

# The Korean Society of Ginseng 2022 Request for International Young Scientist Research Proposal

## 1 Contest Overview

- Host organization: The Korean Society of Ginseng**
- Funding organization: Korea Ginseng Corporation (KGC)**
- Contents**
  - **Purpose:** 2022 Korean Society of Ginseng research project contest for young scientists of abroad countries other than China.
  - Project selection criteria
    - Creation of advanced excellent research results in connection with existing research projects.
    - Maintenance of excellent homeostasis of Korean Red Ginseng (adaptogen effect) and identification of new physiological activities.
- Research period**
  - One year from the contract date.
- Research funds**
  - 5 million KRW
- Journal**
  - *Journal of Ginseng Research* (2021 Impact factor: 5.735).
  - ※ Number three in the world in the field of alternative medicine (out of 30 journals), based on the 2021 impact factor.

※ The only journal dedicated to ginseng in the world. It is published by this society and indexed in PubMed, SCIE, and SCOPUS.

#### Applicant qualifications and restrictions

- College full-time professors or senior researchers at qualified research institutes.

※ Among the past beneficiaries of research funds, those who have not submitted a copy of the paper published within two years of the completion of the research are ineligible to apply. In addition, those whose paper was judged inappropriate for publication through consultation at the time of the research completion are also excluded from applying.

#### Research project selection procedure

- Examination/selection by an expert review committee (the “Deliberation Committee”) organized by the Korean Society of Ginseng.
  - Records of submission of papers to the *Journal of Ginseng Research* (Journal of the Korean Society of Ginseng) over the last five years are reflected in the assessment.

#### Korean Red Ginseng samples

- Korea Ginseng Corporation will provide samples necessary to carry out the research projects at cost in principle; the samples may be provided free of charge when necessary.
  - **Requirements for requests:** The required sample quantity and basis of calculation should be clearly indicated separately in the research proposal.

※ **Samples that may be provided**

① Products

- Korean Red Ginseng concentrate (water extraction), Korean Red Ginseng concentrate (water extraction) powder, and Korean Red Ginseng tablets (0.5g/tablet, for clinical trials).

② Fractions (for strategic tasks)

- Saponin/non-saponin-based ingredients are extremely limited in type/quantity and require prior consultation with the society.

**Research fund: Refer to the detailed specification of the research plan**

- **Direct costs:** Labor, materials, research activities, research allowances, etc.
- **Indirect costs:** Up to 10% of the total research fund.
- **Additional expenses:** 10% of the total research fund.  
⇒ No additional support for VAT.

**Contest period: July 18, 2022 ~ August 5, 2022.**

**Where to submit applications and inquiries**

- The Korean Red Ginseng research support application form should be submitted through the society's e-mail address after placing the relevant person's signature in principle.
- Society Address: Korean Society of Ginseng, Room #803, Seocho World Officetel, 19 Seoun-ro, Seocho-gu, Seoul (Zip code: 06732).
- E-mail address: [ginsengsociety@hanmail.net](mailto:ginsengsociety@hanmail.net)
- Phone number: +82-2-3473-8772.

**Research fund payments**

- Payments depend on research project performance: 60% of the research fund will be paid when the research project contract has been signed; 40% after approval of the final results report.
- In cases where the “Researcher” has not started the research three months after receiving the research fund, without any justifiable reason, he/she must return the entire research fund.
- In cases where the contract has not been completely fulfilled due to any reason attributable to the “Researcher,” the researcher shall compensate for the delay with compensation for deferment at a rate of 5/1,000 per day of delay.

 **Contract Duration**

- The duration of this contract is **one year from the start date of this contract.**

 **Management of the rights to ownership of the research outcomes**

- Ownership and intellectual property rights of all tangible and intangible outcomes emanating from “the researcher’s” collection of information and data as well as contract fulfillment (“outcome” hereafter) belong to “KGC”.
- “KGC” is in charge of the application of the intellectual property rights of the outcomes of this contract, processing of registration, and future management. “The researcher” should actively cooperate in the overall process of the application and registration of intellectual property rights.
- When “the researcher” attempts to publicize or use the outcomes from this contract, they should submit the plan to “the Society” and receive written consent from “the Society” in advance.

- When the researcher publicizes or uses the outcomes of this contract without written consent from “the Society” in advance, despite the terms above, the researcher has a duty of restoration or should pay the corresponding compensation for damages to “the Society” or “KGC”.

