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2027 Global Startup Center Workspace Call for Applications

The Korea Institute of Startup & Entrepreneurship Development (KISED) invites startups led by foreign nationals and prospective foreign entrepreneurs to apply for tenancy at the Global Startup Center Workspace. The program supports overseas startups entering Korea and foreign founders establishing businesses in Korea.

November 9, 2026

President, Korea Institute of Startup & Entrepreneurship Development

※ This recruitment is intended for founders who hold at least one non-Korean nationality and plan to establish or expand a business in Korea. Applicants who hold only Korean nationality and companies with no plan to enter the Korean market are not eligible.

1 Overview

□ Purpose

○ To attract promising overseas startups, support foreign entrepreneurs launching businesses in Korea, and provide a stable office base for their settlement and growth.

□ Facility Information

Category	Details
Name	Global Startup Center Workspace
Location	5F, Myungwoo Building (S2), 169 Yeoksam-ro, Gangnam-gu, Seoul
Workspace	42 seats total: 29 individual seats and 13 seats across 3 private offices (one 3-person, one 4-person and one 6-person room). **※ This recruitment is for 6 individual seats only. Private offices are not available in this recruitment.**
Facilities	Approx. 140 pyeong on the 5th floor, including lounge/rest area, phone booths, meeting rooms and pantry. Wi-Fi, water purifier, multifunction printer, heating/air conditioning, coffee machine and office furniture are provided.

2 Eligibility

☐ Applicants: (Pre-) Foreign-owned startup companies

Eligible Applicants	1) (Pre-) technology-based startups established within 7 years of incorporation(9,Nov,2019~) ※ For startups in emerging industries, applications are accepted up to 10 years after incorporation 2) The representative must not hold Korean nationality ※ if there are multiple representatives, all must hold non-Korean nationality

Ineligible applicants (excluded from selection)	- Those who have violated the tenancy agreement or office regulations - Those currently restricted from participating in government-supported programs - Those engaged in, or intending to engage in, business sectors excluded under Article 4 of the Enforcement Decree of the Support for Small and Medium Enterprise - Those with outstanding national or local tax obligations or under financial default restrictions - Any other applicants deemed ineligible

※ Applicants may not be selected if they do not meet the evaluation criteria, regardless of the number of available slots

※ Specific seat selection is not permitted.

☐ Tenancy Details

◦ **Tenancy Period:** January 1 – December 31, 2027 (1-year contract; extension review required annually, up to 3 years in total)

◦ **Location:** 5F, Myungwoo Building (S2), 169 Yeoksam-ro, Seoul

◦ **Support Provided:** Assigned office space (business address registration available) and shared facilities

Category	Details
Fee	Individual seat (1 pyeong): KRW 55,000 per month (VAT included). This recruitment is for individual seats only.
Workspace	1) Private offices, when available, may be used only by employees of the same company. 2) Each company may apply for up to 2 individual seats, and the representative must be included among the users. 3) Contracts are for 1 year. Subject to annual extension review, tenancy may continue for up to 3 years in the same assigned seat/space. 4) Years 1–2: KRW 55,000 per individual seat (1 pyeong) per month. Year 3: KRW 110,000 per month is planned. Fees may change in the future.
Cancellation of tenancy	1) If the tenancy agreement is not signed within 30 days of receiving notice to execute the agreement, the tenancy eligibility will be canceled. 2) An extension of up to two weeks may be granted if a written explanation and supporting documents are submitted in advance.
Other conditions	1) Tenants must cooperate with regular GSC programs and events. 2) Any additional furniture or equipment beyond the standard items provided is at the tenant's expense. 3) Interior renovation or modification may not be carried out independently by tenants.

※ Tenants are responsible for repair costs arising from damage to facilities, equipment or furnishings, as well as consumable expenses. Further details will be provided in the tenancy agreement and workspace rules.

3 Application & Selection

□ Application

○ **Application period**: November 9 (Mon) - November 23 (Mon), 2026, by 16:00 KST

○ **Available seats:** About 6 individual seats. Each company may apply for up to 2 seats. Only employees of the applicant company may use the seats, and the representative must be included among the users. Supporting proof may be requested later.

