

# Open Call for Applications

## 2026 ICH Associate Expert Program

The International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (ICHCAP) welcomes applications for the **2026 ICH Associate Expert Program**. The key objective of this program is to support a person who wants to become a professional in the ICH field through internship and research in ICH safeguarding.

### Program Outline

- **Number of Participant:** one person
- **Duration:** four months (August to November 2026)
  - The duration of the program can be adjusted after consultation with the selected participant. The selected participant is requested to work five days a week. This is also subject to change depending on the situation of the participant determined through a consultation before beginning the program.
- **Location:** Jeonju, Republic of Korea

### Qualifications

To be eligible, the applicant should:

- a young expert from Asia and the Pacific who has more than two years of work experience in living heritage, heritage management, cultural studies, and other related fields (bachelor's degree or higher) OR
- a student from Asia and the Pacific in a higher education institute (graduate, postgraduate, or postdoctoral program in living heritage, culture, international cooperation, and other related fields)
- have a valid visa until the program ends / have no difficulty issuing a valid visa
- fluent in spoken and written English
- be in good health condition

#### NOTE

The selected candidate from overseas must obtain an appropriate visa, depending on their nationality, to join the program, and it may affect the final entry to the program.

Applicants who are receiving an active scholarship are requested to check the conditions of their award carefully before applying for the program.

### Application Submission

Applicants should submit the following documents via e-mail to [ichcap.networking@gmail.com](mailto:ichcap.networking@gmail.com) by **17 April 2026, 11:59 p.m. (GMT+9)**.

- Application Form (Annex 1)
- Copy of university enrollment or graduate certificate (required)
- Certificate of working experience (optional for students/ required for experts)

- Recommendation letter (optional)
- Certificate of English proficiency (optional)

## Application Procedure

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Submission of the completed application form and other relevant documents <b>(17 April)</b>	Announcement of the result of document screening <b>(15 May)</b>  Zoom Interview <b>(29 May)</b>	Announcement of the selected applicant <b>(5 June)</b>

NOTE: This schedule is subject to change in accordance with the circumstances.

## Program Offerings

The selected participant is offered a four-month internship at ICHCAP. The starting day/duration of the program can be adjusted after consultation with the selected participant.

- **Participation in ICHCAP's projects**
  - During the internship, the participant will have an opportunity to experience working in the ICH field at the international level through various active projects of ICHCAP this year.
- **Accommodation**
  - ICHCAP will provide a studio-type accommodation in close proximity during the program.
- **Living Expenses & Research Grant**
  - The participant will be granted KRW 1,200,000 per month for the entire duration of the program (four months). If the duration of the program is adjusted, the living expenses and research grant will be adjusted accordingly.

NOTE: ICHCAP is not able to cover the selected candidate's visa obligation and medical insurance.

## Contact

All inquiries about the program and application process can be made to

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