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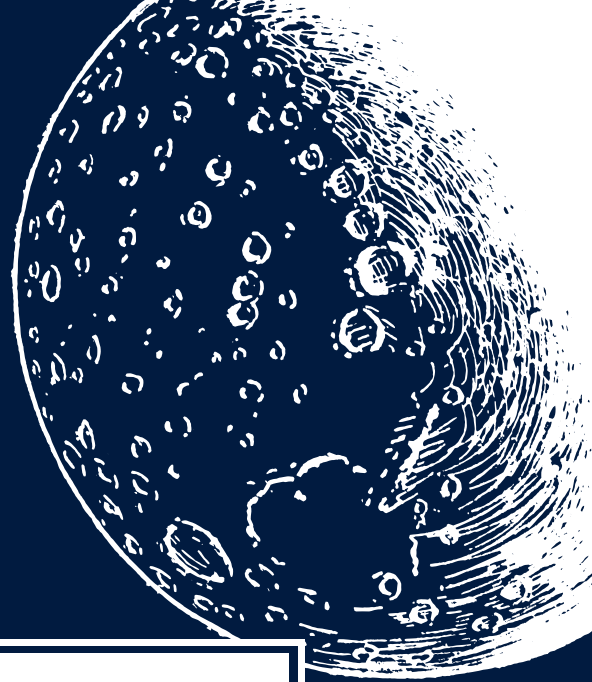
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This document is a non-exhaustive inventory of funding options available for developing French-Korean research cooperations. It lists a variety of programs supporting bilateral research projects, researcher mobility, joint laboratories, and academic exchanges. As certain programs may have slightly changed since the edition of this document, please consult directly their websites for up-to-date information. If you know of other relevant funding opportunities that could be included, please feel free to contact us at science@kr.ambafrance-culture.org.

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I. YOU ARE A STUDENT IN KOREA (HIGH-SCHOOL, BACHELOR, MASTER) OR A PHD CANDIDATE

FRENCH GOUVERNEMENT - FRANCE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

The France Excellence program supports international students who wish to pursue higher education in France. Managed by Campus France, the program provides guidance and financial assistance to students applying for master's and PhD programs at French institutions. Its goal is to promote French higher education internationally while fostering the academic and professional growth of students, enhancing their opportunities to study in France. Candidates are selected based on academic excellence and alignment with French institutions. Financial support includes a round-trip airfare between the Republic of Korea and France, social security coverage, and a monthly stipend.

[More information](#)

FRENCH GOUVERNEMENT - EIFFEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Eiffel Excellence Scholarship Program, established by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, aims to support French higher education institutions in enrolling international students in their master's and PhD programs. Students must select a French institution based on their field of study, and the institution will then submit the scholarship application on behalf of the student.

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[More information](#)

INRIA INTERNSHIP

The Inria internship program offers students and young researchers the opportunity to gain hands-on experience within its research teams. Open to undergraduates and postgraduate students, these internships provide exposure to cutting-edge digital science and innovation in a public research environment. Interns collaborate on research and development projects, benefiting from a stimulating work environment and expert mentorship. Internship durations typically range from one to six months, with conditions varying based on the level of study and type of internship.

[More information](#)

CIFRE - GRANTS FOR PHD STUDENTS

CIFRE stands for "Industrial Agreement for Training through Research." It is designed for students who have completed a Master's degree and wish to pursue a PhD. Under this program, PhD students are both enrolled in a doctoral program at a French research laboratory and employed by a French company. The CIFRE grant allows students to dedicate their time to their research project, splitting their time between the company and the academic lab. The grant provides funding of up to €14,000 per year for three years. Additionally, the company can benefit from the "*Crédit d'impôt recherche*". The program is open to students of all nationalities.

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EUROPEAN UNION - ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY (ICM)

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[More information](#)

EUROPEAN UNION - ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER DEGREES (EMJM)

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs) offer scholarships to South Korean students to pursue a master's degree across multiple European universities. These competitive programs enable students to study in at least two European countries, as part of a consortium of institutions. The scholarships cover tuition fees, travel costs, and provide a living allowance. South Korean students can apply directly to individual EMJMD programs that align with their academic goals. As each program has its own eligibility criteria, deadlines, and application procedures, students should visit the respective program websites for detailed information.

[More information](#)

EUROPEAN UNION – MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - YOUTH EXCHANGES

This exchange program offers high school students aged 15 to 19 the opportunity to immerse themselves in a new culture, learn a new language, and become true global citizens. Participants can choose from year-long stays, during which they continue their education abroad and live with multiple host families, or shorter stays ranging from a few days to three months, including camps, excursions, or homestays outside the school year. The program covers full-board accommodation and tuition fees.

