

Amherst-UIC Yonsei Faculty Exchange Program

Amherst College will begin a yearlong faculty exchange with [Underwood International College at Yonsei University](#) in Seoul, South Korea starting in 2021-2022, an expansion of the institutional partnership that began in 2019 with a bilateral semester student exchange. Underwood International College (UIC) is an American-style liberal arts college with courses taught entirely in English at Korea's top private institution, Yonsei University.



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The student body at UIC Yonsei number 2,500 students from sixty-six countries. Students are taught a [common curriculum](#) for their first two years and may choose from sixteen [majors](#). Students have an opportunity to participate in programs that engage students [beyond the curriculum](#), e.g., Global Research Competition, UIC Research Project. The [faculty](#) are comprised of international and Korean scholars.

UIC is on the main campus of Yonsei University, right in the heart of Seoul. The Yonsei campus has nearly 20,000 undergraduates and 11,000 graduate students. The campus is minutes away from several modes of public transportation.

As the capital of South Korea, Seoul is a mixture of old and new. Seoul has a population of 10 million (25 million metro) and the city, including Yonsei University, is a high-tech city with excellent connectivity almost anywhere on the city and on campus.

Resources for more information:

- U.S. State Department Country Profile for [South Korea](#)
- BBC News Country Profile for South Korea

Proposal process:

Faculty members (post-tenure) should submit an application to the committee on global education, who will make a recommendation to the Provost and the Dean of the Faculty. The Provost and Dean of the Faculty will select the candidate to nominate to UIC Yonsei. Applications include a CV and course proposals. Please also share why you are interested in teaching at UIC Yonsei and living in Seoul for an academic year. Applications are due December 2, 2019.



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Details (alphabetical by topic) about UIC Yonsei and the Exchange:

Academic calendar	The fall semester begins in early September and ends in mid December and the spring term begins in early March and ends in mid-June.
Children: daycare	Local kindergartens cost approximately 500 USD per month and English-speaking kindergartens cost approximately 1,000 USD per month. The website www.childinfo.go.kr/main.jsp has pre-school information, but it is in Korean. Please contact Janna Behrens for assistance in translating this page.
Children: schooling	UIC Yonsei can offer an honorarium up to \$18,000 USD per year for a maximum of two children to attend private school. Public schools are not a viable option for short-term visitors in Seoul. Please see page 3 for details on private school costs.
Health insurance	Faculty members will want to consider the Blue Care Elect Plan , a PPO available for the duration of the exchange. (Cost comparisons can be found online .)
Housing	Faculty may apply for housing in faculty apartments on the Yonsei campus, subject to availability. Yonsei has a contract with DMC Ville, a residential community that does not impose a 2-year contract on home rentals, which is common in Seoul. (See attached information sheet.)
Spouse/partner	Though UIC Yonsei is welcoming of all identities, South Korea only recognizes opposite-sex marriages. Spouses and dependent children are issued dependent visas. Non-married partners will need to secure their own visa. Recent labor laws in Korea make it challenging for Korean universities to hire short-term personnel, but there are some short-term positions through Yonsei's open recruitment system. Please contact the Provost for details on how to connect with Yonsei in order to learn of these opportunities.
Taxes	Amherst faculty members will have to pay their regular U.S. tax as per U.S. tax law. The Office of Finance at Yonsei has confirmed that Amherst faculty, since they are not earning income from Korea, do not need to pay Korean income tax. However, faculty are strongly encouraged to consult with a tax specialist about their particular tax obligations.
Travel	The Office of the Provost and Dean of the Faculty will provide up to \$10,000 for expenses related to the exchange, including travel to and from Seoul.
Research assistant	Faculty members will be able to hire one student research assistant for approximately 10-16 hours per week for each semester. Faculty can recruit and select their assistant once the term starts.
Teaching	Faculty will teach a 2-2 load and possibly have a few thesis advisees. All subjects will be considered. Scientists cannot be given lab space, unfortunately. The language of instruction at UIC Yonsei is English and the student-to-faculty ratio is approximately 20:1.
Visa	Yonsei will provide supporting documents in order for faculty member to apply for the E-1 Professor Visa. Faculty members (and their families) are expected to apply for the visa on their own and the process may take up to three or four months. Those who prefer visa application assistance may prefer to use the services of Travisa or CIBT .

From UIC Yonsei:

International School Tuition Fees

If the Amherst faculty chooses to reside in Songdo, Incheon, where our international campus is located, there are international schools available in Songdo as well. The Amherst faculty member can choose to teach at either the Sinchon campus or the International campus.

*** The tuition and admission fee for each school is subject to change according to each individual school's policy. The Amherst faculty member has the responsibility to look up the school's information and complete the admission procedure for their children by themselves.*

*Excludes additional/optional fees / Travel time is based on departure from either Sinchon Campus or International Campus.

[Seoul Area]

School	Seoul Foreign School	Dwight School Seoul	Yongsan International School of Seoul	Asia Pacific International School	Korean Kent Foreign School	
	<i>*near Sinchon Campus</i>	<i>*around 20 min by shuttle</i>	<i>*around 40 min by shuttle</i>	<i>*around 40 min by shuttle</i>	<i>*around 50 min by shuttle</i>	
Website	https://www.seoulforeign.org/admissions/tuition-fees/	https://www.dwight.or.kr/admissions/tuition-fees	https://www.yis.seoul.org/admissions/faq	http://www.apis.seoul.kr/admissions/tuition-and-fees/	http://www.kkfs.org/xs/TuitionFees	
Address	39 Yeonhui-ro 22-gil, Yeonhui-dong Seodaemun-gu, Seoul, South Korea	21 World Cup Buk-ro 62-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul, Korea	285 Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, Korea	57 Wolgye-ro 45ga-gil, Nowon-gu, Seoul, Korea	13, Jayang-ro 35-gil, Gwangjin-gu, Seoul, Korea	
Cost (Admission Fee/ Tuition)	Capital Fee:	KRW 5,000,000	KRW 5,400,000	KRW 5,000,000	KRW 500,000	KRW 1,800,000
	Tuition	(ES) KRW 22,310,000 plus USD 9,650	(ES) KRW 29,545,000 (MS, HS) KRW 29,545,000	(ES) KRW 20,450,000 + USD 2,700	(ES) KRW 19,200,000 plus USD 6,200 (MS) KRW 23,100,000 plus USD 6,400	(ES) KRW 19,000,000 (MS) KRW 20,300,000 (HS) KRW 21,900,000

		(MS) KRW 22,680,000 plus USD 10,750		(MS, HS) KRW 24,200,000 + USD 2,700	(HS) KRW 25,300,000 plus USD 6,600	
		(HS) KRW 27,800,000 plus USD 11,200				

[Songdo Area]

School	<i>Cheongna DALTON School</i>		<i>Chadwick International School</i>	
	<i>*around 40min by shuttle</i>		<i>*around 10min by shuttle</i>	
Website	http://www.daltonschool.kr/admission/tuition.php		https://www.chadwickinternational.org/connect/admissions/tuition-fees	
Address	344, Cheomdandong-ro, Seo-gu Incheon, Korea		45, Art Center-daero 97 Beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, Korea	
Cost (Admission Fee/Tuition)	Capital Fee:	KRW 4,000,000	KRW 1,350,000	
	Tuition	(ES) KRW 17,300,000 plus USD 6,000	(ES) KRW 21,840,000 + USD 12,390	
		(MS) KRW 19,000,000 plus USD 6,000	(MS) KRW 23,470,000 + USD 13,320	
		(HS) KRW 20,500,000 plus USD 6,000	(HS) KRW 25,690,000 + USD 14,580	