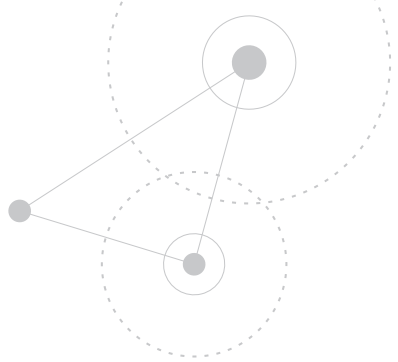
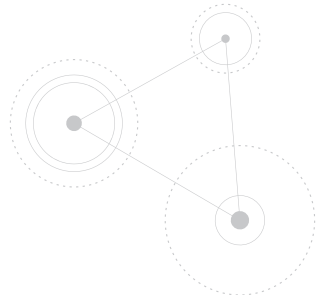
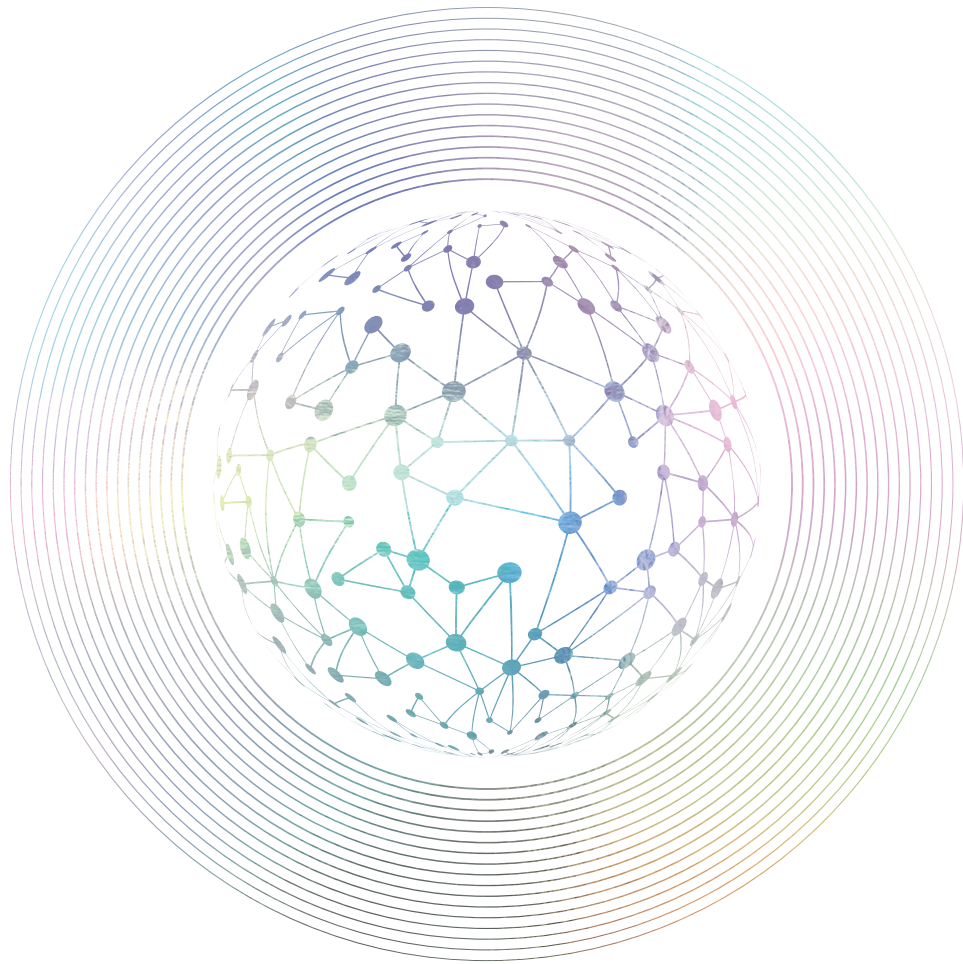




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Scholarship for Graduate Studies

