

AKF General Grants

Funding Round Now Open

The Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF) 2011–12 financial year funding round is now open. The AKF Board seeks applications for grant funding from \$2,000 up to a maximum of \$20,000 for projects commencing between 01 August 2011 and 30 June 2012. Activities must be completed by 30 September 2012.

Project proposals from individuals or organisations must demonstrate the ability to achieve AKF's goals in line with the AKF Strategic Plan 2009–12 including:

- Increase public awareness of Australia in Korea, and of Korea in Australia, and the importance of the bilateral relationship
- Develop partnerships in areas of shared interest in the bilateral, regional and global context
- Increase Australians' capacity to effectively engage with Korea.

Funding priority will be given to projects which have an identified Korean partner and seek to strengthen Australia's bilateral relationship with Korea in the following areas:

- Year of Friendship 2011 and Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of AKF
 - Projects which emphasise and seek to celebrate the long-standing and friendly relations that have developed between Australia and Korea over the past two decades, especially those that can show how seed funding from AKF in past years has fostered enduring relationships between organisations and institutions that continue today.
- Partnerships and Collaborations in the fields of Technology, Environment and Agriculture
 - Projects which establish new partnerships or build on existing collaborations between institutions or peak bodies and their counterparts in Korea, particularly in emerging fields of research and development.
- Public Diplomacy, Media and Advocacy
 - Projects which highlight Australia's cultural and societal diversity, and encourage a greater awareness and well-informed knowledge of contemporary Australia among Korean influencers and in the broader Korean society.
- Youth and Capacity Building for the Future
 - Projects which develop the skills of Australians to effectively engage with Korea such as language and cross-cultural skills and build a deeper understanding of Korean society, politics and the economy such as student and professional exchange programs.

For more details and how to apply visit:

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/akf/funding.html>

Applications close at 5pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March 2011