

RISE (Research and Innovation for Societal Engagement)

: UK-Korea Higher Education Partnership

Call for interest by 9 October

In line with British Council East Asia's higher education partnership programme, British Council in Korea aims to facilitate collaboration between higher education institutions in Korea and in the UK that can spark positive social impact in respective societies.

To achieve this objective, we aim to initiate conversations between universities in Korea and the UK where they can agree on tangible collaboration around areas of shared interest, mainly focusing on, but not limited to;

- Research collaboration (short-term and long-term researcher mobility, joint calls, etc.)
- Student and/or faculty mobility
- Joint teaching and learning
- Programme partnership or TNE partnership

British Council will be allocating budgets and resources to support the mapping of interests and initial partnership discussions through virtual meetings in October-November and UK-bound partnership visits during 2-6 December 2019. Participating Korean institutions will cover some of their travel cost, and hosting UK universities will be asked to kindly make in-kind contribution during the visit and/or to allocate resources to make follow-up visits to Korea in the following year depending upon the outcomes of individual discussions.

British Council is unlikely to be able to directly fund any major programmes designed as a result of this initiative, apart from small number of follow-up meetings fully justified. However, we will make our best effort to provide information and possible support to enable further collaboration.

We are currently in the process of finalizing Korean universities to take part (7 in total), and would like to invite UK universities that;

- have major interest in and resources for international (research) collaboration but don't have enough experience of working with Korean partners
- are available and able to host and meet one or two potential Korean partners during 2-3 December for partnership discussion
- have strength and international interest in at least one of the following research areas

Research Areas	Details
Ageing/ Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interdisciplinary research on ageing, including sociology and biomedicine - Digital healthcare: collaboration of hospitals, cities, and universities - Neural circuit research using multielectrode array (MEA) system and organotypic/acute brain slice culture. - Novel bioactive materials for improvement of learning and memory, depression, stress, memory loss.
Future Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future mobility: collaboration of industry(car-makers), government, academy, and R&D institutions
Smart City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interdisciplinary research including humanities, sociology, and technology
Development Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evidence into Policy and Practice / Inequalities and Poverty / Governance, Power and Participation / Inclusive Economies / Sustainability / Conflict and Violence / Health

If you are interested, please e-mail us at education@britishcouncil.or.kr by 9 October 2019 24.00 GMT with brief summaries of the following:

(The size of your e-mail should not exceed 8 MB)

- Brief introduction of the university and individual college or research centres
- Thematic areas you are strong at and interested in pursuing collaboration with Korean partners
- Any other information that will help us finding your partner institutions and interest on university level partnership

We will be able to disclose the names of Korean universities to those who send us their interests, after which we arrange individual conference calls to discuss details.