

Statistics of the Brain Pool Program(1994~2012)



Invited Scientists by Country in 2012

Classification	Number of Beneficiaries	Field of Research					
		Phys. Science	Mechanics, Materials	Electronics, Electronics	Chemical Eng., Biom.	Resource Development	Energy
America	33	6	5	6	11	5	0
Europe	13	5	1	2	4	1	0
Eastern Europe	10	5	1	3	1	0	0
Asia	25	3	6	1	10	2	3
Total	81	19	13	12	26	8	3

Industry Tour

This tour provides opportunities for foreign or Korean scientists and engineers from abroad working in domestic R&D fields to visit the industry and cultural sites so that they can exchange information with people from the visiting institutions. The tour also can help strengthen their commitment to R&D and give those researchers a better image of Korea.

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Brain Pool Program



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Brain Pool Program is...

- The Brain Pool Program is designed to invite outstanding foreign researchers to domestic research institutions, universities and corporate research institutes and support joint research activities thereby Korea's R&D level and S&T can be further enhanced.



Aims

- The program aims to fill the vacancies at the national research institutions and universities with excellent researchers from abroad in order to facilitate joint research activities and to support attracting foreign S&T workforce meeting the needs at the research field so as to strengthen the research capability.

Applicable Projects and Fields

- Applicable projects are which need outstanding scientists and engineers from overseas and are strategically necessary for Korea to advance its S&T.
- Applicable fields are all areas of S&T

Applicable Countries

- All countries around the world

Eligibility

- Foreign researchers or Korean scientists and scientists both living abroad more than six months at the moment of application and holding Doctoral degree with five-year or more of R&D experience outside Korea can receive the incentives from this program.
- In the case of that corporate research institute is the host organization, people who have five-year or more of on-site R&D experience in the overseas industry can apply for this program whether he has a doctoral degree or not.

Invitation Period

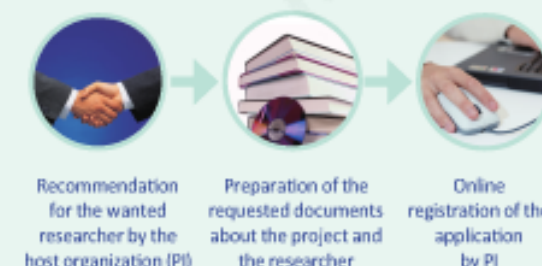
- In principle, the invitation period is from 3 to 12 months. (full-time work in the host organization)
- The invitation period may be extended within the budget limitation.
- The invitation period can be renewed maximum twice by 12 months, up to 3 years.

Amount and Criteria of the Support Grant

- Research Expenditure (living expenses):
 - The grant criteria to calculate the research expenditure are invited scientist/engineer's research experience, salary in his home country, number of publication in the SCI enlisted journals, number of patent ownership, necessity of the scientist/engineer, potential impact from inviting them to work in Korea. The range is between KRW 3 to 5.5 million(USD 3,000~5,500) every month. In the case of world-class renowned scholars, they can be granted with up to KRW 10 million(USD 10,000) per month.
- Invitation Expenditure: air fare, moving expenses, injury/sickness insurance premium

How to Apply

- PI of the host organization is to recommend the candidate researcher suitable for the applicable project and apply on the website [www.brainpool.or.kr].



Selection Process of the Scientists/Engineers

Process	Step	Details
Open Call	Program Announcement	- Confirmation of the Brain Pool Program details and opening the call
	Application	- Submit the proposal of the research project and the document of the candidate scientist
Evaluation and Selection	Requirements Review	- Review on the eligibility of the host organization, period, candidate scientists, required documents
	Experts' Review	- Six (6) Evaluation and Selection sub-Committees for Each Scientific Field - Evaluation on the quality of the projects for the national development strategy and potential impact
	Comprehensive Review	- The Chief Evaluation and Selection Committee - Confirmation of the projects