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**International  
Scholar Exchange  
Fellowship  
2020-2021**

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# Introduction to the Chey Institute for Advanced Studies

The Chey Institute for Advanced Studies (hereinafter Chey Institute) is a non-partisan institute launched in commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of former SK Chairman Chey Jong-hyun, the founder of the Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies.

Since its establishment in 1974, the Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) has supported over 750 promising young scholars to receive their Ph.D.s from the world's top universities. KFAS is currently supporting more than 200 students at universities abroad. Entering the new millennium, KFAS launched its international academic programs and has supported more than 900 foreign scholars to conduct research in Korea for six months or one year, in collaboration with professors and researchers at Korean universities and academic institutions. The Foundation has also established 18 Asia Research Centers (ARC) in partnerships with major universities in 8 countries to promote active exchanges among Asian scholars.

The newly established Chey Institute for Advanced Studies aims to build on the international academic cooperation network of the Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies and its human resources to analyze global challenges and present solutions. The Chey Institute also aims to conduct in-depth research and analysis of scientific innovation and its risks to deal more systematically with the unprecedented challenges and opportunities posed to human society.

The Chey Institute supports the following international academic exchange programs, previously led by the Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies.

## 1. INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP (ISEF) PROGRAM

The Chey Institute invites approximately 50 Asian scholars to Korea every year for six months or one year to conduct research projects in collaboration with professors and researchers at lead-

ing universities and academic institutions in Korea. This program is designed not only to support the research of individual scholars, but also to enhance academic mutual understanding, and promote cooperation and development in Asia.

## 2. ASIA RESEARCH CENTERS (ARC)

The Chey Institute supports 17 Asia Research Centers (ARC) established in 8 countries, namely China, Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, and Iran. ARCs provide support for research projects, academic conferences, and research publications.

## 3. INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC FORUMS

Under the guiding principle that universities should play a central role in the "Rise of Asia," the Chey Institute collaborates with major universities in Asia, including China, to co-host a wide range of international academic forums. The Chey Institute and KFAS have expanded their support for these forums, both in terms of themes and partner countries. The Beijing Forum, Shanghai Forum, Tianjin Forum, Law Forum, Nanjing Forum, Shangdong Forum, Bangkok Forum and Hanoi Forum are all examples of this growing support.

## 4. SCIENTIFIC INNOVATION

As part of the initiative toward its mission, the Chey Institute has launched a series of scientific innovation conferences, beginning in July 2019. The inaugural event was successfully held from July 31st to August 1st, 2019, when 16 distinguished scientists delivered inspiring lectures under the theme of "The Realistic Future of Human Life".

## About the International Scholar Exchange Fellowship (ISEF)

The International Scholar Exchange Fellowship (ISEF) program aims to enhance regional academic exchanges and cooperation by providing Asian scholars with an opportunity to live in Korea and conduct research for six months or one year. This program was established in 1999, and began supporting scholars the following year.

A total of 936 ISEF fellows have been selected over the last 20 years from Asian countries including Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. The 2019-2020 ISEF fellows

arrived in Seoul this past August. This cohort consists of 24 scholars from China, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar and Vietnam. They have successfully begun conducting their proposed research in collaboration with their host scholars at 9 major universities and research institutions in Korea.

The ISEF program provides outstanding scholars with comprehensive research expenses during their stay in Korea, which include round-trip airfare, settlement support, a monthly research stipend, research grant and medical insurance. During their stay in Korea, fellows enjoy full access to the Chey Institute's facilities including seminar rooms and



Arrival of ISEF Fellows

### ISEF fellows by country and discipline

Country	Economics	Business	Political Science	Public Administration	Law	Sociology	Education	Psychology	Anthropology	Journalism	Geography	History	Philosophy	Literature	Energy	IT	Life Sciences	Total
China	74	31	55	18	50	45	21	5	15	32	13	107	65	20	36	56	22	665
Mongolia	5	4	2		1	2	1		2		2	2			7	13	8	49
Vietnam	6	2	3		1	3	9	2	3	1	6	7	2		2	5	4	56
Thailand			1	1			1	1	1						8	1	5	19
Myanmar		1	4		3			3	1		2	4	2		3	9	10	42
Laos	2					6	8		3		2	1			3		1	26
Cambodia	1	1	4	2		6	2		8		2	2		1	1	2	1	33
India	1						2	1			1	1			1	1	1	9
Indonesia			1	1												1		3
Malaysia	1		1			1	2									3	2	10
Philippines		1					1						1					3
Iran				1			1								2		2	6
Iraq												1						1
Kazakhstan	1		1			2	1		1									6
Uzbekistan			2													1		3
Colombia			1												1			2
Russia	1							1				1						3
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>936</b>

