

SNU President Fellowship Program Application

Guidelines for Spring 2026

❖ SNU President Fellowship Program (SPF)

◆ Overview

The **SNU President Fellowship Program** is one of SNU's most prestigious scholarship programs,

launched to provide opportunities to teaching/instructional staff members of universities in developing countries to pursue Ph.D. degrees at SNU.

◆ Eligibility

An applicant must be both:

1. a **teaching/instructional staff** member of a major university in a developing country **WITHOUT a Ph.D. degree**, who holds a master's degree or higher from an accredited institution

- The SPF Program recognizes applicants as teaching/instructional staff if the applicant meets at least one of the following conditions:

(a) an applicant who is employed to teach academic courses or conduct academic research (e.g. full-time faculty, part-time faculty, lecturer, etc.)

(b) an applicant who is an expected Master's degree holder, who has been employed for at least six months to teach academic courses or to conduct academic research (e.g. teaching assistant)

- The applicant must be able to prove that the he/she currently holds one of the below positions at a university:

- Professor
- Associate Professor
- Assistant Professor
- Research Professor

- Lecturer
- Instructor
- Teaching Assistant
- Research Assistant

(※NOTE: if the applicant's certificate can show that he/she qualifies for the conditions (a) or (b), other positions/ranks other than the ones mentioned above may be recognized as the equivalent)

2. a newly admitted student to SNU as Ph.D. student for the Spring 2026 semester

◆ Details of the Award

- Full tuition fee for six semesters
- KRW 1,500,000~2,000,000 monthly stipend for 3~4 years
- A round-trip airfare(economy class based on GTS system)
- Korean language training (only evening class during regular semesters)
 - National health Insurance coverage(amount of coverage can differ depending on the recipient's situation)
 - Child care support (amount of coverage can differ depending on the recipient's situation)

◆ Required Documents

- SPF Spring 2026 application form (including study plan)
- Certificate of Employment (as a teaching/instructional staff

member)

☞ the certificate must state:

- (1) name of the university where the applicant is currently employed as teaching/instructional staff
- (2) the address of the aforementioned university
- (3) the department/school in which the applicant is employed
- (4) the applicant's position title as teaching/instructional staff
- (5) the start date of the applicant's employment as teaching/instructional(Applicants must currently be employed as a staff at the university at the time of applying)

☞ the applicant's certificate of employment must state:

- confirmation that the university will allow the applicant to maintain their position as teaching/instructional staff upon returning after completing their doctoral degree at Seoul National University

- Official academic transcripts and graduation certificates (for both bachelor's and master's degrees)

- Letter of recommendation from the Dean (head of department) or President of the applicant's current university of his/her home country

◆ SPF Application Timeline (KST) for Spring 2026 Semester

Timeline	Requirements
July 7 (Mon), 2025 ~ July 10 (Thu), 2025 by 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Online SPF application should be done through SNU Office of Admissions Website (https://en.snu.ac.kr/admission) within the admissions application period. + Check the SPF application check box to make your online SPF application
~ August 31, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Submit your SNU President Fellowship Program application documents to the SNU Office of International Affairs (scanned file as pdf format and original documents must all be submitted) ※ PDF Submission → Submit all Required Documents (PDF version) to intlscholarship@snu.ac.kr (must be titled: SPF Fall 2025 (applicant's name)) ※ Postal Submission (original documents) → Submit all Required Documents (Original hard-copy documents) by post to below address: Attn: Scholarship Coordinator, Office of International Affairs, Seoul National University, Bldg.152, 1st Floor 1 Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul 08826, Republic of Korea (Tel: +82-2-880-2519)

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★ Any SPF submissions made without checking the SPF application check box through the Office of Admissions website will be considered ineligible (Application for admission is mandatory)	
September 1 (Mon), 2025 ~ September 4 (Thu), 2025	✦ First level of screening of application documents ※ The applicant MUST 1) complete the online application through the SNU admissions webpage 2) submit his/her application documents to the SNU Office of International Affairs by post and e-mail
November 28 (Fri), 2025, after 5:00 PM	✦ Announcement of Final Admissions Results for Fall 2025
Early January 2026 (Scheduled) (Only successful candidates will be notified via email.)	✦ Announcement of applicants who have passed the first level of screening of application documents (those who will go on to the interview held by the 'SPF Selection Committee' ※ Announced by the SNU OIA
Mid-January 2026 (TBA)	✦ Interview (held by the SNU OIA)
January 2026 (TBA)	✦ Announcement of the final results of the SPF Program of Spring 2026

※ Forms for SPF Application, Personal Statement and Study Plan etc. can be found on the SNU OIA website(<https://oia.snu.ac.kr/>)