

# The Chance for Developing R&D Career in Korea

## Brain Pool & Brain Pool Plus

### What is Brain Pool (BP) & Brain Pool Plus (BP+)?

- ✓ **Brain Pool(BP)** Inviting overseas researchers for **Max. 3 years** to Korean institutions
- ✓ **Brain Pool Plus(BP+)** Inviting overseas researchers to Korean Institutions **as Tenure**

### Who is eligible for the program?

- ✓ Researchers in **Science and Technology field**
- ✓ **Ph.D. Holder who is living overseas**(If you are invited to universities and research institutions)
- ✓ Ph.D. Holder who is living overseas or who have more than 5 years of onsite R&D experience in the industry regardless of Ph.D. (If you are invited to companies)

### Supporting items

#### Brain Pool

- ✓ 12 months ~ 3 years (~2026.12.31.)
- ✓ **Personnel Cost**  
(Up to 300 million KRW per year  
/About 210,000 EUR per year)
- ✓ **Cost for Relocation** (Airfare etc.)
- ✓ **Housing allowance**
- ✓ Subsidies for Child Education
- ✓ Extra Funding for Research Activities  
(conference, buying materials for experiments, etc.)

#### Brain Pool Plus

- ✓ **Max. 10 years(4+6)**
- ✓ **Should be employed as tenure**
- ✓ **Up to 600 million KRW per year including below items**  
(About 425,000 EURO per year)
  - Personnel Cost
  - All items in Brain Pool
  - Student Personnel Costs
  - Facility & Equipment Costs
  - Material Costs
  - Research allowances

### How to apply?



- ✓ If you need any help for finding Host PI in Korea, please access [RPIK\(rpik.or.kr\)](http://RPIK(rpik.or.kr)) that has list of Korean research labs!

### Schedule of 2024 BP and BP+

- ✓ **Announcement** 2023 December
- ✓ **Application** 2023 December ~ 2024 May
- ✓ **Selection** (1<sup>st</sup> call) April / (2<sup>nd</sup> call) July
- ✓ **Implementation** the 1<sup>st</sup> of month (after entrance)
  - Inviting researchers should enter into Korea before the end of each year

Check below QR for more information!



# BP & BP+

which invites outstanding overseas researchers in S&T to Korea



Jinkyu "JK" Yang  
Professor in Mechanical Engineering,  
Seoul National University

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Thanks to the BP and BP+ programs offered by the National Research Foundation of Korea, my dream of returning to my homeland and contributing to the progress of science and technology has become a reality. As a Korean scholar working in U.S. academia, I had long yearned for the opportunity to collaborate with distinguished scholars and students in Korea. In 2020-21, during a sabbatical under the BP program, I had the privilege of experiencing the highly supportive academic environments that Korea offers. This extraordinary experience propelled my bold decision to apply for BP+ and relocate to Korea in 2022. Today, I am enjoying my new environment, surrounded by exceptional students, cutting-edge equipment, and like-minded colleagues. Life is a journey, and I encourage you to expand your horizons and embark on the infinite possibilities that lie before you in Korea.



Il-Hwan Kim  
Korea Research Institute of  
Standards and Science,  
Senior Research Scientist

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As a Korean-American, my lifetime goal was to pursue a research career in Korea, and the Brain Pool program made that possible. Working overseas seemed like an impossible task at first but the support provided by the BP program helped me to connect with the research institution in Korea, and gave me courage to make the first step toward the goal.

I participated in the KRF(now the BP) program from 2019 to 2020 at Korea Research Institute of Standards and Science. After one year of valuable work experience at KRISS, I decided to further my research career in Korea, and now I am hired as a senior research scientist at my host institution. I strongly encourage scientists from overseas to join the program and gain an exciting research (and life!) experience in Korea.



Je-Kyung Ryu  
Professor in Department of physics  
and astronomy,  
Seoul National University

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The Brain Pool Program is an excellent global networking program in South Korea for international researchers. This program helps facilitate collaboration between global researchers and Korean research teams in universities or institutes in Korea. It provides support for researchers' research activities, living arrangements, and even their families, enabling researchers to focus on their research. Additionally, the program offers opportunities to secure permanent positions in Korea. Moreover, this program provides a valuable opportunity to immerse oneself in Korean culture and offers strong support for researchers to settle down comfortably in Korea.