



May Newsletter

Highlight News



1. Vietnam, RoK Deepen Cooperation in Technology, Energy, and Digital Economy

Vietnam and the Republic of Korea agreed to expand cooperation in technology, clean energy, and the digital economy. The partnership aims to promote innovation, sustainable growth, and stronger industrial competitiveness in both countries.

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/vietnam-rok-deepen-cooperation-in-technology-energy-digital-economy-post342678.vnp>



2. Indonesia, South Korea Deepen Cooperation in Higher Education and STEM Research

Indonesia and South Korea are strengthening collaboration in higher education and STEM research through academic exchanges, joint research initiatives, and capacity-building programs to support future scientific development.

<https://rri.co.id/en/education/2397039/indonesia-south-korea-deepen-cooperation-in-higher-education-and-stem-research>



3. BRIN Researcher: Knowledge Transfer is Key to ASEAN Smart City Development

A researcher from Indonesia's National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) highlighted the importance of knowledge transfer in accelerating smart city development and supporting sustainable urban innovation across ASEAN.

<https://www.brin.go.id/news/128228/peneliti-brin-transfer-pengetahuan-kunci-pengembangan-smart-city-asean>



4. Korean Robotics and AI Firms Interested in Vietnam

Korean companies specializing in robotics and artificial intelligence have expressed growing interest in Vietnam, reflecting expanding opportunities for technology investment and digital transformation in the region.

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/korean-robotics-ai-firms-interested-in-vietnam-post342869.vnp>



5. ASEAN Secretary-General Meets with Governors Association of the Republic of Korea (GAROK) Chief

The ASEAN Secretary-General met with the Chief of Local Diplomacy of the Governors Association of the Republic of Korea (GAROK) to discuss stronger ASEAN-Korea cooperation and opportunities for collaboration at regional and local government levels.

<https://asean.org/secretary-general-of-asean-meets-with-chief-of-local-diplomacy-of-governors-association-of-the-republic-of-korea-garok/>



SCIENCE



RESEARCH



INNOVATION



TECHNOLOGY



DATA



DIGITAL



INTELLIGENCE



For more information, please visit the AKSTCC website: www.akstcc.org

Brain Pool

Korea Invites Global Talent

2025 Selected Host BP Laboratories in Korea (2025-2027)

What is Brain Pool Program?

- ✓ Inviting overseas outstanding researchers to Korean R&D institutions *through full-scale support for salary, stay, travel, and research collaboration*
- ✓ Especially, **BP Institution Track** connects international researchers with leading Korean laboratories & research institutions.
- ✓ Selected host laboratories could provide world-class research environments, comprehensive funding opportunities, and strong international R&D collaboration networks.

Supporting items For Invited Researchers :

- R&D duration :**
2025 ~ 2027.12.31.
- Salaries**
(Up to 300 million KRW per year)
- Cost for Relocation**
(Airfare etc.)
- Research Activity Incentives**
- Subsidies for Child Education**
- Extra Funding for Research Activities**
(conference, materials for experiments, etc.)

Researchers joining the program can :

- Conduct Frontier Research**
- Access Advanced Infrastructure**
- Collaborate with Leading Korean Scientists**
- Expand Global Research Networks**
- Find more R&D Opportunities in Korea!**

Laboratories List (2025-2027)

See the back for details!

- ◆ (KBSI, Korea Basic Science Institute) Development of High-Precision Isotopic Analysis for Rare Samples and Reference Materials in Earth and Planetary Sciences
- ◆ (KIMM, Korea Institute of Machinery & Materials) Development of autonomous robot task intelligence technology capable of performing various high-difficulty tasks
- ◆ (Yonsei University) International Research Center for Hydrogen Value Chain
- ◆ (Sungkyunkwan University) Development of Full-Body Bimanual Humanoid Robot Technologies Enabled by Integration of Vision, Tactile, Force Feedback, and Artificial Intelligence
- ◆ (KAIST) Brain Pool Global Hub for Urban AI
- ◆ (Hanyang University) Quantum Properties of Nanoscale Materials under Extreme Conditions
- ◆ (Pusan National University) Establishment of a Global Education and Research Hub for Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Rice Agriculture
- ◆ (Hanyang University ERICA) Large-Scale Matrix based Evolutionary Computation Algorithms: Theory and Applications
- ◆ (Kyung Hee University) Pioneering Next-Generation Physics Research through AI-Quantum Convergence



The Chance for Developing R&D Career in Korea

Brain Pool (BP/BP+) Program

What is Brain Pool (BP/BP+) Program?

- ✓ **BP** Inviting overseas outstanding researchers to Korean R&D institutions
- ✓ **BP+** Inviting Distinguished / top-tier scholars to Korean R&D institutions *through full-scale support for salary, stay, travel, and research collaboration*

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 (2026) ✓ Supporting items are subject to change

BP Individual track	BP+ Institution track
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 months ~ 3 years • Salaries (Up to 300 million KRW per year) • Cost for Relocation (Airfare etc.) • Research Activity Incentives • Subsidies for Child Education • Extra Funding for Research Activities (conference, materials for experiments, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years / potential for a tenure-track position • (Institution) Integrated package support to invite/recruit global talent for R&D institution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International talent recruitment activity cost, etc. • (Invited International Scientist) Salaries, Family Settlement support, R&D operating Expense <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Airfare, relocation cost, family accompaniment, etc. • at least 2 distinguished scholars must be retained.

How to apply?



If you need any help for finding Host PI in Korea, please access **RPIK(rpik.or.kr)** that has list of Korean research labs!

Schedule of Brain Pool Program

- ✓ **Announcement** Around year-end or early next year
- ✓ **Application** Around February - April
- ✓ **Selection** Around June
- ✓ **Implementation** (BP) 1st July/November (BP+) 1st July

- Inviting researchers should enter into Korea before the start date to conduct project
- The schedule is subject to change based on the program progress

Are you finding Research Position or Information in Korea?!

www.rpik.or.kr

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