HFSP Master Class – Grant Workshop, Korea
November 2-4, 2026

Oct. 12, 2026, Hyong-Ha Kim

Venue: IBS (Institute for Basic Science) Science Culture Center, Daejeon

Coordinator: Dr. Hyong-Ha Kim (KRISS), HFSP Board Member, Korea
Instructors: Dr. Elizabeth Sztul (University of Alabama, USA)
Dr. Antonio Celani (International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Italy)
Mr. Richard Stone (Science, AAAS, USA)

Schedule (tentative)

Day 1: Monday, November 2nd

09:00 - 09:30 Registration

09:30 - 09:45 Welcome (TBD) & Introduction of Masterclass Instructors (**Dr. Hyong-Ha Kim**)

09:45 - 11:15 Self-Introduction: 3-min flash presentations by participants (1.5 h)

11:15 - 11:45 **Presentation 1**: Introduction on HFSP (**Dr. Hyong-Ha Kim**)

11:45 - 12:00 Writing Assignment 1 with Q&As: Task 1 - Individual LOIs (**Dr. Hyong-Ha Kim**)

12:00 - 12:30 **Presentation 2**: What a **Successful** HFSP LOI contains (**Dr. Elizabeth Sztul**)

12:30 Networking Lunch

13:30 - 14:00 **Presentation 3**: HFSP **Guidelines** - General Info w/ Q&A

14:00 - 16:00 Writing time: Task 1 - Individual LOI (2h) & individual breaks for coffee

16: 00 - 17:00 **Invited Talk: 2027 HFSP Nakasone Awardee Lecture** (**Dir. V. Narry Kim, IBS**)

17:00 - 17:30 Group Assignment for writing Joint LOIs (**Dr. Hyong-Ha Kim**)

17:30 – 17:50 **Presentation 4**: National Research Foundation's International Programs (**Mr. Sangha Woo, NRF**)

17:50 Participants' schedule adjourned for the day.

18:00 - Writing time: Task 1 continued individually
Participants turn in their LOIs through email.
Instructors may read what is handed in.

Day 2: Tuesday, November 3rd

08:00 - 11:30 Instructors: Assessment of Writing Task 1 (3 Instructors)

09:30 - 10:00 **Presentation 5**: Previous HFSP LOIs: **Good & Bad Examples** (**Dr. Antonio Celani**)

10:00 - 10:30 Formation of **Groups** & Discussion for Writing Task 2 (participants) (0.5h)

10:30 - 11:00 **Presentation 6**: HFSP & **Scientific Excellency** (**IBS Dir. Bon-Kyoung Koo, 2018**)

11:00 - 12:30 Feedback on Writing Task 1 in small groups A&B (1 h)
In parallel: Writing Time: Task 2 - Joint LOIs (3-4 h)
In parallel: 1:1 feedback - part 1 (**Mr. Richard Stone**)

12:30 Lunch time

13: 30 - 16:30 Writing Time: Task 2 - Joint LOIs (3-4 h)
In parallel: Feedback on Writing Task 1 in small groups C&D, E&F (2 h, 1h ea)
In parallel: 1:1 feedback - part 2 (**Mr. Richard Stone**, continued)

16:00 - 16:30 Instructor meeting 2 (if needed) & Coffee Break

16:30 - 18:30 Instructors: Assessment of Writing Task 2 (continued till 3rd day morning)

16:30 - 16:50 **Presentation 7**: Seize the Chance: HFSP **Accelerator Grant** (**Dr. Woojung Shin, 2025**)

16:50 - 17:10 **Presentation 8**: Testimonial: HFSP **Accelerator Grant** (**Dr. Jae Kyoung Kim, 2026**)

17:10 - 17:30 **Presentation 9**: My **Journey after the HFSP Grant** Award (**Dr. Sangwook Lee, 2019**)

17:30 - 17:50 **Presentation 10**: HFSP **Masterclass Alumni** Testimonial (**Dr. Sang-Im Lee, 2025**)

18:00 Participants' schedule adjourned for the day.

18:00 - 18:15 Instructor meeting: Wrap-up Day 2

18:15- Writing time: Task 2 - Joint LOI (assigned groups continue co-work)

18:30 Dinner (Welcome Dinner - Instructors & Speakers)

20:00 - Participants will turn in their LOIs through email over the night.
Instructors may read what is handed in.

