

SNU President Fellowship Program (SPF) Application Guidelines for Spring 2027

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❖ SNU President Fellowship Program (SPF)

1. Program Overview

The **SNU President Fellowship Program** is one of SNU's most prestigious scholarship programs, launched to provide teaching and instructional staff members at universities in developing countries with opportunities to pursue Ph.D. degrees at SNU.

2. 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 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 Ph.D. student at SNU for the **Spring 2027 semester**

3. Scholarship Benefits

- Full tuition support for up to six semesters, including research registration fees
- Monthly stipend KRW 2,000,000 for 3 years or KRW 1,500,000 for 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 (the amount of coverage can differ depending on the recipient's situation)
- Childcare support (the amount of coverage can differ depending on the recipient's situation)

4. Required Documents

- SPF Spring 2027 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 a teaching / instructional staff member (Applicants must currently be employed as a staff at the university at the time of application)

☞ the applicant's certificate of employment must state:

- **confirmation that the university will allow the applicant to maintain their position as a teaching/instructional staff member 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
- Video link (academic achievements, plan, goals after graduation)

* Optional (additional points may be awarded)

(applicants should submit their video files using the specified method (through Vimeo, YouTube))

5. SPF Application Timeline (KST) for Spring 2027 Semester

Timeline	Requirements
July 6, 2026 (Monday), 10:00 AM ~ July 9, 2026 (Thursday), 5:00 PM	✦ The online SPF application must be completed through the SNU Office of Admissions website (https://en.snu.ac.kr/admission) within the admissions application period. ✦ <u>Applicants must check the SPF application checkbox when submitting their online admission application</u>
July 6, 2026 (Monday) - July 31, 2026 (Friday)	✦ Submit your SNU President Fellowship Program application documents to the SNU Office of Global Affairs (Both scanned PDF copies and original hard-copy documents must be submitted) ✦ PDF Submission → The PDF submission link will be provided separately to SPF applicants after completion of the online application. ✦ Postal Submission (original documents) → Submit all Required Documents (Original hard-copy documents) by post to below address : Attn: Scholarship Manager, Office of Global Affairs, Seoul National University, Bldg.152, 2nd Floor 1 Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul 08826, Republic of Korea (Tel: +82-2-880-2519)
★ Any SPF application submitted without selecting the SPF application checkbox during the admissions application process through the Office of Admissions website will be considered ineligible (Application for admission is mandatory)	
July ~ August 2026	✦ First-round document screening ✦ The applicant MUST 1) complete the online application through the SNU admissions webpage 2) submit his/her application documents to the SNU Office of Global Affairs by post (original) and through designated PDF submission link
Nov 20, 2026 (Friday), after 5:00 PM	✦ Announcement of Final Admissions Results for Spring 2027
Nov 2026 (Only successful candidates will be notified via email.)	✦ Announcement of applicants who have passed the first-round of screening of application documents (those who will go on to the interview held by the 'SPF Selection Committee') ✦ Announced by the SNU OGA
December, 2026 (TBA)	✦ Interview (held by the SNU OGA)
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- ✦ Application forms, personal statement templates, study plan forms, and other required documents can be downloaded from the SNU Office of Global Affairs (OGA) website (<https://oga.snu.ac.kr/>)