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### **Prof. Chin Ok Lee & Ms. Kwanghee Kim Award**

Dear Young Scholars of KSEA,

On behalf of the organizing committee of the Northeast Regional Conference (NRC) 2026, we are pleased to invite young scientists and engineers to apply for the prestigious **Prof. Chin Ok Lee & Ms. Kwanghee Kim Award**. This distinguished fellowship recognizes young scholars who have demonstrated significant contributions to the fields of science, engineering, and technology. The award includes one Outstanding Award of \$5,000 and three Excellence Awards of \$1,000 each.

The NRC is collaboratively organized by the New Jersey, New York Metropolitan, and Philadelphia Chapters of the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA). NRC 2026 will take place on March 14, 2026, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Fort Lee, NJ, bringing together faculty, researchers, engineers, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate and undergraduate students from various fields of science and engineering. Selected awardees will have the opportunity to present their research at the conference.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Junior Faculty, Research Scientists, or Engineers in academia, industry, or government.
- **Degree Requirement:** Applicants must have received their Ph.D. degree **within 10 years** of the application deadline.
- **Equivalent Qualifications:** Researchers with equivalent qualifications or experience may also be considered.
- **Membership:** Applicants must be active members of KSEA. If you are not a member, you can become one here <https://www.ksea.org/signUp>.
- **Note:** This award is primarily intended for independent investigators or professionals. Postdoctoral Fellows are generally encouraged to apply for the AKF Scholarship.

**Important Note: regarding Award Category & Eligibility:** The eligibility of applicants, including those with equivalent qualifications, will be determined by the Scholarship Committee's decision. The Committee also reserves the right to **reassign applications to a**



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**different award category** (e.g., from LK Award to AKF Scholarship or vice versa) during the selection process.

**Award:**

The **Prof. Chin Ok Lee & Ms. Kwanghee Kim Award** includes:

- **One Outstanding Awardee:** \$5,000 and an award certificate.
- **Three Excellence Awardees:** \$1,000 each, along with award certificates.

**Submission Requirements:**

Applicants must submit the following documents:

1. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** No page limit. It should include education, work experience, publications, extracurricular activities, awards, and involvement in KSEA and the Korean community. The CV must be in **PDF format**.
2. **Essay:** Describe your high potential for scientific excellence, current research plans, and how they relate to your field in industry or academia (**800-word limit**).
3. **Evidence of Doctoral Degree:** Upload a scanned copy of your doctoral diploma or degree certificate (**PDF format**).
4. **Two Recommendation Letters:**
  - The recommendation letter should be on **official letterhead** and include a signature (scanned letters are also acceptable).
  - The recommender's **email address must be affiliated with an institution** (personal email services such as Yahoo, Hotmail, or Gmail are not acceptable; an institutional email is required).
  - Once the recommender's information is included in the application, a link will be **automatically sent** to them for submission.
  - **The email addresses of recommenders cannot be changed once submitted.**
5. **No supplemental materials beyond the above will be accepted.**

**Deadline: February 20, 2026**

Send all documents to the NRC 2026 Scholarship committee ([nrc.award@gmail.com](mailto:nrc.award@gmail.com)) with an email title of "NRC 2026 LKAward Application\_your name"



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### **Essay Guidelines:**

- **Title**
- **Abstract Category:** (e.g., Basic Science, Medical Science, Computer Science, Chemistry, Science Education, Engineering, etc.)
- **KSEA Membership ID Number**
- **Author(s)**
- **Affiliation:** (e.g., Rockefeller University, New York, NY 10065)
- **Format:** Maximum 800 words, Times New Roman, 12-point font
- Refer to the essay template for details on formatting.

**The awardees will be announced on the NRC homepage (<http://nrc.kseany.org>) and will also receive an email notification on March 6, 2026. All awardees are required to attend the NRC Conference on March 14, 2026, to receive the award.**

Simon Shim, NRC 2026 Conference Chair

EunSu Lee, NRC 2026 Program Chair

Wookjin Choi, NRC 2026 Scholarship Chair