

KOPRI Fellowship Program 2026

2nd Round Call for Applications

BACKGROUND

Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) is a government-sponsored polar research institute of the Republic of Korea. While serving as the operator of national polar programs, KOPRI also advocates international cooperation in polar science and research.

KOPRI initiated the Fellowship Program in 2015 in an effort to promote research collaboration and provide future generation polar scientists with networking and research opportunities, by making use of its expanding infrastructure and capacity.

KOPRI is pleased to announce the 2nd call for applications for the 2026 KOPRI Fellowship Program. We encourage prospective candidates to submit applications for the fellowship.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The 2nd round call for KOPRI Fellowship Program 2026 consists of two categories: Arctic and Antarctic.

The program invites polar researchers to participate in its Institute Visiting Program that offers office space and/or laboratory access within the KOPRI facilities to awardees.

Once selected, the commencement dates and the details of the research activities are to be adjusted through consultation with the cooperating KOPRI scientists, and details should be forwarded to the Office of Global Cooperation for travel and accommodation arrangements.

HOW TO APPLY

Each application for the KOPRI fellowship program must have the support of a KOPRI scientist. Therefore, those considering applying to the program are highly encouraged to contact KOPRI scientists and discuss their research proposal before they submit their application.

If you would like to apply for the 2026 KOPRI Fellowship Program, please submit your application to the following email address; fellowship@kopri.re.kr

In order for the application to be considered complete and valid, your application package must include an application form, research proposal, home institute agreement, and a letter of recommendation and should be submitted by June 18, 2026.

SUMMARY CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS

Category	Arctic	Antarctic
Program	- Institute Visiting Program	
Eligibility	- Early career scientists* from Arctic countries** - Researchers of Arctic Indigenous heritage*** in all career stages	- Early career scientists from Chile or New Zealand
Duration	- Up to 3 months at KOPRI	
Awards	- Travel (round-trip air fare) and living expenses (approx. USD 650/month, subject to exchange rate fluctuations) - Accommodation within KOPRI facilities - Office and/or laboratory as arranged with the cooperating KOPRI scientist	
Application Documents	a. Application Form b. Research Proposal c. Home Institute Agreement d. Letter of Recommendation	a. Application Form b. Research Proposal c. Home Institute Agreement d. Letter of Recommendation
Submission Deadline	Application documents are to be submitted by June 18, 2026.	
<p>- Announcement for the fellowship awardees will be made in July 2026 by e-mail.</p> <p>- Awardees are required to submit two types of report: monthly reports throughout the program and a final report upon completion.</p>		

* **Early career scientists:** Scientists and scholars who are currently enrolled in master or doctoral program, or within 5 years (2021-2026) of finishing their master or doctoral degree

** **Arctic Countries:** Canada, Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the United States

*** **Researchers of Arctic Indigenous heritage:** Scientists and scholars of Arctic Indigenous heritage who are currently enrolled in undergraduate or master or doctoral program, or have completed their undergraduate or master or doctoral degree

FURTHER INFORMATION

As the KOPRI Fellowship Program follows the Korean government's guidelines against infectious diseases, operational details of the program are subject to change in accordance with updates to the guideline.

Read more about KOPRI and the Korean Polar Program on our website.

(<http://www.kopri.re.kr/eng/>)

To find a KOPRI scientist to collaborate with for the fellowship program, please refer to our Annual Report and KOPRI Abstracts at the following links:

- KOPRI Annual Report: <https://eng.kopri.re.kr/eng/html/comm/040403.html>

- KOPRI Abstracts: <https://eng.kopri.re.kr/eng/html/comm/040405.html>

Should you have further questions, please contact the Office of Global Cooperation at the Korea Polar Research Institute:

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The logo for the Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) features the acronym 'KOPRI' in large, blue, stylized letters. Below the letters is a graphic of a globe with latitude and longitude lines, rendered in a light blue and green color scheme.

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