

Notice

2025 Seed Funding for Horizon Europe Project Participation

Due Date: Monday, March 17, 2025

SNU Office of Research Affairs (ORA) introduces a seed funding program to support SNU researchers preparing to participate in Horizon Europe projects.

[Horizon Europe](#) is the EU's largest multilateral research and innovation program, and also the largest in the world, with a total budget of €95.5 billion (approximately 140 trillion KRW) over seven years, from 2021 to 2027. Starting January 1, 2025, Korea joins Horizon Europe as an associate member under Pillar 2, allowing Korean researchers to participate in Horizon Europe projects either as coordinators or beneficiaries on equal terms with EU member state researchers. Moreover, they will be able to receive research funding directly from the Horizon Europe budget without needing to go through a separate domestic selection process.

The Ministry of Science and ICT and the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) have opened [applications for 2025 Korea-EU Cooperation Promotion Project](#), aimed at fostering preliminary networking and project planning for Horizon Europe. Applications, submitted via the IRIS system, will close on Monday, March 17, with final selections (15 projects, 25M KRW each, for one year) announced by the end of March.

For those not selected by the NRF, SNU ORA will provide internal seed funding for up to 10 projects (20M KRW each, for one year). No additional application to SNU ORA is necessary, and funding decisions will be made by May (subject to change depending on potential delays in the NRF selection process).

Both NRF and SNU ORA will prioritize projects aligned with 12 National Strategic Technologies: 1) Semiconductors, 2) Displays, 3) Secondary batteries, 4) Next-generation nuclear power, 5) Hydrogen, 6) Next-generation communications (5G·6G), 7) Advanced bio, 8) Aerospace/marine, 9) Quantum, 10) AI, 11) Advanced robotics/manufacturing, 12) Advanced mobility.

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Resources

[Korea-EU Research Centre \(KEREC\) Website](#) (including Horizon Europe programme guideline)
[Horizon Europe Tracker](#) (Koreans participating Horizon Europe Projects)