○ **How to apply:** Please visit the official GSC website (startup-korea.com) and refer to "GSC Workspace (Formerly GSO)" for application details.

○ Required Documents

No.	Document	Remarks
1	Application form (required)	Complete the online application form, including the business plan.
2	Company profile (optional)	IR pitch deck and/or company website URL
3	Additional supporting documents (optional)	Certificate of incorporation/registration or equivalent document

※ Maximum total upload size: 20 MB.

Category	Evaluation item	Points
Eligibility	Meets the eligibility requirements	Pass/Fail
Founder capability	Founder motivation and ability to execute the business	20
Business idea / product	Quality, originality and creativity of the business idea/product	30
Business viability	Feasibility of the business plan	30
Workspace fit	Expected use of the workspace and suitability for tenancy	20
Total		100

※ Eligibility is reviewed on an ongoing basis by KISED and the operating organization. Applicants found to be ineligible at any stage will be disqualified.

○ **Evaluation method:** Document review only (no pitch presentation)

○ **Final selection:** Applicants will be selected based on the document review, with final tenancy confirmed by KISED and the operating organization.

□ Schedule

- **Announcement of results:** December 11, 2026 (tentative), by individual notification
- **Contract signing:** December 2026

※ The schedule is subject to change. A designated contracting agent will handle contract execution. If a selected applicant cannot proceed with the contract, the opportunity may be offered to the next-ranked applicant.

4 Important Notes

1. Applicants may not be selected if they are deemed unsuitable for the purpose of the workspace.
2. Application status, evaluation details and individual scores will not be disclosed.
3. Additional or supplementary documents may be requested after submission.
4. If any submitted information is false or inaccurate, the applicant may be disqualified and any selection may be canceled.
5. The tenancy schedule may change. Any changes will be posted on the website and notified individually.
6. Tenancy may be canceled if the applicant fails to comply with the conditions of use or the tenancy agreement.
7. Fees may be adjusted in the future based on market conditions and the surrounding rental environment (from January 2028).
8. Contact: gso@startup-korea.com

5 Obligations and Responsibilities

- Selected tenants must comply with the tenancy agreement, workspace rules, and guidance issued by KISED and the operating organization.
- Selected tenants must actively cooperate with requests from KISED and the operating organization, including document submission, contract execution, inspections and evaluations related to workspace operation.
- For five years after the tenancy ends, tenants must continue to cooperate in good faith, within the scope requested by KISED and the operating organization.
- Tenants must use the assigned space and support only through proper procedures and for the intended purpose of the program.
- The tenant company is fully responsible for its business operations and use of the workspace. Any disadvantage or eviction resulting from non-compliance is the responsibility of the tenant company and its representative.
- Completion of tenancy is recognized only after the required inspection and management procedures are completed. If improper use of the space or non-compliance is identified, the operating organization may restrict tenancy, require eviction or recover related costs.
- Prospective founders may apply for an extension only if they complete business registration under the Support for Small and Medium Enterprise Establishment Act no later than two months before the contract end date.

Appendix | New Industry Business Startup Sectors

- For the 10-year eligibility exception: startups incorporated more than 7 years but no more than 10 years ago are eligible only if their business falls within one of the 27 sectors below.

- Startups within 7 years of incorporation and prospective startups are not subject to this new-industry sector limitation under this recruitment notice.

No.	Sector	No.	Sector	No.	Sector
1	Artificial intelligence	10	Autonomous vehicles	19	Smart home
2	Big data	11	Electric and hydrogen vehicles	20	Renewable energy
3	5G+	12	Bio	21	Secondary battery
4	Blockchain	13	Medical devices	22	Carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS)
5	Service platforms	14	Dietary supplements	23	Resource and energy recycling
6	Immersive content	15	Drones/personal mobility	24	Space
7	Intelligent robots	16	Future vessels	25	Next-generation nuclear power plants (NPPs)
8	Smart manufacturing	17	Disaster/safety	26	Quantum
9	System semiconductors	18	Smart city	27	Cybersecurity