#### **Applied technology**

- When “the researcher” develops other research products based on the outcomes of this contract (“applied technology” hereafter) during the term of this contract and after termination of this contract, they should immediately inform “the Korean Society of Ginseng” and notify them of the constituents of the applied technology.
- “The researcher” should supply an exclusive license of the developed applied technology to “KGC” gratis for one year. Afterwards, the researcher should provide free and non-exclusive licensing.
- When “the researcher” releases the “applied technology” or gives right to implement it to a third party, they should discuss the matter with “the Society” in advance.
- When “the researcher” makes the applied technology public or uses it without agreement with “Korean Society of Ginseng” in advance, despite the terms above, “Korean Society of Ginseng” can terminate this contract. If “KGC” or “Korean Society of Ginseng” gets damages from the opening-up or using activity described above, “the researcher” should pay compensation for such damages.

#### **Exemptions for intellectual property rights**

- “The researcher” should conduct all legal defenses, including compensation for damages, at their own cost when they receive a claim of rights or compensation for damages to the “Korean

Society of Ginseng” or “KGC” from “a third party” regarding the execution of this contract and the outcomes (including intellectual property rights, such as patent, trademark rights, design rights, copyrights, and trade secrets). “Korean Society of Ginseng” and “KGC” are exempt from responsibility. “The Korean Society of Ginseng” or “KGC” can directly file a lawsuit at the expense of “Korean Society of Ginseng” or “KGC” if necessary.

- In this case, “the researcher” provides the information and support that “Korean Society of Ginseng” or “KGC” requires based on the principle of good faith.
- “The researcher” should voluntarily conduct investigations surrounding the intellectual property rights of “a third party” related to the execution of this contract and make efforts to avoid disputes.

#### **Use of the research outcomes**

- The research funding institution of “KGC” can use the research outcomes in the promotions/advertisement while “the lead researcher” should collaborate in interviews for promotions/advertisement.

#### **Change of the researcher**

- When “the researcher” becomes unable to continue the research for over three months based on an overseas business trip, incident, disease, and other factors, a statement of reason and candidate researcher should be submitted to “Korean Society of Ginseng” in the name of the "execution institution".
- “The Korean Society of Ginseng” will verify the validity of the statement of reason and qualifications of the candidate researcher to make decisions regarding the change of the researcher or retrieval of the remaining research funds and notify the "execution

institution" of the decision.

#### **Change of the research contents**

- When the contents of the original research proposal and research report are partially changed, “the lead researcher” should submit a statement of valid reason to “Korean Society of Ginseng” in advance.
- “Korean Society of Ginseng” will check the validity of the statement of reason to make decisions involving changes to the research content or retrieval of remaining research funds and notify “the lead researcher” about the decision.

#### **Confidentiality obligations**

- The “execution institution” has a duty to maintain confidentiality of all information collected from the execution of this contract and the contents of the contract. The execution institution should not reveal it to a third party or employ it for purposes other than the execution of this contract.
- When damages to “Korean Society of Ginseng” and the research funding institution, “KGC”, are incurred because of the divulgence of confidential information, the “execution institution” should indemnify them for the entirety of damages.
- The confidentiality obligation continues to be valid after termination of this contract.

#### **Contract termination**

- “The Korean Society of Ginseng” can terminate this research contract if one of the following occurs:
  - It is decided that continuous execution is difficult because of serious and clear violations of the research service contract.

- The progress determined as per the research project from the interim evaluation considerably lacks behind the previously submitted research proposal.
  - It is admitted that there is no need to continue the project because the research goal was achieved by another research project.
  - It is admitted that the research cannot continue because of other inevitable reasons.
  - The evaluation score of the “deliberation committee” described in annex #1 is below 60 (average score after excluding the highest and lowest scores)
- When the execution of this research project is suspended because of reasons imputable to “the researcher”, “the Society” can claim indemnification of the research expenses and compensation for damages as well as exclude “the lead researcher” of this contract from the research and service contract of “the Society” for a considerable period.

## (      ) Research Project Evaluation Sheet (final)

Research manager:

Affiliated to:

Research project name:

### 1. Evaluation by item

Item	Score					
1. Degree of achievement of research objectives	20	18	16	14	12	10
2. Qualitative level of mid-term results	20	18	16	14	12	10
3. Appropriateness of research performance strategy	20	18	16	14	12	10
4. Degree of utilization of technical information and research equipment	10	9	8	7	6	5
5. Usefulness of research findings	20	18	16	14	12	10
6. Feasibility of continuing research	10	9	8	7	6	5

\* Please mark the relevant scores with ○ and add up the scores.

\* Evaluation result (total): \_\_\_\_\_ points.

### 2. Overall evaluation opinion

(Please write on a separate sheet if the blank space is insufficient).

**We have evaluated and report as above.**

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Research Evaluator Affiliated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**President of the Korean Society of Ginseng**