Day 3: Wednesday, November 4th

08:00 - 10:30 Instructors: Assessment of Writing Task 2 (Joint LOIs)

09:20 - 09:50 Presentations of Writing Task 2 - **Joint LOIs: Each group** (3 min ea)

09:30 – 10:00 **Presentation 11**: The Art of **Persuasive Scientific Writing** (**Mr. Richard Stone**)

10:00 - 10:30 **Presentation 12**: HFSP Nakasone Awards (**Dr. Woong Sun, ROK COS alternate**)

10:30 – 11:00 **Discussion**: How to **Approach & Use AI** - Sharing Views (**Dr. Antonio Celani**)

11:00 - 12:30 Feedback on Writing Task 2 for each group (1.5 h)
Touch-up of LOIs: Participants will apply the feedbacks
In parallel: 1:1 feedback - part 3 (**Mr. Richard Stone**, continued)

12:30 - 13:00 **Presentation 13**: **Instructor's Favorite** Joint LOIs of this HFSP Masterclass
(**Dr. Elizabeth Sztul** & **Dr. Antonio Celani**)
with Brown Bag Lunch (sandwiches)

13:00 - 13:30 Individual testimonials (volunteers among participants) & Questionnaire

13:30 - 13:40 Wrap-up & Closing Remarks

14:00 - 15:00 Institute tour (IBS, Life Science Cluster)

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HFSP Master Class – Fellowship Workshop, Korea
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Day 1: Wednesday, November 4th

14:00 - 15:00 Institute Tour (IBS) - with Grant Workshop Attendees

15:20 – 15:40 Registration & Welcome (**Dr. Hyong-Ha Kim**)

15:40 - 16:10 **Presentation 1**: Introduction on HFSP (**Dr. Hyong-Ha Kim**)

16:10 - 16:30 Writing Assignment with Q&As: Task 1 - Individual LOIs (**Dr. Hyong-Ha Kim**)

16:30 - 18:00 Writing time: Task 1 - individual LOI (1.5 h)

18:00 - 19:00 Networking Dinner

19:00 Participants' schedule adjourned for the first day.

19:00 - Writing time: Task 1 - Individual LOIs (continued individually)
Participants will turn in their LOIs through email overnight.
Instructors may read what is turned in.

Day 2: Thursday, November 5th

08:00 - 12:00 Instructors: Assessment of LOI 1 - part 1 (4 hrs)

09:00 - 10:00 Writing of LOI 1 continued
09:45 - 10:00 Instructor meeting (if needed, 15 min)

10:00 - 10:10 Introduction of Masterclass Instructors (**Dr. Hyong-Ha Kim**)

10:10 - 10:40 **Presentation 2**: What a **Successful** HFSP LOI contains (**Dr. Elizabeth Sztul**)

10:40 - 11:10 **Presentation 3**: HFSP LOIs: **Good & Bad Examples** (**Dr. Antonio Celani**)

11:10 - 11:40 **Presentation 4**: The Art of Persuasive Scientific Writing (**Mr. Richard Stone**)

11:40 - 11:50 Assignment of Instructors & Meeting Schedule announced

12:00 Lunch (on your own) & Writing of LOI 1 continued

13:00 - 14:00 Instructors: Assessment of LOI 1 - part 2 (3 instructors, 5 hrs total)
In parallel: 1:1 feedback - part 1 (**Mr. Richard Stone**)

14:00 - 18:00 Feedback on LOI 1 in 2 groups with 2 instructors (4 hrs, 15*15 min ea)
In parallel: 1:1 feedback - part 2 (**Mr. Richard Stone**) (5 hrs, 10 min ea)
In parallel: Touch-up of LOIs 1: Participants apply feedbacks

18:30 Dinner (Instructors & Speakers)

20:00 - Instructors may read what is turned in via email.
Participants turn in their retouched LOIs through email overnight.

Day 3: Friday, November 6th

08:00 - 12:30 Instructors: Assessment of Writing 1 v.2
09:15 - 09:30 Instructor meeting (if needed, 15 min)

09:30 - 11:00 Self-Introduction: 3-min flash presentations by participants (1.5 h)

11:10 - 11:40 **Presentation 5**: HFSP Masterclass **Alumni Testimonial** (**Mr. Jaehun Lee, 2025**)

11: 40 - 12:10 **Presentation 6**: How HFSP **CDF Shaped My Career** (**Dr. Hansol Choi, 2023**)

12:10 - 12:40 **Discussion**: How to **Approach & Use AI** - Sharing views (**Dr. Antonio Celani**)

12:40 Networking Lunch

13:40 - 14:40 Instructors: Assessment & Feedback on LOI 1 v.2
Instructor's Favorite LOIs invited to prepare presentation

14:40 - 15:40 **Presentation 7**: Instructor's Favorite LOIs of this HFSP Masterclass
(**Selected Participants**)

15:40 - 16:40 Individual testimonials (volunteers)

16:40 - 17:00 Wrap-up & Closing Remarks (TBD)

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