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2027 First Call for Proposals for New Basic Research Projects (Individual Research Grants) by the Ministry of Science and ICT

The Ministry of Science and ICT hereby announces the first call for proposals for new Basic Research Projects (Individual Research Grants) in 2027, as detailed below.

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1. Overview of Program

☐ **Program Objective**

○ To contribute to expanding the nation's future scientific and technological capabilities by strengthening creative and ambitious basic research and fostering outstanding researchers.

☐ **Application Procedure:** Open call for proposals

☐ **Supporting Programs**

○ **Individual Research Grants**

Program		Program Objectives and Descriptions	Eligible Individuals	Research period (maximum)	Annual research fund budget
Leader Grants	Type B (Top-Tier)	Provide long-term research support to enable world-class researchers to continuously produce outstanding research outcomes	Faculty members (tenure track, non-tenure track also known as full-time/non-full-time) in the fields of science and engineering at colleges or universities, and researchers at national (public)*, or private research institutes ※ For Type B (Top-Tier), leader researchers expected to enter Stage 3 in 2027 may apply.	9 years (5+4)	approx. 1,600 million won (direct cost within 1,280 million won)
	Type A	Intensive support for in-depth research by world-class researchers to develop future independent scientific technologies and new technologies			approx. 800 million won (direct cost within 640 million won)

Program		Program Objectives and Descriptions	Eligible Individuals	Research period (maximum)	Annual research fund budget
Core Research Grants	Type C	Support highly creative individual research to cultivate outstanding basic research capabilities and lay the foundation for growth as a leader researcher	Faculty members (tenure track, non-tenure track also known as full-time/non-full-time) in the fields of science and engineering at colleges or universities, and researchers at national (public)*, or private research institutes	1~5 years	approx. 300 million won (direct cost within 240 million won)
	Type B				approx. 200 million won (direct cost within 160 million won)
	Type A				approx. 100 million won (direct cost within 80 million won)
	Merit Research Program	Continued support for researchers with excellent outcomes to advance their research outcomes and produce innovative outcomes	Researchers scheduled to complete Basic Research projects (Core Research Grants (Type B, Type C)[1], Young Scientist Grants (Type B)[2]) in 2027 ※ Includes PIs of Consolidator follow-up and Consolidator-linked Young Scientist follow-up projects 1) Formerly Consolidator Grants Type 1 and 2 2) Formerly Outstanding Young Scientist Grants However, government-funded research institutes that have abolished the Project-Based System (PBS) may not apply.	3 years	approx. 250 million won (direct cost within 200 million won)
	Hanwoomul-Phagi Basic Research	To support outstanding young researchers to continuously conduct challenging research in one area over a long period to create world-class research outcomes	Faculty members (tenure track, non-tenure track also known as full-time/non-full-time) in the fields of science and engineering at colleges or universities, and researchers at national (public)* or private research institutes, within 15 years after obtaining a final doctoral degree	10 years (5+5)	approx. 200 million won (direct cost within 160 million won)
	Global Matching Grant	To support international collaborative research projects with advanced basic research countries that share common values, through joint (bilateral) budget support	Applies separately depending on the counterpart country (institute)	3 years	approx. 150 million won
	Strategic Research	To support strategic basic research that responds to national and social needs, including national strategic technologies and promising future fields	Faculty members (tenure track, non-tenure track) in the fields of science and engineering at colleges or universities, and researchers at national (public)* or government-funded research institutes	1~3 years	approx. 200 million won (direct cost within 160 million won)