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Program Outline	The KF Scholarship for Graduate Studies (GS) is designed to provide scholarship support to graduate students majoring in a Korea-related field or focusing on a Korea-related research topic at a university located outside of Korea.
Eligible Applicants	M.A. students or Ph.D. candidates in the humanities, social sciences, arts & cultural studies, media & communications, contemporary Korea or any other relevant field with a Korea-related research topic who fulfill the following criteria: 1. Have enrolled (or are about to enroll) as a full-time student at a university located outside of Korea* * Please note that students who have enrolled (or are about to enroll) at graduate schools aimed at training professionals in specific fields, such as MBA schools, law schools, or interpretation and translation schools, are ineligible for this program. 2. Have not previously obtained a Ph.D. degree 3. Hold citizenship or permanent residency status in a country outside of Korea* * Applicants who are Korean citizens must have already obtained permanent residency status or citizenship in a country outside of Korea.
Details of Support	Amount varies depending on the region
Scholarship Period	One year

Program Schedule	Three times per year	
	Program Schedule	
	First round North America	- Application Period: December-February - Assessment: March - Notification of Results: April
	Second round Europe and Japan	- Application Period: February-April - Assessment: May - Notification of Results: June
	Third round Oceania, Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia (excluding Japan), South Asia, Russia-Central Asia, Africa, Central and South America, Middle East, etc.	- Application Period: August-September - Assessment: November - Notification of Results: December
* The program schedule is subject to change. For the latest information and updates, please visit the KF Application Portal (http://apply.kf.or.kr)		

Required Documents	1. Online application
	2. Supplementary materials (to be uploaded with the online application)
	① Study/Research Proposal - Complete the form available on the online application portal. - Include all required information and a separate bibliography. - If the application is for a renewal for a second or third scholarship period, applicants must submit a progress report describing their research progress and related activities during the previous scholarship period. ② Copy of academic transcripts - M.A. students: Academic transcripts for undergraduate degree(s) and previous year(s) of M.A. degree (if in their second year or above) - Ph.D. candidates: Academic transcripts for undergraduate and M.A. degrees and previous year(s) of Ph.D. degree (if in their second year or above) ③ Curriculum vitae - Information about applicants' educational experience (including the title of applicants' thesis/dissertation and the date(s) on which they obtained their degree(s)), professional experience, scholarship and grant award history, research accomplishments, and publications ④ Three letters of reference - Thesis/dissertation supervisor - A professor who is qualified to assess the applicant's research proposal - A professor or lecturer who is able to assess the applicant's Korean language competency * If the application is for a renewal for a second or third scholarship period, only one (1) reference letter from the applicant's thesis/dissertation supervisor is required ⑤ Proof of nationality or permanent residency status - Copy of picture ID indicating nationality, residency permit, or any other relevant details.

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How to Apply

The application and all required documents should be submitted in English or Korean via the KF Online Application Portal (<http://apply.kf.or.kr>).

* Please refer to the KF Online Application Portal for the latest announcements on changes to the program requirements prior to completing your application.

Responsibilities

1. Submission of Final Report

Scholarship recipients are required to submit a final report detailing the academic achievements made during the scholarship period within two weeks of the end of the period, using the KF's standard report form.

2. Further Reporting Requirements

Upon obtaining their degree, scholarship recipients are required to submit a copy of their thesis/dissertation to the KF. Recipients must also inform the KF about any major academic achievements and activities, as well as any appointments to academic positions, even after the scholarship period has ended.

* The KF will monitor recipients' research progress annually for three years following the conclusion of the scholarship period. Recipients who do not fulfill the above-stated responsibilities may become ineligible for future support from the KF.

Important Reminders

1. M.A. students are eligible for scholarship support for up to two years. Ph.D. candidates are eligible for scholarship support for up to three years.
2. Scholarship recipients may not receive any other concurrent grants or scholarships provided by the KF or other Korean institutions.
3. During the semester, scholarship recipients must reside in the country in which the university at which they are enrolled is located, and devote their time exclusively to studying and conducting research.
4. If recipients leave the university during the scholarship period, the scholarship previously disbursed must be returned to the KF.
5. Scholarship periods may not be deferred to the following year.
6. Scholarships shall be awarded in two installments, as follows:
 - The first installment (80% of the total scholarship) will be disbursed after all required documents, including enrollment certificates, are verified.
 - The second installment (20% of the total scholarship) will be disbursed after the final report is submitted to and reviewed by the KF.
7. All personal information included in the application form will be used exclusively for the program's purposes. By submitting the application, applicants agree to the collection of their personal information by the KF.
8. After the completion of the evaluation process, universities will be notified about successful applicants via the email address indicated on the application.

Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research

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Program Outline	The KF Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research (PF) is designed to support the full-time research of emerging scholars who have recently obtained a Ph.D. in a Korea-related research topic at a university or research institution located outside of Korea.
Eligible Applicants	Scholars who have recently obtained or will soon hold a Ph.D. in the humanities, social sciences, arts & cultural studies, media & communications, contemporary Korea or any other relevant field with a Korea-related research topic and fulfill the following criteria: 1. Ph.D. holders who have obtained a Ph.D. within the past five years from the start date of the fellowship period OR Ph.D. candidates scheduled to receive their degree before the start of the fellowship period 2. Have not been awarded a university position equivalent to or exceeding that of a full-time lecturer, or a full-time researcher position at a research institution 3. Hold citizenship or permanent residency status in a country outside of Korea* * Applicants who are Korean citizens must have already obtained permanent residency status or citizenship in a country outside of Korea
Details of Support	A stipend to cover the fellow's annual research expenses and printing/editing costs for the publication of the doctoral dissertation. The amount is determined based on a screening committee's review of the applicant's proposal and the circumstances of the region in which the affiliated institution is located. * The grant is disbursed in three installments.
Fellowship Period	One year
Affiliated Institutions	1. Postdoctoral fellows' affiliated institutions should offer a Korean studies program, be located outside of Korea, and have faculty and a library collection in the area of Korean studies in which the postdoctoral fellow hopes to conduct research. The university from which the fellow obtained their Ph.D. is not to be counted as an affiliated institution. 2. Postdoctoral fellows' affiliated institutions are responsible for providing them with office space, library access, and the necessary practical and administrative assistance to facilitate their research activities and academic exchanges with the faculty.

Program Schedule	Three times per year	
	Program Schedule	
	First round North America	- Application Period: December-February - Assessment: March - Notification of Results: April
	Second round Europe and Japan	- Application Period: February-April - Assessment: May - Notification of Results: June
	Third round Oceania, Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia (excluding Japan), South Asia, Russia-Central Asia, Africa, Central and South America, Middle East, etc.	- Application Period: August-September - Assessment: November - Notification of Results: December
* The program schedule is subject to change. For the latest information and updates, please visit the KF Application Portal (http://apply.kf.or.kr)		

Required Documents	1. Online application 2. Supplementary materials (to be uploaded with the online application) ① Research proposal: Complete and upload the form (Max. 7 pages / Available for download on the application portal) ② Curriculum vitae - Information about applicants' educational experience (including dissertation title and the date on which they obtained or will obtain their Ph.D.), professional experience, scholarship and grant award history, research accomplishments, and publications ③ Letter(s) to affiliated institutions - Copies of letters (PDF) sent directly by the applicant to the host institutions (universities or research centers) - A maximum of three host institutions may be listed. - Changes to the host institutions are not permitted after the application is submitted. ④ Acceptance letter (If available) - Submit only if the host institution has been confirmed at the time of application. * If the request is accepted after the submission of the application, a copy of the acceptance letter must be submitted as soon as it is available. ⑤ Details about doctoral dissertation - Dissertation abstract, table of contents, chapter summaries, sample chapter, and publication plan (free-format) ⑥ Academic transcripts - Academic transcripts of M.A. and Ph.D. degrees ⑦ Ph.D. degree certificate (if available)* - Copy of Ph.D. degree certificate if the degree has been obtained before the submission of the application * If applicants have not yet obtained their Ph.D. upon submitting their application, a copy of the degree certificate must be submitted before the start of the fellowship period. ⑧ Three letters of reference (including one from the applicant's doctoral supervisor) - Three letters of recommendation (including one from the applicant's doctoral supervisor) ⑨ Proof of nationality or permanent residency status - Copy of photo ID indicating nationality, residency permit, or any other relevant details
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How to Apply

The application and all required documents should be submitted in English or Korean via the KF Online Application Portal (<http://apply.kf.or.kr>).

