

International Scholar Exchange Fellowship

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The International Scholar Exchange Fellowship (ISEF) program aims to enhance academic exchange and cooperation among international scholars by providing them with an opportunity to visit and stay in Korea for one year (or six months) to conduct research. This program was implemented in 1999, and began supporting scholars in early 2000.

The first to twelfth cohorts of the ISEF laureates, totaling 629 scholars from Asian countries such as China, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, and Vietnam, have safely returned to their home countries after successfully completing their research in Korea.

The thirteenth cohort, the ISEF laureates for 2012-2013, consisting of forty-seven scholars from Cambodia, China, India, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia and Vietnam safely arrived in Korea this past August. They have successfully embarked upon, and are currently conducting their proposed research in collaboration with their host scholars at nine major universities and research institutions in Korea.

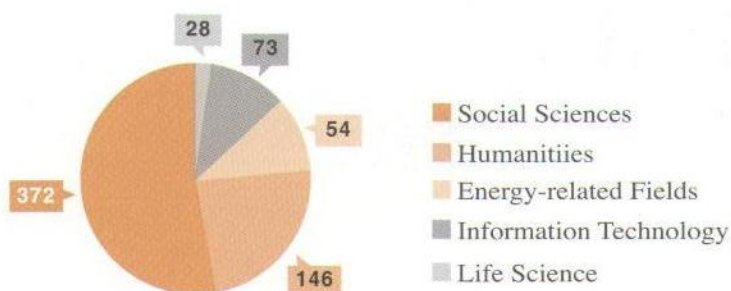
Recently, the West has shown a growing sense of awareness in traditional Asian culture and ideas through their reflection on Western civilization. As evidenced by such development, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies believes that, in the 21st century,



Arrival of the 2012-2013 ISEF Laureates

Profile of Fellowship Laureates

According to Research Field



According to Country and Research Field

Country	China	Cambodia	India	Indonesia	Kazakhstan	Laos	Malaysia	Mongolia	Myanmar	Philippines	Russia	Thailand	Vietnam	Colombia	Iran	Iraq	Total
Economics	59	1				1	4			1		4					70
Business	24	1					4		1			1					31
Political Science	35	2		1		1	2	3					1	1			46
Public Administration	14	2										1					17
Law	38								2				1				41
Sociology	35	6		1	4	2							2				50
Education	13	2	2			7	1		1	1	9						36
Psychology	5							2			1	1					9
Anthropology	12	8		1	3	2							3				29
Journalism	21												1				22
Geography	7	1	1		2	2	2					6					21
History	76	2	1		1	2	3					7					92
Philosophy	51							1				2					54
Energy	32	1			2	5	2				8	1	1	1	1		54
IT	48	2	1	1		1	9	6				5					73
Life Science	14	1			1	5	4				2						28
Total	484	29	6	1	3	21	3	37	25	2	1	13	44	2	1	1	673

a new culture in which Asian values and thoughts interact with Western ideas will play a vital role.

Thus, the ISEF Program has been implemented as a no-strings-attached research support program to help other countries make reciprocal and balanced ad-ancements with Korea to prepare

for the 21st century when Asian countries are expected to play a prominent role in world affairs. To this end, the Foundation is inviting qualified scholars from other countries and supporting them to conduct research at leading universities or research institutions in Korea.

The fellowship brings a select number of scholars every year to Korea. The number of fellowship laureates vary from year to year. The fellowship provides comprehensive research expenses, which includes a research stipend, initial settlement support, publication support, round-trip airfare, and overseas travellers insurance. During the fellowship period in Korea, the laureates enjoy full access to the Foundation's facilities, such as seminar rooms and the library to help them conduct their research.

Currently, this program focuses only on scholars from Asia, the Middle East, the Far East, and we are interested in inviting outstanding scholars in the fields of humanities, social sciences, petrochemical engineering, electrical engineering (electronic science), telecommunications, computer science and life science.

Following the Foundation's tradition of honoring the freedom of scholarship, researchers are given the freedom of choosing research subjects within the given fields. The Foundation screening panel only considers the quality of stated research proposals in selecting the fellowship laureates, not their research subjects.

In order to enhance understanding of Korean language, culture and society, the Foundation organizes Korean language classes and seminars, as well as trips to various cultural sites, industrial facilities, and academic/research institutions for the ISEF laureates.

Vice Minister Hao Ping of the Ministry of Education, PR China

