



AUA-SNU Youth Forum 2025:

Sustainable Cities and Living Heritage

When: 19th January 2026 to 25th January 2026

Where: Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Purpose and Overview of the Program:

Among the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Goal 11 “Sustainable Cities and Communities” represents a critical global challenge, whose importance is increasingly emphasized amid the accelerating pace of urbanization worldwide. Cities with historical heritage, in particular, face the dual challenge of achieving sustainable development while preserving their cultural legacy.

Traditional urban development models have often prioritized economic growth, frequently at the expense of historical identity and cultural integrity. Seoul, as the capital city that embodies the legacies of the 500-year Joseon Dynasty and the rapid economic development of modern Korea, serves as an exemplary case of efforts to preserve heritage while pursuing sustainable urban futures amid rapid urbanization and economic expansion.

By directly engaging with various sites in Seoul, students will explore the potential for development and preservation to generate mutual synergies rather than conflict. Furthermore, they will have the opportunity to examine how Korea’s own rapid urbanization and development experience can be adapted and applied within the context of other countries. Through this, students from AUA member universities will gain field-based learning experiences that go beyond theoretical understanding.



Schedule:

Day 1 (19th January, Monday)

Time	Program	Venue
Throughout the day	Arrival and Check-in	SNU Hoam Hotel
Evening	Welcome Reception	SNU Restaurant

Day 2 (20th January, Tuesday)

Time	Program	Venue
9:30AM – 11:30AM	Orientation and Program Overview	SNU OIA
1PM – 3PM	Lecture #1: Safe and Affordable Housing (SDG 11. 1) – Prof. Hyojung Lee (SNU)	SNU OIA
3PM – 5PM	Student Group Discussion	SNU OIA

Day 3 (21st January, Wednesday)

Time	Program	Venue
9:30AM – 11:30AM	Lecture #2: Protect the World's Cultural and Natural Heritage (SDG 11. 4) – Prof. Saehoon Kim (SNU)	SNU OIA
1PM – 3PM	Site Visit #1: Bukchon Hanok Village	Bukchon, Seoul
3PM – 5PM	Site Visit #2: National Museum of Korea	NMK, Seoul



Day 4 (22nd January, Thursday)

Time	Program	Venue
9:30AM – 11:30AM	Lecture #3: Affordable and Sustainable Transport Systems (SDG 11. 2) – Prof. Sung Ho Hur (SNU)	SNU OIA
2PM – 3PM	Site Visit #3: Seoul Metropolitan Government	Seoul City Hall
3PM – 5PM	Site Visit #4: Seoul TOPIS (Transport Operation and Information Service)	Seoul TOPIS

Day 5 (23rd January, Friday)

Time	Program	Venue
9:30AM – 11:30AM	Lecture #4: Reduce the Environmental Impact of Cities (SDG 11. 6) – Prof. Jae Seung Lee (SNU)	SNU OIA
1PM – 3PM	Campus Tour: Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies (UNESCO Memory of the World artifacts)	Kyujanggak, SNU
3PM – 5PM	Student Group Discussion	SNU OIA

Day 6 (24th January, Saturday)

Time	Program	Venue
9:30AM – 12:00PM	Student Group Presentation #1	SNU OIA
1:30PM – 4PM	Student Group Presentation #2	SNU OIA
4PM – 5PM	Closing Ceremony	SNU OIA
6PM – 9PM	Farewell Dinner	SNU Faculty Club



Day 7 (25th January, Sunday)

Time	Program	Venue
Throughout the day	Check-out and Departure	

* Please note that the above schedule is subject to change depending on circumstances.

What we provide:

(1) Stipend of USD 500 for airfare

* Participants are eligible for airfare support up to a maximum of USD 500.

Airfare support applies exclusively to economy-class tickets, and reimbursement will be made for the actual expense incurred, up to the USD 500 limit.

(2) Invitation Letters

(3) Airport Transfers and Site Visit Transfers

(4) Campus accommodation on twin sharing basis (19th January 2026 to 25th January 2026)

(5) Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Invite:

We would like to invite all members of AUA to nominate up to 3 students (undergraduate or master student) from their university to attend this Youth Forum and have 2 more students on a waiting list. If a university does not nominate any students, or nominates less than 3 students, then the unfilled places might be used by students on the waiting list.

Deadline for Registration:

Kindly send the nominations in the attached nomination form by 10th December 2025 to ahnsihun@snu.ac.kr. Also, attach the scan copy of the passport of the nominated/waitlist students for us to issue invitation letters.

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