* Please refer to the KF Online Application Portal for the latest announcements on changes to the program requirements prior to completing your application.

Responsibilities

1. Full-time Research

Fellowship recipients must devote the fellowship period entirely to their research. They are, however, permitted to teach at the affiliated institution, to the extent that teaching activities do not interfere with the progress of their research (limit of one course per term).

2. Participation in Academic Activities

Postdoctoral fellowship recipients are required to participate in academic activities of the host institution during their research stay.

3. Submission of Reports

Fellowship recipients are required to submit an interim report after six months have passed from the beginning of the fellowship period, and a final report within seven days of the end of the fellowship period detailing the progress made during the period. The reports should be made using the KF's standard report forms.

4. Further Reporting

Recipients must also inform the KF about any major academic achievements and activities they are involved in, as well as any appointments to academic positions, even after the fellowship period has ended.*

5. Publication Requirement

Fellowship recipients must revise their doctoral dissertation during the fellowship period and publish it as book or research paper within three years after the end of the fellowship period. A statement that the research was supported by the KF must be clearly visible on the publication.

* The KF will monitor recipients' research progress annually for three years following the conclusion of the fellowship period. Fellows who do not fulfill the above outlined responsibilities may become ineligible for future support from the KF.

**Important
Reminders**

1. Recipients may be awarded with a KF Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research only once. Previous recipients cannot reapply for the program.
2. Fellowship recipients may not receive any other concurrent grants or fellowships provided by the KF or other Korean institutions. Violation of this condition will result in the suspension of the fellowship, and the fellow will be required to return the full amount of their grant to the KF.
3. During the fellowship period, fellowship recipients must conduct research at a university* or institution located outside of Korea, where Korean studies programs are offered or faculty members and research materials for their Korea-related research field are available. During the fellowship period, fellowship recipients must stay in the country where the university or institution is located, devote the fellowship period entirely to their research, and actively participate in Korea-related academic activities.
*Recipients may not conduct research at the university from which they obtained their Ph.D.
4. Fellowship periods may not be deferred to the following year.

Fellowship for Field Research

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***Applications for this program may or may not be accepted in 2026. Please check the KF Application Portal (<https://apply.kf.or.kr>) for further updates and announcements.**

Program Outline	For the purpose of promoting research in Korean studies abroad, the KF Fellowship for Field Research provides eminent Korean studies scholars abroad and experts in relevant fields with the opportunity to conduct on-site field research in Korea and access to resource materials.		
Number of Selected Fellows	Approximately 15 per year		
Eligible Applicants and Details of Program Support	Overseas researchers of comparative/case studies in Korean studies or Korea-related areas in the field of humanities or social sciences who fall under one of the following criteria:		
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	Eligibility	Ph.D. candidate writing their dissertation after completion of coursework	- Professor or lecturer - Researcher or professional with a Ph.D.degree
	Monthly Stipend	KRW 2,300,000	KRW 3,000,000
	Misc. Support	① Traveler’s insurance coverage ② Initial settlement support (one-time payment) - Doctoral candidate: KRW 500,000 - PhD degree holder: KRW 1,000,000 - Tenured associate or full professor: KRW 1,500,000	
Fellowship Period	The field research period should be between January and December 2026 and begin before November 30, 2026 (minimum duration of one month, maximum duration of 12 months). * Although the fields of natural science, engineering, and medical science are excluded, research topics that are closely related to Korea and recognized as important new areas of study, such as a fusion of Korean studies in both an excluded field and the humanities, social sciences, or arts and culture, may be accepted.		
Program Schedule	1. Application Period: In the second half of 2026 (TBA) 2. Notification of Result: December 2026		
Required Documents	All Applicants	1. Application form (available for download via the KF Application Portal) 2. Curriculum vitae (including the applicant’s signature) 3. Research proposal (free format, 5-10 pages) 4. Proposal for cooperative research with a Korean scholar 5. Copy of the most recently obtained academic degree	

By Application Type	6. Two letters of reference ① Head of the applicant's institution (university president, dean, department chair, institute director, etc.) ② Dissertation supervisor in applicant's country of residence 7. Evidence of current enrollment (official letter/certificate) 8. Graduate school (Ph.D.) transcripts 9. Certificate of coursework completion	6. Two letters of reference ① Head official of the applicant's institution (university president, dean, department chair, institute director, etc.) ② An individual capable of evaluating the applicant's lecture/research proposal (expert or professor in applicant's country of residence) 7. Evidence of current employment (official letter/certificate)
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* Please refer to the KF Online Application Portal for the latest announcements on changes to the program requirements prior to completing your application.