Program		Program Objectives and Descriptions	Eligible Individuals	Research period (maximum)	Annual research fund budget
	General Research B	To support small-scale long-term research tailored to the characteristics and environment of researchers, thereby establishing a research safety net	Tenure-track faculty members in the fields of science and engineering at colleges or universities, and researchers at national (public)* or private research institutes	1~5 years	approx. 70 million won (direct cost within 56 million won)
	General Research A				approx. 50 million won (direct cost within 40 million won)
Young Scientist Grants	Type B	To support creative research by young scientists for establishing their research base and cultivating excellence in research	Within 7 years after obtaining a final doctoral degree or 39 years old or younger; tenure-track faculty members in the fields of science and engineering at Korean universities, and full-time researchers at national (public)* or private research institutes ※ Tenure-track faculty members at Korean universities whose first appointment as assistant professor or above was within the past 5 years may apply even if they are more than 7 years past their doctoral degree or over 39 years old.	1~5 years	approx. 150 million won (direct cost within 120 million won)
	Type A			1~3 years	approx. 100 million won (direct cost within 80 million won)
	Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist	To support young scientists to establish their laboratories early, including core infrastructure, so that they can focus on challenging research from the early stage of their careers	Within 7 years after obtaining a final doctoral degree or 39 years old or younger; tenure-track faculty members in the fields of science and engineering at Korean universities ※ Tenure-track faculty members at Korean universities whose first appointment as assistant professor or above was within the past 5 years may apply even if they are more than 7 years past their doctoral degree or over 39 years old. ※ Previous beneficiaries of this program and recipients of Regional Long-term Research are ineligible.	1 year	100~500 million won
	Regional Long-term Research	To support long-term research that attracts young, promising researchers to the regions and helps them settle there and grow into core personnel for regional innovation capacity	Within 7 years after obtaining a final doctoral degree or 39 years old or younger; tenure-track faculty members in the fields of science and engineering at domestic regional universities ※ Tenure-track faculty members at Korean universities whose first appointment as assistant professor or above was within the past 5 years may apply even if they are more than 7 years past their doctoral degree or over 39 years old.	10 years (5+5)	(Year 1) approx. 300 million won per year (direct cost within 240 million won) (Years 2~10) approx. 150 million won per year (direct cost within 120 million won)

Program		Program Objectives and Descriptions	Eligible Individuals	Research period (maximum)	Annual research fund budget
Sejong Science Fellow-ship	Domestic Track	To promote young scientists including post-doctoral fellows to conduct their own research that they want to focus through this fellowship, thereby developing and establishing themselves as capable researchers in the core science and engineering fields.	Among those who obtained a doctoral degree from a university in the Republic of Korea, ① within 7 years of obtaining the doctoral degree or ② 39 years old or younger, those who are not tenure-track faculty members in science and engineering at domestic universities, or who work on a non-regular basis at national (public)* or private research institutes ※ Only Korean nationals may apply	5 years	approx. 130 million won (direct cost approx. 100 million won)
	Return and Recruitment Track	Encourage the return of young Korean researchers who have obtained their degrees abroad and promote the recruitment and settlement of qualified foreign PhD-level research personnel in Korea	Those who obtained a doctoral degree from a university abroad, ① within 7 years of obtaining the doctoral degree or ② 39 years old or younger, who are not tenure-track faculty members in science and engineering at domestic universities, or who work on a non-regular basis at national (public)* or private research institutes ※ Foreign nationals meeting the above conditions who hold a doctoral degree from a domestic university may also apply	5 years	approx. 130 million won (direct cost approx. 100 million won)

* Government-funded research institutes that have abolished the Project-Based System (PBS) may not apply.

※ To be announced separately: Individual Research Grants, 2nd call (Core Research Grants (Strategic research, General Research B, General Research A); Young Scientist Grants (Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist)) and Global Matching Grant.

