

Call for Proposals: Korea Sig Team-Up Grant for Research Collaboration

I am delighted to announce that the Korea SIG is now accepting proposals for the Team-Up Grant, which is open to all AHRD members. This initiative encourages collaborative research by supporting the formation of multi-institutional, multi-national teams, recognizing the potential for increased productivity and enhanced quality in scholarship. Since 2016, the Korea SIG has fostered collaboration among AHRD members, offering valuable opportunities, especially for students and early career scholars. This year's Team-Up Grant is sponsored by the Korean Academy of Human Resource Development in the Americas (KAHRDA) and will award up to \$500 per team, with a maximum of two teams funded.

Objectives of the Team-Up Grant Program

The Team-Up Grant program aims to provide opportunities:

- For AHRD members to conduct collaborative research by forming multi-institutional teams
- For AHRD members to draw attention to global or cross-cultural research
- For junior faculty, doctoral students, or practitioners to connect with research mentors
- For senior/experienced faculty to mentor emerging scholars

Research Topics

We welcome global or cross-cultural research across a broad range of topics, with a preference for:

- Technology related to HRD
- HR/People analytics
- Advanced or innovative research methodologies

Eligibility and Team Composition

- All AHRD members are eligible to apply by submitting a research proposal.
- Each team is self-formed by applicants on a voluntary basis.
- Each project team should consist of at least four members.
- Each project team should include one faculty member who will serve as a mentor, along with junior faculty or practitioners from multiple institutions.

Proposal Submission

- Each team must work collaboratively, develop a full proposal, and submit it to the Korea SIG Chair via email (Dr. Suhyung Lee: redsky39@gmail.com).
- Submission deadline: **Monday, November 30, 2026**
- Please format your proposal according to APA style, using Times New Roman, 11-point font, single-spaced, and keep the total length to no more than five pages, including references.
- Your proposal should include the following sections:
 1. Project Title
 2. Project Team: Name, affiliation, position, and role (e.g., principal investigator, co-principal investigators, mentor)
 3. Problem Statement
 4. Project Objectives and/or Research Questions
 5. Literature Review
 6. Project Plan (e.g., overall approach/strategy, research methods, activities/procedures)
 7. Anticipated Outcomes and Implications for HRD
 8. Dissemination Plan

9. Timeline
10. Budget Justification
11. References

Proposal Review

Proposals will undergo a blind peer-review process conducted by the Korea SIG leadership. Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- Team composition: The team includes at least four members, consisting of one faculty member who will serve as a mentor, along with junior faculty or practitioners from multiple institutions. Priority will be given to proposals in which a graduate student serves as the principal investigator (PI), as well as to teams whose members reflect greater diversity (e.g., institution, country, or career stage).
- Global and cross-cultural relevance: The research clearly focuses on a global or cross-cultural context.
- Research design quality: The project is well designed, coherent, and theoretically grounded.
- Potential impact: The project has the potential to make a meaningful contribution to the field of HRD.
- Team roles and timeline: The proposal clearly outlines the roles and responsibilities of all team members and presents a timeline that aligns with the proposed activities and expected outcomes.
- Budget justification: The proposal clearly specifies how the requested funds will be used. Eligible expenses may include items and services directly related to conducting research, mentoring activities, or manuscript preparation, including, but not limited to, gifts or incentives for participants during data collection, software, data analysis assistance (e.g., transcription or translation services), and professional proofreading or editing services. Expenses related to conference registration, travel, or attendance do not fall within the scope of eligible expenses.
- Clarity of writing: The proposal is well written and clearly articulated.

Notification and Presentation

- Following the review process, up to two proposals will be selected. Results will be announced at the 2027 AHRD Conference.
- Award recipients will be required to deliver a 10-15 minute presentation on their project at the Korea SIG meeting during the 2028 AHRD Conference.

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding the proposal requirements, please feel free to contact me (Dr. Suhyung Lee, redsky39@gmail.com).

I look forward to receiving your proposals. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,
Suhyung Lee