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KOREAN GOVERNMENT - GLOBAL KOREA SCHOLARSHIP (GKS) FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

The program is open to international students seeking to pursue master's or doctoral degree. All applicants must first complete a year of Korean language courses, unless they have already achieved TOPIK level 5. Each year, the government awards 1,080 scholarships for master's and doctoral programs. The call for applications opens in February for master's and doctoral programs, with selected candidates expected to arrive in Korea by August. Applicants must be under 40 years old and hold either a bachelor's or master's degree. Additionally, they must not have previously studied in Korea.

[More information](#)

KOREAN UNIVERSITIES - SCHOLARSHIP

Many Korean universities offer scholarships for international students. In most cases, these scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence (GPA records) of the applicants. You are encouraged to check with your chosen university to learn about their specific selection criteria.

[More information](#)

FRENCH REGIONAL COUNCILS AND DEPARTMENTS - INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY GRANT

French regional councils and departments frequently offer mobility grants to assist students who wish to study or intern abroad. For example, the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region provides the "*Bourse Région Mobilité Internationale Étudiants*," which covers expenses like travel and accommodation for international education or internships. To explore similar funding opportunities, students are encouraged to check with their local councils or departments.

[More information for the *Bourse Région Mobilité Internationale Étudiants*](#)

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FOUNDATION MARCEL BLEUSTEIN-BLANCHET DE LA VOCATION - SCHOLARSHIP

The *Fondation Marcel Bleustein-Blanchet de la Vocation* established a scholarship to support highly motivated young individuals in achieving the necessary education to pursue their chosen profession. The scholarship can be used to continue studies or undertake an internship abroad. The scholarship amount is €8,000. This scholarship is open to young French individuals aged 18 to 30, who have demonstrated a clear vocational passion through tangible achievements but are facing significant financial difficulties in continuing their education.

[More information](#)

KOREA FOUNDATION - GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Korea Foundation's Graduate Scholarships are intended for Master's or PhD students enrolled in a European institution, specializing in a topic related to Korea. Eligible fields include the humanities, arts, and culture. Around fifteen scholarships are awarded each year for a duration of one year. The scholarship amounts are €9,000 for Master's students and €15,000 for PhD students.

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[More information for French team](#)

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CNRS – NRF – JOINT FUNDINGS

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FRENCH GOVERNMENT – NRF - HUBERT CURIEN PARTNERSHIP (PHC) STAR

This program aims to facilitate exchange between French and Korean partners working on a joint project. The program funds up to 15 projects per year, which should involve active young researchers at a PhD or post-doc level, for a duration of one to two years. The annual call for projects covers all fields of research, including humanities and social sciences. Please note that the French team and the Korean team have to submit the same project to their own national institutions: Campus France or the NRF, to be eligible. Calls are launched annually around the end of February.

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CNRS – INSERM - ATIP AVENIR

The CNRS and INSERM jointly coordinate the call ATIP Avenir, open to young researchers from all nationalities, allowing them to conduct a research project in France in the fields of life science and health for 5 years.

[More information](#)

FMSP - DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR FELLOWSHIP

The Foundation *Sciences Mathématiques de Paris* offers financial support for external scientists (junior / senior) to be invited in its affiliated laboratories for a two-to-three months stay. Appointed scientists will also have the opportunity to visit and to work with members of external laboratories.

[More information](#)

LE STUDIUM - VISITING RESEARCHER PROGRAM

This program provides highly qualified researchers, on leave from their home institution with salary maintenance or personal resources, the chance to join a laboratory in the Centre-Val de Loire region and the LE STUDIUM international scientific community for 3 to 12 months. It includes travel support, fully furnished housing, logistical and administrative assistance, specific training sessions, funding for organizing an international conference or workshop, and participation in the institute's activities and events.

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INRIA – ASSOCIATE TEAMS

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The Inria International Chairs program offers experienced researchers the opportunity to collaborate with Inria teams during a 10 to 12-month stay, which can be spread over five years. This initiative aims to foster international partnerships and strengthen expertise in key research areas. Candidates must be based abroad and propose a research project aligned with an Inria host team. In addition to conducting research, chair holders engage in scientific dissemination activities. Inria provides a high-quality work environment and financial support. Applications require a detailed research plan, a work schedule, and endorsements from the host team and international experts.

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EUROPEAN UNION - HORIZON EUROPE PILLAR II

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EUROPEAN UNION - EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL GRANT

The European Research Council offers grants to researchers in all research domains for frontier research. Korean researchers are welcome to apply and if selected are eligible for funding to establish a research group in Europe. Grants are available for researchers starting or consolidating their independent career and for advanced researchers. Synergy grants are also available, where a group of 2-4 Principal Investigators (PIs) may include one PI outside the EU or countries associated to Horizon Europe, to tackle together an ambitious research problem, with all funded by the ERC.

