate (for both undergraduate and master’s degree)
- recommendation letter from the Dean of affiliated College at SNU
- video link (research and teaching achievements, study plan, goals after graduation)
  - Students could submit their video files using the specified method (through Vimeo, YouTube)
  - Presentations are limited to 5 minutes and applicants exceeding 5 minutes are disqualified.
- recommendation letter from the Dean or President of your current university of your home country (optional, extra points)

7. Contact Information

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