How to Apply

Applications should be submitted via the KF Online Application Portal (<http://apply.kf.or.kr>).

Obligations of Fellows

All fellows are required to submit a final report on their research in accordance with the KF standard report form before the conclusion of the fellowship period, and an outcome of field research in Korea as follows:

- ① **PhD candidates(A):** PhD dissertation must be completed and PhD degree must be obtained within two years after the fellowship period.
- ② **Professors, Lecturers, Researchers(B):** Must publish an article in an academic journal registered with A&HCI/SSCI/SCOPUS or officially registered with a country's ministry of education (within two years after the fellowship period) or a monograph (within three years after the fellowship period). Common: Annual research outcome monitoring and reporting required for three years after fellowship completion.

* The KF will monitor research progress annually for three years following the conclusion of the fellowship period.

** Fellows who do not fulfill their responsibilities will not be eligible for future support from the KF.

*** Fellows are required to prominently acknowledge support gained through the KF fellowship program whenever they publish, disseminate or exhibition the outcome(s) of their research.

Important Reminders

1. Applicants must be able to conduct their research in English or Korean.
2. For Korean nationals, only those who have acquired permanent residency status in a foreign country are eligible to apply.
3. Individuals under the following circumstances are not eligible for consideration:
 - ① Those who would begin the fellowship immediately following, and continuously with, a period of study or research activity in Korea (as of the fellowship start date)
 - ② Those who have received research funding for field research in Korea from the KF Fellowship for Field Research or from another Korean public institution within the last 3 years
 - ③ Those who receive support from a program offered by another Korean institution concurrently during the fellowship period
 - ④ Those who seek to improve their Korean language ability or enroll as a regular student in a degree program in Korea
4. The fellowship period approved by the KF may differ from the applicant's proposed schedule.
5. Accommodation and research facilities should be arranged by the fellow in cooperation with their research affiliation institute.
 - * The KF does not provide housing accommodations.
6. Fellows must have completed their literature review in their home country and must begin writing their thesis after coming to Korea for the fellowship period.
7. Fellows may not receive concurrent support from another organization during the fellowship period. If the fellow is confirmed to be receiving concurrent support, KF support will be cancelled.
8. The KF may make fellows' research outcomes publicly available on the KF website.

Support for Policy-Oriented Research Program

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Program Outline

The Support for Policy-Oriented Research program provides grant funding for research projects or programs that conduct in-depth analysis and develop policy recommendations on Korea-related political, social, and economic issues impacting the international community. It also supports educational programs for the next generation of policy experts worldwide through academic seminars, workshops, mentoring initiatives, and other activities aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of Korea.

Eligibility

Overseas research institutions, think tanks, or university-affiliated research institutions located in the United States.

* Applications must be submitted under an institution's name, not by an individual.

** Projects receiving financial support from the central or local governments of the Republic of Korea, or from public institutions designated under the Act on the Management of Public Institutions, are not eligible for support under this program.

Supported Areas

1. Policy research related to Korea on topics such as:

- **Foreign Policy and Security:** G7 Plus or Global South cooperation, peace on the Korean Peninsula and North Korea nuclear issues, cybersecurity, etc.
- **Economic Diplomacy:** Economic security, trade, energy, global supply chains, industrial cooperation, etc.
- **Global Challenges:** Democracy, climate change, the environment, norm-setting and enhanced cooperation in the AI or space sectors, etc.