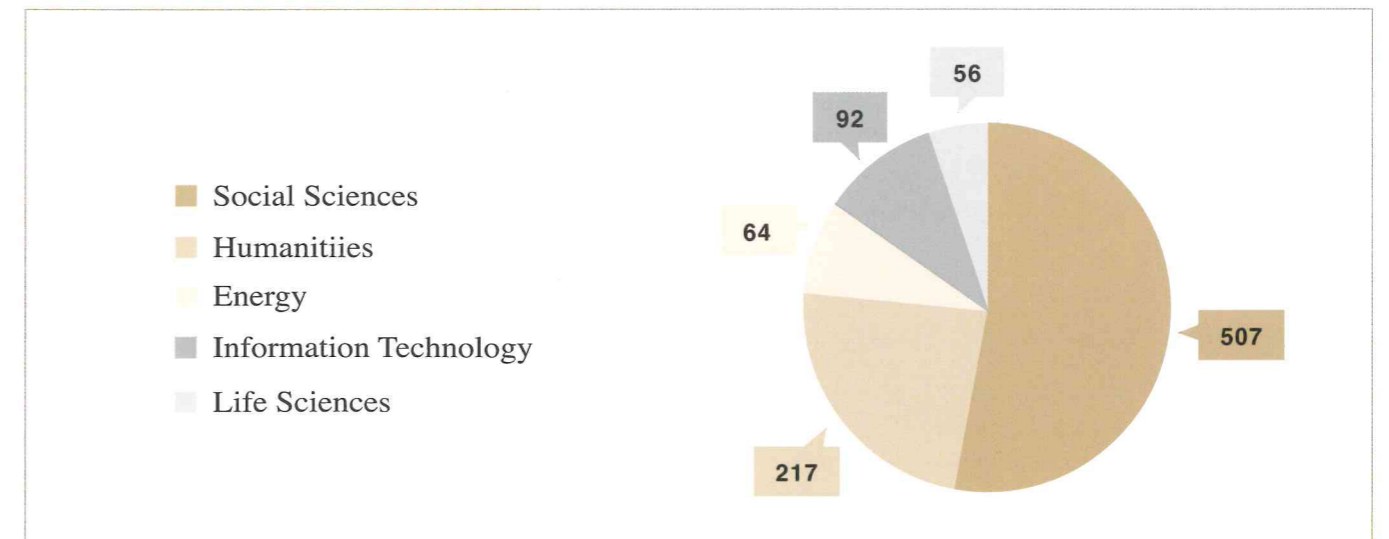
library to help their research.

Scholars are expected to conduct research in the fields of humanities, social sciences, energy, IT, and life sciences.

Scholars are given the freedom to choose their research topics within these fields.

The Chey Institute also offers Korean language classes, seminars, and educational trips to cultural sites and industrial facilities to enhance the ISEF fellows' understanding of Korea.

### ISEF fellows by research field



# About the International Scholar Exchange Fellowship (ISEF) 2020-2021

## 1. PURPOSE

The ISEF program aims to enhance international exchanges and cooperation by promoting cross-cultural understanding and academic advancement. To this end, the Chey Institute invites qualified scholars from Asia and the Middle East to carry out research in collaboration with leading Korean universities and research institutions.

## 2. FIELD OF RESEARCH

### Humanities and Social Sciences

- Economics
- Business administration
- Political science
- Public administration
- Law
- Sociology
- Education
- Psychology
- Anthropology
- Journalism
- Geography
- Philosophy
- History
- Literature

### Energy-related

- Petrochemical engineering and related fields

### Information Science and Technology

- Electrical engineering and electronic science
- Telecommunications
- Computer science and related fields

### Life Sciences

- Biochemistry
- Immunology
- Biotechnology
- Genetic engineering
- Ecology

\* Scholars from other fields are not eligible to apply.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

- University faculty and institution researchers from eligible countries with doctoral degrees
- Applicants, in principle, must be 50 years old or younger
- \* Applicants should be able to carry out research in either English or Korean, and they should not have any health issues to

hinder their research

- \* Those not eligible:
  - Persons already conducting research in Korea
  - Persons whose prime interest is to teach in Korea

## 4. ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam

## 5. RESEARCH PERIOD

- 1 Year
  - From September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021
- 6 Months
  - From September 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021
  - From March 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021

## 6. APPLICATION

- 1) Online application
- 2) Research proposal
- 3) 2 letters of recommendation
- 4) Certificate of employment
- 5) Research samples: 2 books, 2 research papers, or 1 book and 1 research paper
  - An English abstract of no more than 300 words must be provided for each book or research paper
- 6) Letter of research affiliation from the host institution in Korea (if available at the time of application)

## 7. SUBMISSION

- Applicants from institutions with Asia Research Centers

- (ARC) must submit their applications directly to ARC.
- Applicants from institutions without Asia Research Centers (ARC) must submit their applications directly to the Chey Institute.

