

Invitation to the NRF's Special Session in EKC 2023

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We are pleased to invite you to the special session that the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) have prepared to share information of Korean government-funded program called “Brain Pool (BP) / Brain Pool+ (BP+)” in addition to other NRF’s international cooperation centers.

BP and BP+ are Korea’s most valuable research support program to bring international researchers to Korea regardless of their nationality. For more details, please refer to the attachment.

We sincerely hope to see you in this Special Session of NRF !

Session title

Brain to Korea (The Chance for Developing R&D Career in Korea)

Session description

1. Overview of Brain Pool

First of all, we will give you overall explanation about Brain Pool program. Program details for future applicants such as qualification, supporting range, and tentative schedule etc. will be included.

2. Testimonials of Brain Pool Fellow(1) : My Brain-Pool program journey : from a salaryless postdoc to an assistant professor

Brain Pool creates global network by supporting not only overseas researchers but also host PI to do joint research in Korea. In this presentation, we will hear about actual experience of Brain Pool fellow who was invited as overseas researcher and now becomes host PI of Brain Pool project inviting overseas researchers in Korea.

3. Testimonials of Brain Pool Fellow (2) : How Brain Pool(BP) program helped me getting a permanent research scientist position in South Korea

Brain Pool supports settlement in Korea while overseas researchers do Brain Pool project. Many overseas researchers have settled down through our program. In here, we can listen real experience of Brain Pool fellow who is overseas Korean and settled down successfully in Korea during conducting Brain Pool project.

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Session organizer : Yung-Chul KIM, Secretary-General, NRF

Jun. 2021 – Present:

Secretary-General, National Research Foundation of Korea

Mar. 2020 – Jun. 2021:

Vice-Superintendent, Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education

Nov. 2017 – Feb. 2019:

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education



Invited speaker 1

Je-Kyung Ryu, Seoul National University

Je-Kyung Ryu is an assistant professor at the Seoul National University in South Korea for biophysics from March 2022. He received his Ph.D degree in the department of physics at KAIST and worked as a postdoc researcher at the Cees Dekker lab from 2016 to 2021. He had worked as a Brain-Pool fellow at KAIST in 2021. He is working for structural dynamics of chromosome organizing proteins using High-Speed Atomic Force Microscopy (HS AFM) and various single-molecule assays to understand the principles of genome organization.



Invited speaker 2

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