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FRENCH EMBASSY - STAR-T EXPLORATORY MISSION PROGRAM

The STAR-T Program allows scientists in all fields of sciences, including humanities and social sciences, working in a French research institution (R&D companies, universities or research bodies) to run a scientific mission in Korea to discover the Korean research landscape. The mission should involve meeting(s) and visit(s) with new Korean fellows to start new initiative that could leave to a scientific joint project.

[More information](#)

NRF - KOREA RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (KRF)

The Korea Research Fellowship (KRF), funded by the NRF, supports outstanding foreign researchers to conduct collaborative research in Korea. It provides postdoctoral funding for up to 5 years (3 years initially, with a possible 2-year extension) at Korean universities, research institutes, or corporate R&D centers.

[More information](#)

NRF - BRAIN POOL (BP)

The Brain Pool Program, funded by the NRF, aims to attract outstanding foreign scientists to collaborate with Korean research institutions. It facilitates knowledge exchange, fosters international partnerships, and strengthens Korea's global research competitiveness. The program supports mid-career and senior researchers across all scientific fields, offering funding for 3 to 36 months. Financial support includes salary, relocation costs, and research expenses, with annual funding of up to KRW 150 million (€100,000) per researcher.

[More information](#)

NRF - BRAIN POOL PLUS (BP+)

The Brain Pool Plus (BP+) Program, funded by the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF), is an advanced version of the Brain Pool Program that targets top-tier international researchers for long-term collaboration with Korean institutions. This program strengthens Korea's global research capacity by bringing in experts to lead cutting-edge projects in various scientific fields. The program offers funding for 3 to 5 years, supporting senior-level researchers with exceptional expertise. Financial support includes salary, research expenses, and relocation costs, with funding of up to KRW 200 million (€135,000) per year.

[More information](#)

IBS - YOUNG SCIENTIST FELLOWSHIP (YSF)

The IBS Young Scientist Fellowship (YSF) invites talented young researchers to apply for postdoctoral positions at the Institute for Basic Science (IBS) in Korea. This program is designed to support outstanding international scientists under 40 years old who have completed their PhD within the last seven years. The fellowship offers a contract for 3 years, extendable for an additional 2 years.

[More information](#)

IBS JUNIOR CHIEF INVESTIGATOR (CI)

The Junior Chief Investigator (Junior CI) program is designed to support ambitious and innovative research by early-career principal investigators (PIs) who have advanced beyond the Young Scientist Fellowship (YSF) level. It is open to young researchers eager to conduct independent and groundbreaking research in the field of basic science. Applicants must be able to dedicate themselves full-time to research within an IBS Research Center. The program offers a five-year contract.

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EUROPEAN UNION - ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER'S DEGREES (EMJMDs) FOR ORGANISATIONS

Erasmus Mundus Joint master's degrees (EMJMDs) are integrated master's programs created by partnerships of higher education institutions (HEIs). Institutions from at least three different countries (including at least two EU Member States or associated third countries) collaborate to deliver the program. The EU funds both the operation of these programs and scholarships for top students globally. EMJMDs run for up to 6 academic years and involve 1 to 2 years of study (60, 90, or 120 ECTS credits), with students required to study in at least two countries. Institutions can apply on behalf of a partnership, and the program awards either a joint degree or multiple degrees.

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VI. ONLINE RESOURCES

6.1. YOU ARE A KOREAN STUDENT WISHING TO STUDY IN FRANCE

CAMPUS FRANCE COREE

Campus France is the French national agency dedicated to promoting higher education, international student mobility, and academic exchanges. It provides guidance and resources for international students wishing to study in France, offering detailed information on programs, scholarships, application procedures, and student life. The platform connects students with French universities and higher education institutions, assisting them throughout the entire process, from selecting a program to securing visas. Campus France also facilitates networking opportunities, internships, and cultural integration, helping international students adapt to life in France.

[More information](#)

EDUCOREE

EduCorée is a platform dedicated to supporting educational exchanges and promoting academic cooperation between France and South Korea. It serves as a comprehensive resource for students, researchers, and educational institutions seeking to engage in academic and cultural exchange programs between the two countries. The platform provides valuable information on study opportunities, scholarships, and research collaboration, helping students and professionals navigate their academic journey in South Korea or France. EduCoree also offers tools for networking, guidance on language programs, and opportunities for internships and research projects.