## 8. SELECTION PROCESS

- 1) Preliminary screening:
  - Preliminary screening by a panel of scholars from the applicant's field of expertise.
- 2) Comprehensive screening:
  - Final decision through comprehensive screening by the Chey Institute for Advanced Studies Steering Committee. Interviews may be arranged if necessary.

## 9. DEADLINE

- February 21, 2020
- \* All original documents must reach the Chey Institute by the deadline.
- \* Announcement of results: March 30, 2020

## 10. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Research grant
  - Monthly research stipend of 3,000,000 KRW (approximately 2,600 USD)
  - One-time grant of 1,000,000 KRW after submitting the final research paper by the end of the fellowship
  - \* If fellows do not enter Korea within one month of the recommended date of entry set by the Chey Institute, the fellowship will become invalid.
- Publication incentives
  - 2,000~5,000 USD (for an article published in journals indexed in SSCI, AHCI, and SCI)
  - 1,000 USD (for an article published in journals indexed in the National Research Foundation of Korea)
  - \* Publication incentives are provided for articles published within 2 years of the date of the fellow's return to his/her country. The article must indicate that the research was funded by the Chey Institute's ISEF program. The amount of incentives may vary upon careful evaluation of the journal's influence and the writer's level of contribution.

- Settlement support
  - One-time payment of 1,000,000 KRW
- Round-trip airfare
  - Economy class round-trip airfare between Seoul and the nearest the airport from the fellow's residence
- Medical insurance
  - National health insurance
  - Accident insurance
  - \* Research expenses for the International Scholar Exchange Fellowship Program are provided directly to the fellows, and not to home institutions or host institutions.

## 11. RESEARCH SUPPORT

- Library access
  - Fellows have access to the KFAS library for books and reference materials necessary for the stated research projects.
- Use of facilities
  - The Chey Institute's seminar rooms, lecture rooms, and other academic resources will be made available for academic events related to the stated research projects. Reservations are necessary to secure the use of facilities.
- Korean language classes
  - The Chey Institute holds regular Korean classes for the fellows during their stay. Classes are offered from September to July of the following year. In August, fellows are expected to deliver presentations in Korean.
- Cultural tours
  - Cultural tours are provided twice during the year. Fellows will visit major Korean cities and cultural areas to learn about Korean history and traditions.
- Visits to industrial site
  - Visits to prominent industrial sites and research centers will provide fellows with an opportunity to learn about Korea's industrial development.



Visit to the SK Energy Ulsan Complex

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Cultural Tour for the 2019-2020 Fellows

# Application

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## 12. RESEARCH PRESENTATION

- Interim progress reports  
Fellows are required to submit progress reports on their proposed research project on November 15, 2020, and February 15 and May 15, 2021.
- Final research paper  
Fellows are required to submit their final research papers based on their research by February 15 or August 15, 2021. Research papers should use international standard formatting for academic papers.

## 13. OBLIGATIONS

- Fellows shall devote themselves to their research project without committing to any type outside employment.
- Fellows may participate in activities within the limits permitted by their visa status.
- Fellows shall not violate any Korean law during the fellowships.
- Fellows shall not receive any other forms of financial support.
- Fellows shall reside in Korea for the duration of the fellowship, and will not leave Korea without prior approval from the Chey Institute.
- Fellows shall return to his/her home country after the conclusion of their fellowships.
- Failure to comply with the above regulations specified as "Obligations" may result in disadvantages or expulsion from the ISEF Program.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please read the following instructions carefully before applying online.

\* **Application Process (Applications must be submitted electronically via the KFAS homepage)**

1. Confirm eligibility
2. Become a KFAS member and log in at [www.kfas.or.kr](http://www.kfas.or.kr)
3. Complete the online application by filling out the necessary information, submitting the research proposal, and attaching relevant files
4. Confirm submission

## 1. BEFORE APPLYING

### 1) Check your eligibility

- Read "About the International Scholar Exchange Fellowship (ISEF) 2020-2021" carefully to make sure that you meet all the requirements, such as eligible field of research and country. Those who do not meet such requirements will be rejected without notice.

### 2) Become an online member of KFAS and log in

- Eligible applicants must first go to the KFAS website ([www.kfas.or.kr](http://www.kfas.or.kr)) and become a member.
- After you become a member, an authentication number will be sent to your e-mail address.
- Please enter the authentication number the first time you log in to the KFAS website. Make sure there are no spaces preceding the authentication number.



