

## **SNU Institute for Future Strategy – Senior researcher positions for fellowship program**

The Institute for Future Strategy at Seoul National University, established in February 2022, conducts in-depth policy research on major issues in domestic and international societies. The institute aims to provide policy recommendations and guidance as a leading think tank in the Republic of Korea and also share its research findings with society through various means such as hosting forums, publishing reports, and actively engaging in policy proposal activities. The institute operates seven clusters for in-depth policy research, covering the fields of Democracy, Future of Science and Technology, Economic Security, Population, Global Korea, Balanced Regional Growth & Resilience and Carbon Neutrality. It also develops and operates various policy research task forces (TFs) based on recent social issues, such as healthcare reform and the policy direction of the second Trump administration. The SNU Strategic Studies Fellowship program at the Institute for Future Strategy invites candidates with strong backgrounds in various policy research for the positions of young and dynamic researchers who will perform outstanding policy research in the following 5 areas\*. You can find more details at <https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en>.

### **1. Institution and Position**

- A. Institution: Institute for Future Strategy, Seoul National University
- B. Position: Senior Researcher
- C. Job Overview: Performing and supporting various activities of the institution, such as policy research and project planning, Opportunities to work with PIs (SNU Full Professors)
- D. Location: Wooseok building, Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- E. Recruitment Area: An individual capable of conducting policy research (Refer to \*List of Policy Research Topics and Principal Investigators for SNU IFS Strategic Studies Fellowship) at the Institute for Future Strategy

**2. Number of Openings:** up to 5 candidates, one per research topic (The position may remain unfilled if no suitable candidates are found)

### **3. Requirements**

- A. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. and have obtained their Ph.D. within 7 years (excluding

the period of maternity/parental leave).

- B. Researchers who are not full-time faculty members at universities in the Republic of Korea, or researchers affiliated with overseas universities or research institutes.
- C. Researchers with excellent communication skills necessary for planning, executing, and promoting projects

#### **4. Offer**

- A. Monthly Salary: Range from 3.5 million KRW to 4.5 million KRW (Institutional social insurance fees and severance pay will be provided separately)
- B. The positions are initially for 1 year (can be extended depending on performance) starting from March 1, 2026, and up to 2 years.

#### **5. How to apply**

- A. CV & Cover letter (including educational background, work experience, and publication list)
- B. Research proposal (selected research topic\* must be clearly stated in the proposal)
- C. Certificate of academic degree
- D. Master's and doctoral thesis
- E. 2 Letters of recommendation

#### **6. Inquiries/Submission**

- A. Inquiries: +82-2-880-2893
- B. Applications should be sent to [snuifs2894\(at\)snu.ac.kr](mailto:snuifs2894(at)snu.ac.kr).

#### **7. Deadline for application: 2026.1.12. (Mon) ~ 1.28.(Wed) 13:00**

#### **8. Successful candidates will be invited for an interview in early February.**

**January 2026**

**Director of the Institute for Future Strategy, Seoul National University**

**\*List of Policy Research Topics and Principal Investigators  
for SNU IFS Strategic Studies Fellowship**

Research Project	Research Topics and Subfields	PI (Aff.)	Website
Future of Science and Technology: Future of the work	<p>-Analysis of occupational ecosystem transformations induced by emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and robotics, and their systemic socioeconomic spillover effects</p> <p>-Development of mid- to long-term national strategies and science, technology, and innovation policy frameworks addressing technology-driven labor market change</p>	Prof. Jeong-Dong Lee (Graduate School of Engineering, Department of Applied Engineering)	<a href="https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en/cluster/future-of-science-and-technology">https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en/cluster/future-of-science-and-technology</a>
Population: Socioeconomic Transition Policy Framework to Address the Population Crisis	Building on our track record in analyzing demographic-driven socioeconomic imbalances and promoting policy integration, we will expand research and networking efforts to more directly support the development and refinement of government population policies.	Prof. Chulhee Lee (Dept. of Economics)	<a href="https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en/cluster/population">https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en/cluster/population</a>
Global Korea: Strategic Approaches to Soft and Hard Power	The focus is on analyzing the strengths, weaknesses, and risks of specific strategic response options, based on the mid- to long-term strategic vision and principles of Global Korea. Through this approach, the aim is to propose a comprehensive diplomatic and security strategy and policy that integrates both soft and hard power	Prof. In joo Sohn (Dept. of Political Science and International Relations)	<a href="https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en/cluster/global-korea">https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en/cluster/global-korea</a>
Democracy: In Search of Democratic Development Policies for Building Sound Governance	Systematically pursue timely academic and policy research to restore the public sphere and advance sound governance in the context of a democratic crisis.	Prof. JeongHun Han (SNU Graduate School of International Studies)	<a href="https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en/cluster/democracy">https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en/cluster/democracy</a>
Balanced Regional Growth and Resilience: Balanced Regional Development	Analyze the structural nature of regional disparities, define core policy challenges, and develop medium- to long-term policy strategies, while progressively building the institutional capacity to implement region-specific policy tools.	Prof. Euijune Kim (Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development)	<a href="https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en/cluster/balanced-growth">https://ifs.snu.ac.kr/en/cluster/balanced-growth</a>