Call for Application

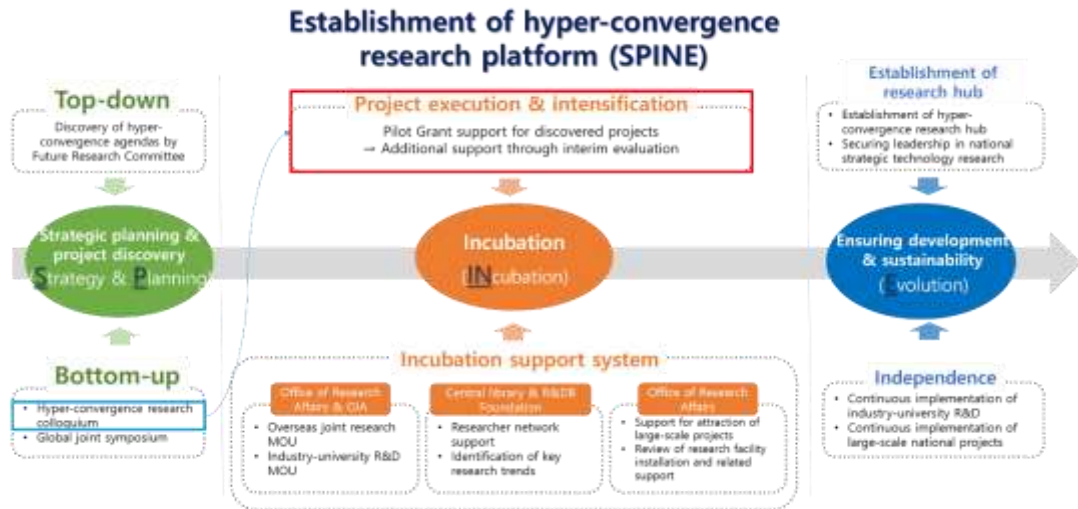# 2024 Hyper-Convergence Research Colloquium Grant

Due Date: Friday, September 20, 2024

I. Program Overview

SNU Office of Research Affairs (ORA) invites applications for the 2024 Hyper-Convergence Research Colloquium Grant. This program supports teams of professors from different fields working on hyper-convergent research topics. Selected teams can receive grants of up to 3-5 million KRW. Research projects developed through this colloquium may qualify for further funding under the SNU ORA'S Hyper-Convergence Research Support Program in the following year.

1. Background

- SNU, as a research-focused university, aims to enhance its ability to conduct hyper-convergent research that crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries. This approach is essential to tackling national challenges and contributing to future societal needs.
- SNU ORA is establishing a platform called **SPINE**, bringing together outstanding researchers from within and outside the university to collaborate on innovative research projects.

2. Program Objectives

- To build networks among faculty that transcend the boundaries of departments, colleges, research institutes, and hospitals.
- To identify and develop bottom-up hyper-convergent research projects at the strategic planning stage of SPINE.

3. Summary: 2024 Program Plan

Types of Colloquium	Inter-faculty Colloquium	Inter-research institutes Colloquium
Maximum Grant (per team)	Up to 3 million KRW	Up to 5 million KRW
Principal Professor Eligibility	Full-time, endowed, or HK professor of SNU	Full-time, endowed, or HK professor of SNU who are heads of research institutes
Participating Professors	At least five professors from a minimum of two academic disciplines and more than three departments	At least seven professors from a minimum of two research institutes, with no single research institute representing more than 60% of the total

Definitions:
- Participating Professors: Includes full-time, endowed, HK, adjunct, invited, teaching, research, visiting, clinical, university-industry cooperation professors of SNU, as well as clinical professors from the SNU Hospital Group
- Academic Disciplines: Includes Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Engineering, Music, Arts & Sports Sciences, Medical Science
- Research Institute: See the list of SNU Research Institutes and the list of Government-funded Research Centers)

Important Notes

- **Participation in the 2024 Hyper-Convergent Research Colloquium is mandatory for eligibility in the 2025 Hyper-Convergence Research Support Program** to enhance strategic planning and support high-potential research projects.
  - ✦ Refer to III. Application for 2025 Hyper-Convergence Research Support Program in the page 4 for more information.
- **Clinical faculty members from the SNU Hospital Group** can now eligible to participate, facilitating university-hospital collaborative research in the bio field.
- Changes in eligibility criteria the in the 2024 Hyper-Convergence Research Support program applies the same in 2024 Colloquium: One team must include participation from at least two **'academic disciplines'**, not 'colleges'. SNU's **adjunct and other types of professors** can participate.

