



Ministry of Unification

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## NIU Emerging Leader Fellowship 2024

The National Institute for Unification Education (NIU) of the Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea proudly presents the Emerging Leader Fellowship (ELF) program for mid-career professionals who are invested in Korean affairs. This fellowship invites prospective experts from around the world to learn about Korea and discuss issues relating to peace, prosperity, and unification of the Korean Peninsula. Since hosting its first class in 2013, the Fellowship has so far attracted 234 mid-career professionals from 46 countries, each of whom contributes to fostering international awareness on Korean unification and creating ideas to help Korea and the region to steer towards peace. If you wish to partake in the 2024 cohort, please read the details below.

### Objective

The Fellowship aims to foster understanding on the ROK Government's policy towards North Korea and develop a vision for Korean unification. It also serves as a platform for participants to network with colleagues from all around the world, as well as prominent figures and counterparts in Korea.

### Overview

- (1) Period: July 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 26<sup>th</sup> (12 days)
- (2) Average number of cohort: 15
- (3) Curriculum: Lectures, discussions, field trips, academic conference etc

<Example>

<b>Lecture/ Discussion Subjects</b>	- ROK's Unification Policy and Vision for Korean Unification - Understanding North Korea: Dialogue with North Korean Refugees - Dialogue with High Policy Officers of Ministry of Unification
<b>Field Trip</b>	- DMZ tour, Inter-Korean Transit Office etc - Unification and Security related visiting sites
<b>Academic Conference</b>	All participants should participate in the full-day Academic Conference either as a presenter or discussant.



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## **Eligibility**

We are looking for candidates who are interested in Korea and Korean unification.

Candidates who meet one of the following criteria are usually considered as a strong candidate.

- (1) A mid-career professional with more than five years of professional experience in the government, international organizations, non-government organizations, and the press, preferably with a M.A or higher degree.
- (2) A mid-career scholar or researcher at universities, institutes, think-tanks in relevant fields, preferably with a Ph. D.
- (3) Language Requirements: All events will be in English; therefore, command of English in the professional sense is mandatory. Proficiency in Korean is desired, but not a prerequisite.

## **Supports**

NIU provides the following supports to ELF fellows:

- (1) Round-trip airfare (economy class)
- (2) Accommodation during the fellowship
  - Stays before and after the official fellowship are to be paid at one's own expenses.
- (3) Meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- (4) All fees and expenses during field trips
- (5) Transportation during the program
- (6) Travel insurance

\* Participants are expected to cover personal expenses, such as visa fees, excess baggage charge, travel expenses within their respective home countries, travel expenses between airport to hotel in Korea, charges for items and services other than complimentary goods provided by the venue of accommodation.



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### **Application Documents**

- (1) Application Form and Personal Statement (Attached)
- (2) Resume or Curriculum Vitae

**Submission:** [globaledu@unikorea.go.kr](mailto:globaledu@unikorea.go.kr)

**Application Deadline:** 18:00 April 19 (Fri), Korea Standard Time

### **Notification Date**

Decisions will be emailed individually in May.

### **Contact info**

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South Korea

## NIU Emerging Leader Fellowship 2024 Application Form

Personal Information				
Full Name	Family Name (surname)      First and middle name		(Photo)	
Nationality				
Occupation				
Gender				
Date of Birth				
Country of Birth				
Contact	Mailing Address	Home		
		Office		
	Phone No.	Home		
		Office		
	Email			
Present Position	Employer			
	Department		Title	

Academic Background * Start with the highest degree that you have earned or expect to earn.			
School / Country	Years attended	Degrees	Major
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<Attachment 1 – Application Form>

Relevant Work Experience (Total years of professional/academic work experience: ____)			
* Start with your current position followed by your most recent position.			
Employer	Position or Title	Working Period	Responsibilities
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Publications and research (if applicable) *Please describe title, topic, publisher, and year of work

If you have visited or lived in Korea, please fill out below.		
Period	Place	Purpose
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Language Proficiency		
English	Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Native <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor
	Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Native <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor
	Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Native <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor
<b>Research Topic that you would like to address in conference</b>		
*please noted that all participants should participate in the full-day academic conference either as a presenter or discussant.		

**<Attachment 2 – Personal Statement>**

**Personal Statement**

Please write your academic and/or professional experience related to the Korean Peninsula issues and motivation to apply to this fellowship.