2. Year 2027 New Project Funding Plan

☐ Number of New Projects to be Selected by Program

Project			The number of project selection
Leader Grants	Type B(Top-Tier)		Approx. 3 projects
	Type A		Approx. 10 projects (including up to 2 Follow-up New projects)
Core Research Grants	Type C		Approx. 100 projects
	Type B		Approx. 670 projects
	Type A		Approx. 825 projects
	Merit Research Program		Approx. 50 projects
	Hanwoomul-Phagi Basic Research		Approx. 40 projects
	Global Matching Grant	Germany (DFG)	Approx. 20 projects
	Strategic research(2nd call)		Approx. 50 projects
	General Research B(2nd call)		Approx. 1,200 projects
	General Research A(2nd call)		Approx. 750 projects
Young Scientist Grants	Type B		Approx. 460 projects
	Type A		Approx. 600 projects
	Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist(2nd call)		Approx. 70 projects
	Regional Long-term Research		Approx. 100 projects
Sejong Science Fellowship	Domestic Track		Approx. 170 projects
	Return and Recruitment Track		Approx. 200 projects

※ The funding amounts and the number of new projects are subject to change depending on the results of the National Assembly's budget review and budget conditions.

※ Policy-type projects for promoting basic research (up to 2 projects), such as those on basic research policy, are planned to be selected within Core Research Grants (Type A).

※ Leader Grants (First-Time New): Only 9 months of research expenses are paid for the first year.

☐ Guide to Support for New Projects

○ New projects will be categorized into "First-Time New Projects" and "Follow-Up New Projects," the latter selected from among the projects ending in 2027 that have demonstrated exceptional performance. Information on Follow-Up New Projects will be provided separately to the relevant principal investigators.

※ Programs subject to Follow-Up New Projects: Leader Grants

※ For Leader Grants, a principal investigator may apply for and be selected for only one project, either a First-Time New Project or a Follow-Up New Project, within the same call.

3. Eligibility for Application(Performing) and Restrictions on Participation

☐ **Number of Applications and Assignments**

○ **(Application)** Individual research projects may be submitted by the principal investigator (PI) in accordance with the following principles.

Classification		Program	Remarks
1st application	Individual Research Grant	Only one project among: Leader Grants (Type B (Top-tier), Type A), Core Research Grants (Type C, Type B, Type A, Merit Research Program, Hanwoomul-Phagi Basic Research), Young Scientist Grants (Type B, Type A, Regional Long-term Research), Sejong Science Fellowship (Domestic Track, Return and Recruitment Track)	Leader Grants and Core Research Grants (one of Type C, Type B, Type A, Merit Research Program) may be applied for concurrently.
	Global Matching Grant	One project within Global Matching Grant (Germany)	Excluded from the one-person-one-project limit within the Individual Research Grants.
2nd application	Individual Research Grant	One project among Individual Research Grants (Core Research Grants (Strategic research, General Research B, General Research A)) ※ Researchers newly selected in the 1st call of the Individual Research Grants may not submit additional applications for new Individual Research Grants in the same year.	Applicants in the same year to the Ministry of Education's Regional Innovation-Centered Support or Academic Research Talent Development (formerly Support for the Next Generation of Academics and Support for the Academic Research Innovation) may not apply to the 2nd call of the Individual Research Grants.
	Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist	One project among Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist (Creative Infrastructure, Advanced Infrastructure)	Excluded from the one-person-one-project limit within the Individual Research Grants and Group Research Grants.

○ **(Selection)** Only one project as PI will be selected from among the applied projects of the following Individual Research Grants.*

* If an applicant is selected as PI for multiple programs simultaneously, the higher-priority program will be selected first
  - Group Research Grant > Leader Grants / Leader Grants > Core Research Grants.
* Group Research Grants: National Research Laboratory (NRL2.0), Future Research Centers, Basic Research Laboratory, University Basic Research Institute (G-LAMP), Glocal Lab, University Priority Research Institute Program.
  ※ Group Research Grants for 2027 will be announced separately.

< Number of Individual Research Grant applications and selections >

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Note 1) Leader Grants and Core Research Grants (one of Type C, Type B, Type A, Merit Research Program) may be applied for concurrently.

※ For Individual Basic Research, reflecting the characteristics of the program, national strategic technologies classified by technology characteristics and maturity are not entered when submitting applications.

< Number of Global Matching Grant applications and selections >

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※ Depending on project progress and budget, application periods and research start dates may change (application periods may differ by country).