Timeline

- Call for Application: Early September 2024
- Application Due Date: September 20, 2024
- Selection Announcement: Late September or Early October 2024
- Colloquium Period: October 2024 to January 31, 2025
- Final Reporting (including expenditure report): By mid-February (date to be announced)

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II. Application and Colloquium Management

1. Eligibility

Refer to 3. Summary: 2024 Program Plan in the page 2. Note that application must be submitted by the principal professor and each professor may only participate in one colloquium.

The following are restricted from participation for SNU ORA's research support programs:

- Those who have failed to submit final reports for previous SNU ORA's research support programs (Penalties apply for three years.)
- Those who are found to be in breach of research integrity regulations or engaging in another unethical practice

2. Application Submission

- Application Due Date: **Friday, September 20, 2024**
- Process: Required documents should be submitted under the name of the principal professor to their affiliated college/school (for Inter-faculty Colloquium) or research institute (for Inter-research institutes Colloquium). These will then be sent to the Division of Research Policy electronically.
- List of Required Documents
    - ✧ Form 1-1. Application for Hyper-Convergence Research Colloquium Grant
    - ✧ Form 1-2. Colloquium Proposal
    - ✧ Form 1-3. Budget Plan

3. Grant Management

- Selection Announcement: **Late September or Early October 2024**
- Grant Allocation: Up to 3 million KRW per team, or up to 5 million KRW for inter-research institute teams, managed through the SRnD system
- Allowable Expenses: Costs for utilizing experts (e.g., lectures, manuscripts, translations), purchasing books, printing, copying, and meetings. Compensation for lectures by colloquium participants is not permitted. Labor costs for research assistants must not exceed 20% of the grant. All expenses must comply with *SNU's Research Expenses Management Guidelines*.

4. Colloquium Operation

- Duration: **From selection in October 2024 until January 31, 2025**
- Location: On-campus activities are preferred for easier information exchange among SNU community members.
- Changes in Proposal: All activities should be held in compliance with the submitted proposal. Any significant changes (such as changes in the title of study, changes in participants due to inevitable circumstances, etc.) can be made upon an official approval from the Division of Research Policy; in this case, submit a request for changes in colloquium proposal.
- Final Reporting: A final report is required within one month after the colloquium ends (date to be confirmed).
    - ✧ Form 1-4. Hyper-Convergence Research Colloquium Report
    - ✧ Form 1-5. Expenditure Report (cf. Receipts and proof documentation should be managed and retained at the affiliated institution.)

- ◇ Form 1-6. Changes in Budget Plan (only when the expenditure differs from the initial budget plan)
- Sanctions for Non-compliance: Failure to submit the final report by the due date will result in the return of the full grant amount and a restriction on applications for SNU ORA research support for three years.

III. Application for 2025 Hyper-Convergence Research Support Program

1. Program Objectives

- To promote cross-disciplinary research and support collaborative projects that can secure both internal and external funding.

2. 2025 Program Plan

- **Participation in the 2024 Hyper-Convergence Research Colloquium is required for applying to the 2025 program.**
- The funding available varies by category as seen in the 2024 Program Plan below. Note, however, that the program plan may change by year.

Funding (per project)	(General) Up to 60 million KRW (National Challenges) Up to 80 million KRW (National Strategic Technologies) Up to 100 million KRW
Principal Investigator Eligibility	Full-time, endowed, or HK professor of SNU
Team Composition	Research teams must include professors from at least two different academic disciplines and more than three departments; SNU's full-time, endowed, HK, adjunct and other types of faculty, postdocs and clinical professors from the SNU Hospital Group can participate as co-investigators. Full-time faculty from other universities are also eligible, and teams that include non-SNU faculty will receive additional consideration during the selection process.
Research Period	Single-year or Multi-year (two years, with an interim evaluation)
Timeline	The call for application opened in May 2024, and the selected research projects is currently running, from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.