[More information](#)

6.2. YOU ARE A FRENCH STUDENT WISHING TO STUDY IN KOREA

STUDY IN KOREA PLATFORM

The Study in Korea platform is an initiative by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea, designed to promote study opportunities in Korea for international students. It serves as a central resource for information on academic programs, student life, and scholarships available in Korea.

[More information](#)

RESEAU DES ETUDES SUR LA COREE (RESCOR)

RESCOR offers grants for students and researchers interested in pursuing Korean studies. These grants aim to support academic projects that contribute to the development and advancement of knowledge in Korean history, culture, society, and language. The grants are available to master's, PhD students, and postdoctoral researchers from France and abroad, providing financial support for research stays in Korea or for projects based on the study of Korean topics. These funds can be used to cover research expenses, travel costs, and living expenses during the research period.

[More information](#)

N+I NETWORKS

This network gathers several French Engineering schools and allows their students to look for an engineering curriculum abroad in a partner university. The “n+i” network is an intermediary between the students and the partner universities/companies abroad.

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EduCorée is a platform dedicated to supporting educational exchanges and promoting academic cooperation between France and South Korea. It serves as a comprehensive resource for students, researchers, and educational institutions seeking to engage in academic and cultural exchange programs between the two countries. The platform provides valuable information on study opportunities, scholarships, and research collaboration, helping students and professionals navigate their academic journey in South Korea or France. EduCoree also offers tools for networking, guidance on language programs, and opportunities for internships and research projects.

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6.3. YOU ARE RESEARCHER IN KOREA OR IN FRANCE (FROM POSTDOCS TO SENIOR RESEARCHERS)

ASSOCIATION BERNARD GREGORY (ABG)

The Association Bernard Grégory (ABG) is a leading French organization dedicated to supporting doctoral graduates and young researchers in their career development. Its mission is to foster the professional integration of PhD holders in both the public and private sectors by offering guidance, resources, and networking opportunities.

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KOREA RESEARCHER INFORMATION (KRI)

KRI, or Korea Researcher Information, is a government database system managed by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy that keeps track of active researchers in Korea. All active researchers in Korea should have their information entered into the database (even if they are only going to be in Korea temporarily). Information submitted into the database includes the researcher's basic information (name, date of birth, sex, nationality, etc.) as well as their academic qualifications and achievements, such as education, places of employment, publications, and awards, among others.

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[More information on how to navigate the website for non-Korean speakers](#)

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP FOR INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE (RPIK)

The Research Partnership for Innovation and Knowledge (RPIK) is a platform that fosters collaborative research and innovation between Korean and international institutions. It aims to promote global partnerships in scientific research, technology development, and innovation to address global challenges and advance knowledge across various fields. RPIK provides resources for researchers seeking to collaborate with Korean institutions, offering support in identifying funding opportunities, managing joint projects, and facilitating research exchanges. The platform also serves as a hub for networking and knowledge sharing, helping to connect researchers, policymakers, and businesses from around the world.

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KOREA-EU RESEARCH CENTRE (K-ERC)

The Korean-European Research Centre (K-ERC) is a platform dedicated to fostering collaboration between Korean and European researchers. It aims to strengthen research ties, promote joint scientific projects, and facilitate knowledge exchange between the two regions. The K-ERC provides resources for researchers seeking to engage in collaborative projects across various fields, including quantum technologies, health, AI, and environmental studies. The center offers support in navigating funding opportunities, including access to Horizon Europe programs, and helps establish research partnerships between Korean and European institutions.

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ASSOCIATION DES SCIENTIFIQUES COREENS EN FRANCE (ASCOF)

L'*Association des Scientifiques Coréens en France* is a nonprofit organization established to promote the scientific and technological cooperation between Korea and France and to build networks among ASCoF members by exchanging knowledge and opinions in the field of sciences and technology.

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KOREA FOUNDATION (KF)

The Korea Foundation (KF) is an organization dedicated to promoting global exchange and fostering international cooperation in areas such as culture, education, and research. Its mission is to strengthen Korea's global presence and enhance mutual understanding between Korea and other countries through various programs and initiatives. The foundation supports a range of activities, including scholarships, research grants, and exchange programs, offering opportunities for international scholars, students, and researchers to engage with Korean institutions. It also provides funding for cultural exchange projects, academic seminars, and collaborative research aimed at building stronger ties between Korea and the global community.

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RESEAU DES ETUDES SUR LA COREE (RESCOR)

RESCOR offers grants for students and researchers interested in pursuing Korean studies. These grants aim to support academic projects that contribute to the development and advancement of knowledge in Korean history, culture, society, and language. The grants are available to master's, PhD students, and postdoctoral researchers from France and abroad, providing financial support for research stays in Korea or for projects based on the study of Korean topics. These funds can be used to cover research expenses, travel costs, and living expenses during the research period.

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