※ Global Matching Grant is excluded from the one-person-one-project limit within the Basic Research Individual Research Grants (duplicate application and selection are possible).

< Number of Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist applications and selections >

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Note 1) Only one of the two tracks (Creative Infrastructure, Advanced Infrastructure) may be applied for.

※ Application periods may change depending on project progress and budget.

※ Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist is excluded from the one-person-one-project limit within the Basic Research Individual Research Grants* (duplicate application and selection are possible).

* Recipients of Regional Long-term Research may not apply for new Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist projects.

※ **(common)** Depending on the progresses of the programs and budgets, application periods and commencing dates for program·country can be changed.

☐ Restrictions on Application and Performance

○ Restrictions on application to the 1st call of the Individual Research Grants

- Researchers newly selected in the 1st call of the Individual Research Grants may not apply for any new Individual Research Grants (under the Ministry of Science and ICT or the Ministry of Education) in the same year.
- Applicants to programs with a 2-stage evaluation (discussion + presentation, etc.), such as Leader Grants, may not apply for new Individual Research Grants (under the Ministry of Science and ICT or the Ministry of Education) in the same year until the final selection results are announced, even if they are eliminated at the 1st stage and are therefore not subject to the 2nd-stage evaluation

○ Restrictions on application and performance for researchers conducting ongoing projects

- A researcher may conduct only one Individual Research Grant as PI within the Individual Research Grants

  ⇒ A PI who is conducting an ongoing Individual Research Grant cannot apply as PI for a new Individual Research Grant.

Individual Research Grants:
- **Ministry of Science and ICT:** Outstanding Grants (Leader Grants, Core Research Grants, Young Scientist Grants, Sejong Science Fellowship), Lifetime Basic Research(General Grants, Starting Grants);
- **Ministry of Education:** Integrated Basic Research Support, Regional Innovation-Centered Support, Academic Research Talent Development (formerly Basic Individual Science & Engineering, Support for the Academic Research Innovation, Support for the Next Generation of Academics

Exceptions

• **(Common)** Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist is an exception to the one-person-one-project limit within the Basic Research Projects and is not counted toward the limit on the number of R&D projects (5 projects in total, including up to 3 as PI)

※ Duplicate application and selection with Individual Research Grants are possible. However, recipients of Regional Long-term Research cannot apply or be selected in duplicate

• **(Exceptions for Individual Research Grants)**
- Where an ongoing individual basic research project reaches its final termination (excluding annual/stage terminations) within the current year (Dec. 31, 2027).

※ However, for Leader Grants, where the ongoing project reaches its final termination (excluding annual/stage terminations) within 10 months from the start date of the new project.

※ This is an exception to the one-person-one-project limit within the Basic Research Individual Research Grants only; it does not qualify as an exception to the limit on the number of R&D projects (5 projects in total, including up to 3 as PI).

Exceptions

- Applicants for Hanwoomul-Phagi Basic Research may apply even if their ongoing individual basic research project under the Ministry of Science and ICT will not reach final termination (excluding annual/stage terminations) within the current year (Dec. 31, 2027).

※ However, if selected for Hanwoomul-Phagi Basic Research, the ongoing individual basic research project under the Ministry of Science and ICT must be terminated on Dec. 31, 2027, and the overlapping period does not qualify as an exception to the limit on the number of R&D projects (5 projects in total, including up to 3 as PI).

- Global Matching Grant and Core Research Grants (Challenge-based research)are exceptions to the one-person-one-project limit within the Basic Research Individual Research Grants (but are counted toward the limit on the number of R&D projects (5 projects in total, including up to 3 as PI)).

○ Number of projects in which one person may participate simultaneously

※ the same rule applies to ongoing projects in 2027

- **(Common)** The one-person-one-project limit applies (the existing minimum participation rate requirement has been abolished).
- **(Leader Grants)** The PI may additionally conduct only one project of other national R&D programs as PI (conducting other Basic Research Projects at the same time is not allowed).*

* Exception: where the ongoing project reaches its final termination within 10 months from the research start date of the new Leader Grants project.