2. Education programs for next-generation Korea-focused policy experts

Programs aimed at enhancing understanding of Korea through academic seminars, workshops, and mentoring for emerging policy experts

Project Director and Participant Expectations

1. Project directors are expected to provide academic guidance and expertise throughout the project. The KF will prioritize specialists with a Ph.D. or terminal degree in related fields, and/or teaching/research experience related to Korea.
2. Program participants* should be trainees, graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, or early-career faculty. More than half of the participants must have work/research experience related to Korea or demonstrate a proven interest in Korea-related issues.
3. Participants should compile and include the outcomes of their project in the final report they submit to the KF. Expected outcomes include:- Individual reports/essays on their activities and how to incorporate similar experiences into future academic activities- Journal articles/policy memos on project topics- Videos, podcasts, or other academic activity output

* The KF encourages institutions to recruit young professionals from the region or country where the institution is located, regardless of their nationality. However, participant selection is not a prerequisite for applying for the program.

	3. Establishment of a Korea Chair/Fellow position focused on Korea-related research To determine whether to apply for a Korea Chair or Korea Fellow position, please consider: 1. The expected duration of the position within your institution 2. The scope of the proposed research and activities * Korea Chair: Apply if your institution intends to establish and maintain the position for multiple (at least three) years, and if the proposed research and activities are long-term in nature, surpassing a single-year project. Any institution wishing to submit a project proposal for the establishment of a Korea Chair is required to contact the KF at researchsupport@kf.or.kr prior to submitting an application. ** Korea Fellow: Apply if your institution intends to appoint the position on a one-year basis, and the proposed research and activities are focused on a one-year project.
Grant Coverage	Project expenses, salaries for researchers and staff, honoraria, travel expenses, publication fees, indirect costs (in an amount of up to 10% of direct costs), etc. * KF grants do not cover general operating expenses, such as rent, utilities, and administrative salaries unrelated to the project. Additionally, capital expenditures, such as acquiring major equipment not related to the project, are not covered.
Grant Period	Up to one year * Multi-year support may be considered exclusively for the establishment of a Korea Chair/Fellow project. Prior consultation with the KF is required.
Program Schedule	1. Application Period: July 1 to September 2, 2026 The application window closes on 6 p.m. KST (2 a.m. PDT, 5 a.m. EDT) of the final day of the period. 2. Notification of Results: By December 31, 2026 Results will be communicated directly to the affiliated institution.
Required Documents	1. Online application submitted via the KF Online Application Portal (https://apply.kf.or.kr) - Please click the “Apply” button below this article to go directly to the portal. 2. Application materials to be uploaded with the online application: - Research proposal* (attached) - Project budget in US dollars - CVs of project investigator and co-investigators * The appropriate proposal form varies by area of support (Policy Research, Next Generation Education Program, Establishment of Korea Chair/Fellow Position). Please ensure you download the correct form for your project.
Application Guidelines	Applications and all required documents must be submitted in Korean or English via the KF Online Application Portal* (https://apply.kf.or.kr) by September 2, 2026. * For new applicant institutions, account creation takes approximately 2 to 3 days. Advance registration is required.

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Evaluation Criteria	Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate: - Excellence of the research plan - Capacity and experience of the project director's achievements and activities related to Korea and East Asia - Budget feasibility - Excellence of anticipated research outputs (e.g., External policy briefs, academic papers, publications, etc.) - Utilization of research findings and dissemination efforts (e.g., media op-eds, podcast production, social media engagement, etc.) * All applications will be reviewed by an external review committee composed of experts in policy research.
Reporting	Selected applicants will conclude a grant agreement with the KF and must submit the following within the grant period: - Final report in the KF's format, signed by the project director - Financial statement in the KF's format, endorsed by the institution's highest financial officer - Project outcomes, including any relevant publications, articles, program books, links to videos or podcasts, etc.
Important Reminders	1. Applicant institutions must notify the KF of any relevant changes to the information contained in the project plan after submission of the application. 2. During the application screening process, the KF may request additional information or adjustments to the project plan.
Contact	Please review the Frequently Asked Questions for the Support for Policy-Oriented Research program to see answers to simple questions and issues. [Go to FAQ.] For technical assistance, contact: tech-support@kf.or.kr For inquiries about the program, contact: researchsupport@kf.or.kr