

# Creating a Nexus for a Stronger Korean Studies in Melbourne

The global popularity of Korean culture – known as the Korean Wave – has led to increased demand for Korean Studies.

This project aims to expand the Korean Studies teaching and research programs at Monash University over five years (2017 – 2022).

There are four objectives of this project: Research development, educational expansion, student support and vocational training.

These objectives will be achieved by:

- Supporting high-level research on Korea and Korean related areas through the development of a Korean Studies Research Hub which will contribute to the writing of journal articles, books, library internships, recruitment of post-doctoral positions and hiring of research assistants.
- Increasing student numbers at both graduate and undergraduate level including the establishment of five new educational units, supporting two PhD students, conducting outreach programs at local schools, and awarding Korean Studies scholarships to students.
- Improving the learning experience and employability of Monash Korean Studies' students by holding Korean language speech contests, instructional talks from representatives of the Korean industry through the establishment of closer links with South Korean businesses in the area.
- Fostering greater interest in Korean Studies at Monash and in the Melbourne area by holding Korean international conferences and seminars and developing closer Korean studies research networks among institutions in Melbourne.

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