**South Korea – Denmark**

Promotional Call for the bilateral collaboration between

**National Research Foundation of Korea**

and

**Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education**

Deadline for Submission: **13 October 2017**

Scope of the call

The National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) and the Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education (DAFSHE) are announcing a call for mobility and network activities for public and private researchers. The call will support expenses for mobility and network activities between researchers in the two countries.

NRF will provide funding for applicants from Korea and DAFSHE will provide funding for applicants from Denmark. Applicants from both sides are encouraged to make coordinated applications supporting joint activities.

Proposals within all S&T research fields are welcomed.

Who can apply for and receive funding

**Denmark:**

A) Recognised scientists employed at Danish universities and research institutions and B) recognized scientists and research experts employed at R&D intensive companies and GTS Institutes in Denmark.

The concept “recognised scientists” is defined as follows: Persons who have engaged in active scientific research for a number of years, and who possess academic qualifications at a level corresponding to those of at least an associate professor or a senior scientist.

The concept “research expert” is defined as follows: Persons at PhD level who possess either knowledge of or experience with the performance of research tasks for a number of years at a national or an international level, or who have undertaken in-depth research administration, research management, research dissemination or research policy work for an institution, organisation or company.

**Korea:**

Recognised researchers at Korean institute/organisation eligible under Article 14, Section 1 of Basic Sciences Promotion Act.

Companies in Korea are not eligible to receive funding from this program.

Call launch and structure

The call will be launched on 21 August 2017 by NRF and DAFSHE. The proposed activities should initiate on 1 December 2017 and carry on until 31 November 2018.

The aim of the call is to give researchers an opportunity to build the foundation for future cooperation and to explore new research partnerships of a potentially high value.

Eligible partners are invited to present joint proposals for mobility and networking activities according to the following criteria:

* The proposed activities should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries on an equal base, and the cooperation must be equally significant to all participants.
* Applicants in Denmark applying through DAFSHE should not have applied (or received) [International Network Programme](http://ufm.dk/en/research-and-innovation/funding-programmes-for-research-and-innovation/calls/2017/the-international-network-programme-nineth-call-for-proposals?set_language=en&cl=en) support from the Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education for the same project or activities.
* The partners should include at least one Danish and one Korean research organisation in a balanced cooperation. SME’s and large enterprises are welcome to participate following each country’s funding regulations. Industrial and innovation actors from other countries than Korea and Denmark are welcome to participate in the proposed activities, however, they will not be funded by NRF or DAFSHE.
* The project must have a civil purpose.
* Applicants in Denmark applying through DAFSHE cannot use funding to cover expenses for salaries, including student assistance.

Financing

Funding conditions and eligibility criteria vary in Denmark and Korea.

The main aspects of the funding criteria are:

**Denmark:**

The maximum funding for all Danish partners in an application is 150.000 DKK incl. overhead per project. DAFSHE will provide funding for two to three separate projects under this call.

Guidelines for partnerships:

* Universities and governmental research institutions will be granted 44 % of the

total amount applied for to cover overhead expenses.

* Other public owned institutions, for instance university hospitals, will be granted

3.1 % of the total amount applied for to cover administration expenses.

* GTS institutes will be granted 20 % of the total amount applied for to cover overhead expenses.
* Overhead or administration expenses will not be granted to private persons, companies or non-profit organisations.

Financial support for companies are granted in accordance with the EU regulation

and De minimis aid, cf. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1407/2013 of 18 December

2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning

of the European Union to de minimis aid. This implies that financial support is

granted on the assumption that the company is familiar with and follows the rules

of de minimis aid. Hence, applicants from companies are required to use the form

“Declaration of aid under de minimis regulation” which should be appended to the

electronic application. Link to the form is found in the electronic application module

(e-grant).

Please note that a grant from this call is personal. However, the institution or company

where the applicant is employed will receive and must administer the grant.

**Korea:**

The maximum funding for all Korean partners in an application is 20,000,000 KRW incl. overhead per project. NRF will provide funding for two to three separate projects under this call. Please refer to the [NRF funding site](http://www.nrf.re.kr) and call documents written in Korean for further information.

Guidelines for partnerships:

* Companies in Korea are not eligible to receive funding from this program.
* Applicants will be granted maximum 7% from the total amount applied for to cover overhead expenses.

Evaluation criteria

**Denmark:**

The applicant (recognised scientist or research expert in Denmark) must have identified one or more foreign partners from a scientifically/technically recognised institution in Korea. The applicant and the Korean partner(s) must be recognised scientists or research experts in the relevant field of research and the project must be endorsed by their respective institutions.

The assessment of applications will be based on the following non-prioritised criteria:

* The exploratory nature of the network activities i.e. networking activities seeking to identify new potential for research cooperation. Priority will be given to projects where there is not already a well-established contact between the project partners.
* The clarity and transparency of the application. The application should be well-written, thoroughly prepared and communicate its purpose precisely.
* From the application it must be clear who will be involved in and responsible for implementing the different activities.
* The scientific quality, clarity and focus of the activities.
* The potential for future scientific cooperation, e.g. the potential for collaboration after the project period funded by this call.
* The academic background and level of excellence of the applicant and the South Korean partner(s) as well as of other key persons and institutions involved in the project.
* The added value to be gained from cooperation with the chosen South Korean partner(s). The applicant should make clear why the proposed constellation of project partners will bring added value to the project.
* The extent and nature of the applicant’s experience in international scientific cooperation.
* The proof of commitment of the chosen foreign partner(s).

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of an overall assessment of the above mentioned criteria and the consistence with the purpose of this call.

**Korea:**

The applicant (recognised scientist or research expert from Korea) must have identified one or more foreign partners from a scientifically/technically recognised institution/company in Denmark. The applicant and the Danish partner(s) must be recognised scientists or research experts in the relevant field of research and the project must be endorsed by their respective institutions.

The assessment of applications will be based on the following non-prioritised criteria:

A) Scientific excellence of the project:

* Thematic focus of proposal according to the call text
* Quality, originality and innovativeness
* Feasibility (governance, adequate budget, resources, work plan, time schedule)

B) Scientific excellence of project partners:

* Qualification of applicants (scientific track-record, publications in scientific journals, quality/status of organisation the applicants belong to)
* Experience in international cooperation

C) Added value for both partner institutions:

* Scientific benefit for both partner institutions
* Level and balance of the collaborative interaction between project partners

D) Potential impact and expected exploitation of the results:

* Use of expected results, sustainability
* Possible resulting applications
* National criteria if necessary

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of an overall assessment of the above mentioned criteria and the consistence with the purpose of this call.

Important dates including submission and approval procedures

* 21 August, 2017: Launch of call. Application forms and guidelines will be posted together with the call text.
* 13 October, 2017: Deadline for submission.

a) Researchers in Denmark should submit their applications through the e-grant system (https://www.e-grant.dk).

b) Researchers in Korea should submit their applications according to the NRF call and domestic regulations. NRF operates the [ERND system](http://www.ernd.nrf.re.kr) and researchers should log in and submit his/her application to this on-line system.

* October to November, 2017. Evaluation of applications. Evaluation will be done from both Danish and Korean side.
* November, 2017. Response to the applications.

Period granted: 1 December, 2017 – 30 November, 2018. Projects should be executed during this period. Research start date is 1 December, 2017.

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