The Chey Institute Scientific Innovation Conference

Special Lecture by Dr. John Hamre, President of CSIS

## 2. ONLINE APPLICATION

### 1) Complete the application form

- At the main page of the KFAS website ([www.kfas.or.kr](http://www.kfas.or.kr)), click "ISEF Application" at the bottom of the page. You may also click "International Program," go to "ISEF" and click "ISEF Application."
- The ISEF Application section of the website consists of three pages: personal information, academic information, and additional information. You may save your progress only after completing each page. You cannot save an incomplete page. The application will be deemed complete only after all three pages have been completed.
- All items must be entered in English. Chinese may be entered in some cases, but always with English.
- Required fields (marked with a red dot) must be entered in order to move to the next item.
- You must select the appropriate ARC in the personal information page. Applicants from institutions with Asia Research Centers (ARC) must select his/her respective ARC. Applicants from institutions without Asia Research Centers (ARC) must select "Korea." (Please refer to page 6 for a list of institutions with ARCs).
- If you apply without indicating the applicable ARC, the application will not be considered for evaluation.
- Every question must be answered completely and carefully.
- After completing the application form, you may temporarily save your progress and return later to make changes by logging in and accessing the information from *My Page*. After you make your final submission, you will not be able to make changes to your application.

### 2) Submit your research proposal and attach relevant documents

- Research proposals should be attached as a doc, docx, pdf, or ppt file. The file name should be your full name (e.g., Wang Lei.doc).
- Research proposals must be a minimum of four pages (A4, single spaced), and use Times New Roman (12 point font).
- At the beginning of your proposal, please indicate your full name, affiliation, field of research, and proposed research topic.
- Research proposals should include the following:

-**Statement purpose:** Be specific about your academic interest within your field.

-**Background:** Place your research project in an academic context by referencing major works by other schol-



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ars in this field. Bibliography may be attached in order to provide the background on your proposed project. Also describe how your proposed research plan is related to your previous study/research, and fits your future academic goals.

- **Objectives:** Write a clear and detailed description of your proposed research objectives.
- **Scope, design, and methodology:** Describe the scope, design, and methodology of your proposed research project.
- **Schedule:** Explain how your project can be completed within the duration of this fellowship.
- **Significance:** Explain the significance of your proposed project for your academic field, your own professional development, and your home country.
- **Dissemination:** Describe your plans for disseminating your research findings in your home country and elsewhere.
- **Publications:** Include a complete list of your publications, translated into English. You should use standard citation and bibliographical format.

### 3) Attach photo

- Please attach a recent ID photograph.

## 3. SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

- After completing the online application form, you must submit 2 recommendation letters, 2 research samples, a certificate of employment, and a letter from the host institution (if applicable) to the Chey Institute by post. If your home institution has an ARC, you must submit the documents to the applicable ARC. After an initial screening at ARC, your documents will be forwarded to qualified evaluators at the Chey Institute.

### 1) Recommendation Letters

- The application requires 2 recommendations. You may



Academic seminars by ISEF fellows

download the form from the KFAS homepage. ("Community" → "Download" → "Letter of Recommendation.doc")

- Please follow the instructions on the recommendation form. At least one recommendation should come from a source not affiliated with your institution.
- Recommenders should be in a position to comment on your abilities and qualifications to carry out the stated research project in Korea. Also, the recommender should state the value of your research in relation to your teaching responsibilities in your country.
- If a recommender is Korean, he/she may write the letter in Korean and submit it directly to the Chey Institute.

### 2) Research Sample

- 2 research samples that best represent your work (e.g., books or research papers) must be submitted. An English abstract of no longer than 300 words must be attached to each research sample.

### 3) Certificate of Employment

- Issued within 2 months from the date of submission

## 4. HOST INSTITUTION IN KOREA

- If available, please attach a letter of research affiliation from your host institution in Korea to your application. You may download the form from the KFAS homepage. ("Community" → "Download" → "Letter of Research Affiliation.doc")
- Upon selection as an ISEF fellow, you must contact the ap-

propriate Korean institutions and scholars immediately to arrange your research affiliation. You should send the Chey Institute a letter of research affiliation as soon as arrangements are made.

- Fellows should find their own host scholars as they best understand their field of study and research proposals. It is also best for fellows and host scholars to contact each other directly for improved cooperation and exchange during the research period. You are also advised to inquire whether the institution's accommodations, such as dormitories or apartments, are available for use. You must discuss each other's role and involvement thoroughly before arriving in Korea.

## 5. CONFIRM SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

- After submitting your application form, you may check the application status from *My Page*.
- ISEF fellows will be announced on March 27, 2020. You can also check *My Page* for results.

## 6. IMPORTANT NOTICE

- 1) All documents must reach the Chey Institute by the application deadline in order to be considered for the following academic year, which begins in September.
- 2) All communications, including questions about your application, should be directed to the ARC in the applicant's respective institution or to the Chey Institute.
- 3) If an application form is not completely filled out and/or is not accompanied by proper documents, the application may be rejected without notice.
- 4) Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants.
- 5) Accepted ISEF fellows may have their acceptance rescinded if he/she is found to have provided incorrect information.

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