Hosted by the Research Institute of Korean Studies at Korea University

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The Ninth PONY CHUNG Fellowship

for Young Korean Studies Scholars

1. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The field of Korean Studies has been quantitatively and qualitatively progressing internationally, with new researchers continually emerging. In addition, it is becoming more important to provide opportunities for young international scholars to visit Korea to explore new themes and increase their expertise in Korean Studies. A strong research environment and opportunities to collaborate with domestic researchers during their visit can enhance international scholars' research results.

With support from the Pony Chung Foundation, Korea University's Research Institute of Korean Studies (RIKS) established the 'Pony Chung Fellowship' for Young Korean Studies Scholars in 2016. The goal of this program is to provide young international scholars in the field of Korean Studies with financial support, a suitable research infrastructure, and a platform on which they can share ideas and research outcomes with others in the field. This program would help scholars to develop their topics and further expand their research, thereby contributing to the overall development and globalization of Korean Studies. Prospective participants are invited to submit their applications.

2. ELIGIBILITY

○ Researchers of non-Korean nationality who have received their PhD in the field of Korean Studies

- Field of Korean Studies : the humanities, social sciences, and comparative international research with a focus on Korea

○ Researchers of Korean nationality who hold dual citizenship and have received a PhD in the field of Korean Studies

○ Applicants who have received their doctoral degree within five years of the start of applying

○ Applicants must have more than one year of experience after receiving a PhD at the start of the Fellowship

- Applicants with less than one year of experience will be appointed as post-doctoral fellows, not as research professors

○ Applicants who have concrete plans to publish their research findings through a foreign major university press within three years of the fellowship period are given precedence.

3. NUMBER AND DURATION OF APPOINTMENT

○ Number of Appointments: Two

○ Duration of Funding: March 2025 – February 2026 (or September 2025 – August 2026)

4. FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

○ Pony Chung Research Funding: Up to KRW 50,000,000 (≒USD 37,000) per year - tax and airfare included

○ Publication subsidy: KRW 10,000,000 (≒USD 7,400. All based on current exchange rates)

- Publication subsidies are provided upon procurement of a book contract, within three years after the end of the fellowship, at a major university press written in English.

○ Appointment as a research professor by the president of Korea University
(Or post-doctoral fellow in case of less than one year experience.)

○ Shared office space at the Research Institute of Korean Studies (RIKS)

○ Assistance in making the arrangements to live in the Korea University dormitory

○ Pony Chung Fellow workshop

– During fellow's stay in Korea, fellows can organize workshops related to research projects, invite participants from domestic and international to conduct 'Pony Chung Fellow Workshop', and the Pony Chung Foundation and RIKS provide related expenses.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submit Application	⇒	**Initial Review**	⇒	**Interview**	⇒	**Final Decision**
Deadline: July 29, 2024		early August 2024		mid August 2024		end of August 2024

* PONY CHUNG Fellowship Selection Committee will carry out evaluations

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

○ Curriculum Vitae

○ Research Statement

○ One letter of recommendation from an academic advisor or a distinguished scholar
: Recommenders should send letters of reference directly to icks@korea.ac.kr

* All forms and research statements must be submitted in Korean or English

7. DUTIES OF BENEFICIARIES

○ Participate and present in the 'PONY CHUNG Academic Dinner'

○ A Lecture on the subject of research conducted by RIKS (contents of lecture can be published as a booklet)

○ Responsible for mentoring RIKS Academy presenters and involvement in the selection process.

○ Submit a report on the results of your research within three months following the end of the Fellowship period
(Report must include the research activities based on the Research Proposal conducted during the Fellowship period, symposium presentation, the submission and publication of your thesis, etc.)

8. OTHER INFORMATION

○ Those who have received disciplinary actions related to research funding of the Korean government or domestic support organizations are not eligible to apply

○ **Submission Deadline: July 29, 2024 (Korean Standard Time)**

※Documents received after the deadline will not be considered

○ Decision Notification: the end of August 2024 via RIKS website
(https://riks.korea.ac.kr/)

○ Application: Email application only (icks@korea.ac.kr)

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