○ Common regulation for government R&D

- **(Restriction on participation)** Researchers who have been subject to sanctions restricting participation in national R&D projects may apply for and participate in new projects only if the sanction period ends by the day before the deadline for submission of the PI's research proposal.
- **(Limitation on the number of R&D projects)** For Basic Research Projects, the maximum number of R&D projects that a researcher may conduct simultaneously is 5, and among them the maximum number of projects that may be conducted as PI is 3.

Exceptions

· **Article 64 (3) of the Enforcement Decree of the National R&D Innovation Act (Limitation on the number of R&D projects)**

- **(Pursuant to Subparagraph 4)** Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist is not counted toward the number of R&D projects.
- **(Pursuant to Subparagraph 7*)** Small new projects with an average annual R&D budget of 60 million won or less (direct + indirect costs) are not counted toward the number of R&D projects (from 2027 until the end of the project).

* May change following deliberation by the National Science & Technology Advisory Council.

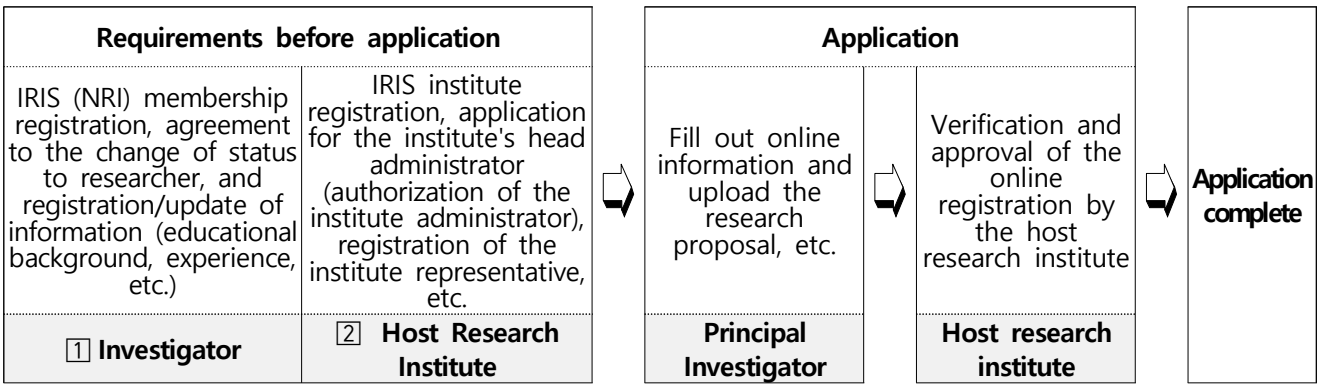
※ The exclusion of small projects with an average annual R&D budget of 60 million won or less from the number of R&D projects applies only to the limit on the number of projects in national R&D programs; such projects are still counted in the one-person-one-project limit within the Basic Individual Research Grants.

○ **Researchers affiliated with institutions unable to manage projects may not apply or perform**

- Researchers affiliated with institutions that cannot manage projects, such as R&D institutions without research support personnel or a research support organization, and, for for-profit institutions, those without a certified corporate-affiliated research institute or dedicated R&D department, may not apply for or conduct projects.

4. Application procedure

○ After the principal investigator logs in to **the Integrated R&D Information System** (IRIS, https://www.iris.go.kr), fills out the online information and uploads the research proposal and other documents, the host research institute verifies and approves the application



※ Before applying, be sure to check with the research management staff of your affiliated institution whether approval by the host research institute is possible.

※ Details will be announced through the NRF website (general project notices) on Monday, November 16, 2026.

