Call for Symposia for K-Brain 2027

The Korean Society for Brain and Neural Sciences (KSBNS) invites symposium proposals for its 30th Annual Meeting, to be held September 6–8, 2027, at the Hwabaek International Convention Center in Gyeongju, South Korea.

We welcome high-quality symposium proposals from researchers worldwide, covering diverse topics in neuroscience. Researchers interested in organizing a symposium are invited to complete the Symposium Proposal Form and submit it to neuro@ksbns.org by 6:00 PM KST on **January 10, 2027**.

The KSBNS Academic Program Committee will review all proposals following the submission deadline, and applicants will be notified of the selection results by email in February 2027. For inquiries, please contact neuro@ksbns.org.

Two symposium formats are available:

- **Symposium**: Sessions will be held in rooms accommodating **300–500 attendees**. At least one speaker must be affiliated with an institution outside Korea.
- **Focused Symposium**: Sessions will be held in rooms accommodating approximately **150 attendees**. This format is intended for specialized topics that may attract a smaller audience with shared research interests. International speakers are encouraged but not required.

Please follow the guidelines below when preparing your proposal.

1. Symposium and Focused Symposium organization

- Applicants must indicate their preferred symposium format.
- Each symposium should last 100 min and feature 4 speakers addressing a coherent topic in contemporary neuroscience.
- The Academic Program Committee may request the inclusion of an additional 15-min talk by an early-career researcher in selected symposia, extending the session to 115 min.
- All speakers, chairpersons and co-organizers should be included only with their prior consent. Documentation confirming their willingness to participate (e.g., email correspondence) must be attached to the proposal.
- Each principal organizer must be a KSBNS member.
- Each symposium must have one chairperson responsible for moderating the session and facilitating discussion.
- Each individual may participate in only one symposium, regardless of their role as a speaker, chairperson, organizer, or co-organizer. Multiple roles within the same symposium are permitted.
- All speakers, chairpersons, and organizers must attend the meeting in person. Online

participation is not permitted.

- English is the official language of the meeting, and all presentations and discussions must be conducted in English.

2. Selection criteria

- High priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate diversity among participants, including gender, race, country of origin, and career stage. A diversity statement must be included in each proposal. Symposia consisting entirely of researchers from a single institution are strongly discouraged.
- Preference will be given to proposals that bring together researchers employing diverse methodologies and approaches to address a coherent scientific theme.
- Priority will be given to proposals that minimize thematic overlap with symposia held at previous KSBNS Annual Meetings (See LINK).
- The KSBNS Academic Program Committee will review two representative publications from each proposed speaker published within the past three years.
- The KSBNS Academic Program Committee may request revisions to proposals during the selection process.
- Significant changes to an approved symposium, including changes to the speaker lineup, may result in reevaluation or withdrawal of the symposium's acceptance.
- Priority will be given to proposals in which **none of the participants** (speakers, chairpersons, organizers, or co-organizers) **served in these roles in any symposium at the 2026 KSBNS Annual Meeting.**

3. Financial support

- Financial support of **up to KRW 3,000,000 for each selected Symposium** and **up to KRW 1,500,000 for each selected Focused Symposium** will be provided. The final amount will depend on several factors including the travel distances of invited international speakers.
- Funding for Focused Symposia with exclusively Korean speakers is not guaranteed and is subject to availability.
- Proposals identifying potential external sponsorship will receive favorable consideration. Information regarding potential sponsors should be included in the application.
- Expenses exceeding the financial support provided, including travel and accommodation, must be covered by participants or organizers.