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# 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>July 6, 2026</b> (Monday),<br>10:00 AM ~ <b>July 9, 2026</b><br>(Thursday), 5:00 PM                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ The online SPF application must be completed through the SNU Office of Admissions website (<a href="https://en.snu.ac.kr/admission">https://en.snu.ac.kr/admission</a>) <b>within the admissions application period.</b></li> <li>✦ <u>Applicants must check the SPF application checkbox when submitting their online admission application</u></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| July 6, 2026 (Monday)<br>-<br>July 31, 2026 (Friday)                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ 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)</li> <li>✧ PDF Submission →<br/>The PDF submission link will be provided separately to SPF applicants after completion of the online application.</li> <li>✧ Postal Submission (original documents) → Submit all Required Documents (<b>Original hard-copy documents</b>) by post to below address :<br/>Attn: Scholarship Manager, Office of Global Affairs,<br/>Seoul National University, Bldg.152, 2nd Floor<br/>1 Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul 08826, Republic of Korea<br/>(Tel: +82-2-880-2519)</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>★ 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)</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| July ~ August 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ First-round document screening</li> <li>✧ 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</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Nov 20, 2026 (Friday),<br>after 5:00 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Announcement of Final Admissions Results for Spring 2027</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Nov 2026 (Only<br>successful candidates will<br>be notified via email.)                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ 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')</li> <li>✧ Announced by the SNU OGA</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>December, 2026 (TBA)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Interview (held by the SNU OGA)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| December 2026 (TBA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Announcement of the final results of the SPF Program of Spring 2027</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

✧ 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/>)