5. Evaluation Method

Program			1st evaluation	2nd evaluation
Leader Grants	Type B	In-depth evaluation	(Preliminary evaluation) Discussion	(Main evaluation) Online written review (overseas) + presentation
	Type A			
Core Research Grants	Type C		Discussion	-
	Type B		Online written review	-
	Type A		Online written review	-
	Hanwoomul-Phagi Basic Research		Discussion	-
	Global Matching Grant	Germany(DFG)	Online written review or discussion	Discussion (joint panel of both countries)
	Strategic research		Online written review	
	General Research B		Online written review	
	General Research A		Online written review	
Young Scientist Grants	Type B		Online written review	-
	Type A		Online written review	-
	Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist		Discussion	Presentation
	Regional Long-term Research		Discussion	-
Sejong Science Fellowship	Domestic Track		Online written review	-
	Return and Recruitment Track			

※ Core Research Grants (Merit Research Program) will be conducted in a way that the 1st stage is a performance review by an expert panel (discussion evaluation) and the 2nd stage is a recommendation by a Program Manager (PM).

※ Proposals that do not meet the eligibility requirements after the submission deadline may be excluded from the evaluation.

※ Depending on the number of submissions and budget conditions, the evaluation method (discussion, presentation, online written review, etc.) or the stage-by-stage operation (e.g., discussion followed by presentation evaluation → presentation evaluation only) may be adjusted according to the detailed evaluation plan.

※ Discussion and presentation evaluations will be conducted flexibly, either in person or remotely.

6. Application period

※ Notice

- Applications must be marked "Submitted" before the researcher submission deadline. (Applications that are still "in preparation" at the deadline will be treated as not received, so please be careful.).
- Data and files submitted after the deadline of the host research institute cannot be changed.

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7. Timeline (Draft)

Timeline	Contents
November 2026	· Announcement of new projects for 2027
December 2026	· Submission of new applications for the Individual Research Grants, 1st call (Leader Grants (Type B (Top-tier), Type A), Core Research Grants (Type C, Type B, Type A, Merit Research Program, Hanwoomul-Phagi Basic Research), Young Scientist Grants (Type B, Type A, Regional Long-term Research), Sejong Science Fellowship (Domestic Track, Return and Recruitment Track))
January 2027	· Announcement of Global Matching Grant (Germany)
March 2027	· Start of research for new projects of the Individual Research Grants, 1st call (Core Research Grants (Type C, Type B, Type A, Merit Research Program, Hanwoomul-Phagi Basic Research), Young Scientist Grants (Type B, Type A, Regional Long-term Research), Sejong Science Fellowship (Domestic Track)) · Announcement of the 2027 new projects of the Individual Research Grants, 2nd call
April 2027	· Submission of new applications for the Individual Research Grants, 2nd call (Core Research Grants (Strategic research, General Research B, General Research A), Young Scientist Grants (Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist))
June 2027	· Start of research for new projects of the Individual Research Grants, 1st call (Leader Grants)
September 2027	· Start of research for new projects of the Individual Research Grants, 1st call (Sejong Science Fellowship (Return and Recruitment Track)) · Start of research for new projects of the Individual Research Grants, 2nd call (Core Research Grants (Strategic research, General Research B, General Research A), Young Scientist Grants (Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist))
December 2027	· Start of research for new projects of Global Matching Grant (Germany)

※ The timeline may be subject to change depending on circumstances

8. Other information

☐ Prohibition of misconduct related to national R&D projects

○ Applying for a project by false or other improper means* or performing it improperly, as well as falsely stating (including duplication) reports and outcomes, will result in measures such as restriction on participation under the relevant regulations.

※ Includes cases where ongoing or applied projects are omitted when writing major research performance, or where projects applied for simultaneously (two or more) are selected simultaneously but project adjustment is not made.

☐ Mandatory online research ethics course

○ Since 2018, the principal investigator of a basic research project must complete the online research ethics course after the commencement of the research.

