Suh Kyungbae Foundation

New and Early Stage Investigator Research Support Program Announcement

2019 Program Announcement

Suh Kyungbae Foundation supports basic research in the field life science that aims to change the world and improve that quality of life of all human beings with the belief that there is an infinite sky beyond the visible sky (天外有天).

In particular, we will select and support scientists who have no fear of failure and can continue their adventurous research in pioneering unexploited life science fields which requires long-term perspective and who can develop new paradigms and novelities that will create new areas of research.

More specifically, the program will ensure investigator’s autonomy for five years, minimizing extra work non-related to research and interim evaluation by creating an environment where researchers can focus solely on their projects.

1. Scientific Area
   • Early stage study in all fields of life science which is innovative and creative with high expectations of a major breakthrough
     - Pioneering research in new fields
     - Research to investigate unsolved and unexplained phenomena in life science
     - Breakthrough research to overcome existing limitations
     - Highly uncertain researches that is difficult to get funded

2. Conditions
   • Approximately Five awardees per year
   • Grants between 300 to 500 million (KRW) per year
     Included: (I) Maximum 10% indirect cost, (II) Taxes which can occur in case of foreign support
   • Maximum 5 years support and autonomy of research during the period of support

3. Eligibility
   • The program is open to individuals with Korean citizenship who are affiliated to institutions in Korea or abroad
   • Applicants must have no more than 5 years of experience as an independent researcher (PI) by the day of the program announcement (January 7, 2019)
     ① University professor (Tenure-track)
     ② PI in a research institute of university
     ③ PI in a government-funded research institute
   • PhD and/or MD (or the equivalent) who was newly appointed as PI in a university or research institute before April 8, 2019 is also eligible to apply
   • Re-application is available who has required eligibility above. Differentiation from previous submitted project should be ensured!
Notes

- In order to minimize unnecessary work and to focus on research, the following conditions apply.

① PIs are required to devote at least 51% (40% for abroad) of their total research effort the project supported by this program

② PIs’ administrable positions in their institution will be limited

4. Application Process

• Deadline: January 11, 2019 ~ April 8, 2019. No later than 16:00 KST (UTC+9)

• Application must be submitted online through our website (http://www.suhf.org)

• Application includes the following components
  - Research proposal: Maximum 10 pages in English
  - Applicant curriculum vitae
  - 3 selected publication (submit as PDF files)

Notes

- No additional proposal will be requested throughout the whole selection process

5. Selection Process

• The review process will include evaluation of applicants by foreign and local scholars selected by the foundation

• Semi-finalists will be selected by July, 2019 and will be invited to make a scientific presentation to reviewers on September 6-7, 2019

• Research agreement will be announced separately

6. Others

• For additional information, visit our website (http://www.suhf.org) calls us at +82-2-319-2990.

• Screening procedures and results will be held strictly private and no appeal allowed.