- Designated institute of education operation: Korea Institute of Human Resources Development in Science and Technology (https://alpha-campus.kr/)
- Inquiry call about education: KIRD Alpha Campus (1588-5834)

☐ **Recommendations for preventing questionable academic activities**

○ When publishing the results of projects supported by the National Research Foundation of Korea as papers, principal investigators and others should use sound journals (or conferences) that are trusted by the relevant academic community.

○ When participating researchers (including student researchers) wish to publish research results as papers, principal investigators should confirm whether the academic organization is recognized by the relevant academic community.

※ Achievements published by a researcher (principal investigator) in questionable journals may be reflected in project evaluation results (selection, stage, final).

☐ **Recommendations for the responsible use of AI tools**

○ Applicants and performers of projects supported by the National Research Foundation of Korea who use or utilize AI tools in preparing R&D plans and interim (stage)/final reports should:

① describe the use of AI tools at an appropriate location* in the document (recommended)

* See "Recommendations for the Responsible Use of Generative AI Tools" [revised edition] (Sept. 2025, NRF).

Items to be stated (example): AI tool company. Year, AI tool name (version, release date/date of use), [type of material]*, URL, method of use, etc.
* Type of material: type of AI tool, such as large language model (LLM) or software (statistical or numerical analysis tools such as SPSS and MATLAB).

② verify the sources themselves to confirm the reliability and validity of AI-assisted material, check for possible research ethics violations, and revise or supplement as necessary

※ This is to prevent various research integrity violations, such as plagiarism, fabrication, and falsification, that may occur when using AI.

③ take care that important research information* is not leaked through the use of AI tools

* Research information: research data, project information, personal information of performers, etc.

- If research information is leaked by uploading R&D plans or other research materials to an AI tool, the researcher who used the AI tool is responsible.

☐ **Guide to participation of related parties in research**

○ To ensure fairness and transparency in research, where a related party (a spouse of the principal investigator or participating researcher, or a relative within the fourth degree of kinship, including lineal ascendants and descendants) participates in a project, or a minor is included as an author of research outcomes, review and approval by the host R&D institution followed by review and approval by the specialized agency are required.

☐ **Guide to acknowledgment**

○ When R&D outcomes created through this national R&D project are disclosed, published, presented, or distributed as journal papers, patent applications and registrations, publicity and press releases, conference presentations, reports, research data, etc., the acknowledgment must include the name of the central administrative agency, specialized agency, national R&D project, and R&D project number, so that it is clearly identifiable that the outcome was created with the support of a national R&D project.

○ For outcomes created with the support of multiple R&D projects, all related projects must be stated, and the contribution rates by project must be indicated so that they add up to 100%.

▸ **In Korean**
이 논문은 0000년도 정부(과학기술정보통신부)의 재원으로 한국연구재단의 지원을 받아 수행된 연구임 (IRIS 연구개발과제번호: RS-0000-00000000, 연구개발과제명: ○○○○)

▸ **In English**
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※ Guidelines on acknowledgment for patents, press releases, and other outcomes besides papers are provided separately in the application guidelines.

☐ **Guide to prior approval for dispatch to domestic/overseas institutions**

○ In principle, prior approval is required when a principal investigator is dispatched to a domestic or overseas institution for 6 months or more from the research start date. If it is determined during the approval review that conducting the research is impossible, whether to suspend the project will be reviewed through a special evaluation.

※ If prior approval is not obtained (application during dispatch, application after dispatch), the project may be suspended through a special evaluation.

※ If the principal investigator is already dispatched on the research start date, approval must be requested from the specialized agency without delay immediately after the agreement.

☐ **Strengthened management of applications from private research institutes under the Individual Basic Research Program**

○ Applications are accepted only from corporate-affiliated research institutes or dedicated R&D departments recognized under Article 7(1) of the "Act on Support for Research and Development of Corporate-affiliated Research Institutes, etc.“

※ In case of any discrepancies or confusion in the interpretation of the English announcement, the Korean announcement and application guidelines shall prevail.

9. Inquiries

○ Inquiries related to the project application:

- Individual Research Program Team, NRF; Europe and Africa Cooperation Team, NRF
- Young Researcher Program Team, National Research Facilities and Equipment Center (NFEC)

Program			Division	Contact
Individual Research Grant Leader Grants	Type B(Top-tier)		Individual Research Program Team, NRF	042-869-6813
	Type A			
Core Research Grants	Type C			042-869-6809
	Type B			
	Type A			042-869-6814
	Merit Research Program			042-869-6802
	Hanwoomul-Phagi Basic Research			042-869-6805
	Global Matching Grants	Germany(DFG)	Europe and Africa Cooperation Team, NRF	02-3460-5722
Young Scientist Grants	Type B		Individual Research Program Team, NRF	042-869-6808
	Type A			042-869-6802
	Regional Long-term Research			
	Infrastructure Supporting Grants for Young Scientist		Young Researcher Program Team, NFEC	042-865-3641
Sejong science fellowship	Domestic Track		Individual Research Program Team, NRF	042-869-6803
	Return and Recruitment Track			

※ Common contact of the Individual Research Program Team: 042-869-6392, 6393

○ IRIS inquiries: IRIS call center 1877-2041, or the usage inquiry board on the IRIS homepage (Notices·Customer > System·Service Inquiries > Usage Inquiry)

Attachment

List of Government-funded Research Institutes with PBS Abolished(as notified by the Ministry of Science and ICT)

☐ **Government-funded research institutes under the National Research Council of Science & Technology(23)**

No.	Institute (Korean)	Institute (English)*
1	한국과학기술연구원	Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST)
2	한국전자통신연구원	Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI)
3	한국에너지기술연구원	Korea Institute of Energy Research (KIER)
4	국가녹색기술연구소	National Green Technology Institute
5	국가보안기술연구소	National Security Research Institute (NSR)
6	한국전기연구원	Korea Electrotechnology Research Institute (KERI)
7	한국기초과학지원연구원	Korea Basic Science Institute (KBSI)
8	한국철도기술연구원	Korea Railroad Research Institute (KRRI)
9	한국화학연구원	Korea Research Institute of Chemical Technology (KRICT)
10	한국생명공학연구원	Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology (KRIBB)
11	한국표준과학연구원	Korea Research Institute of Standards and Science (KRISS)
12	국가독성과학연구소	National Toxicology Science Institute
13	한국과학기술정보연구원	Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI)
14	한국식품연구원	Korea Food Research Institute (KFRI)
15	한국원자력연구원	Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI)
16	한국한의학연구원	Korea Institute of Oriental Medicine (KIOM)
17	세계김치연구소	World Institute of Kimchi (WiKim)
18	한국재료연구원	Korea Institute of Materials Science (KIMS)
19	한국생산기술연구원	Korea Institute of Industrial Technology (KITECH)
20	한국지질자원연구원	Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources (KIGAM)
21	한국핵융합에너지연구원	Korea Institute of Fusion Energy (KFE)
22	한국건설기술연구원	Korea Institute of Civil Engineering and Building Technology (KICT)
23	한국기계연구원	Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials (KIMM)

* English institute names in the list below are unofficial translations of the Korean names

☐ **Government-funded research institutes directly under central administrative agencies(10)**

No.	Institute (Korean)	Institute (English)*
1	국가수리과학연구소	National Institute for Mathematical Sciences (NIMS)
2	한국뇌연구원	Korea Brain Research Institute (KBRI)
3	한국원자력의학원	Korea Institute of Radiological and Medical Sciences (KIRAMS)
4	동남권원자력의학원	Dongnam Institute of Radiological and Medical Sciences (DIRAMS)
5	한국항공우주연구원	Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI)
6	한국천문연구원	Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute (KASI)
7	한국해양과학기술원	Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST)
8	극지연구소	Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI)
9	선박해양플랜트연구소	Korea Research Institute of Ships and Ocean Engineering (KRISO)
10	한국세라믹기술원	Korea Institute of Ceramic Engineering and Technology (KICET)

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