

# 2026 Global Startup Office (GSO) Recruitment Notice for Resident Companies

The Korea Institute of Startup & Entrepreneurship Development (KISED) is recruiting foreign startups to join the Global Startup Office (GSO), a dedicated workspace supporting overseas startups entering Korea and foreign entrepreneurs launching businesses.

April 29, 2026

President, Korea Institute of Startup & Entrepreneurship Development

※ This announcement is intended to recruit foreign entrepreneurs to support the globalization of Korea's startup ecosystem. Domestic entrepreneurs and companies without plans to enter the Korean market are not eligible to apply.

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## Overview

**Purpose:** To promote the globalization of the startup ecosystem by attracting overseas startups and supporting foreign entrepreneurs in launching businesses in Korea, and by providing office space to facilitate stable settlement.

## Facility Information

Category	Details
<b>Name</b>	<b>Global Startup Office (GSO)</b>
<b>Location</b>	5F, Myungwoo Building (S2), 169 Yeoksam-ro, Seoul
<b>Workspace</b>	42 seats on the 5th floor of GSO (13 seats in private offices*, 29 individual seats) *Private offices: Total of 3 units (3-person, 4-person, and 6-person rooms, one each) ※ Shared facilities: 3 meeting rooms (1 for 8 persons, 2 for 4 persons), 3 phone booths
<b>Facilities</b>	- 5th floor space (open desks, private offices, meeting rooms, pantry, etc.) - Equipment: Wi-Fi, water purifier, multifunction printer, AC, Heater, coffee machine, office furniture, etc.

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## Eligibility

### □ Applicants: (Pre-) Foreign-owned startup companies

<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① (Pre-) technology-based startups established within 7 years of incorporation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>※ For startups in emerging industries, applications are accepted up to 10 years after incorporation</li> </ul> </li> <li>② The representative must not hold Korean nationality               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>※ Applicants with multiple nationalities are eligible; however, if there are multiple representatives, all must hold non-Korean nationality</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>Ineligible Applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Those who have violated the tenancy agreement or office regulations</li> <li>- Those currently restricted from participating in government-supported programs</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Those with outstanding national or local tax obligations or under financial default restrictions</li> <li>- Any other applicants deemed ineligible</li> <li>※ Applicants may not be selected if they do not meet the evaluation criteria, regardless of the number of available slots</li> <li>※ Specific seat selection is not permitted.</li> </ul>
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### □ Tenancy Details

- Tenancy Period: From the date of contract signing to **December 31, 2026**
- Location: 5F, Myungwoo Building (S2), 169 Yeoksam-ro, Seoul
- Support Provided: Access to shared desks and private offices
  - ※ Priority access to Global Startup Center programs

Category	Details		
<b>Fee (Occupancy and Maintenance)</b>	Private Offices	30,000 KRW per seat	- 30,000 KRW per seat per month
	Open Desk (Individual)	per month (VAT included)	- 3-person room: 90,000 KRW - 4-person room: 120,000 KRW - 6-person room: 180,000 KRW
<b>Workspace Allocation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Private offices will be allocated based on evaluation results and team size (the applicant's full staff size may not be fully reflected)</li> <li>- Priority is given to single-company occupancy for private offices</li> <li>- For open desks, a maximum of 2 seats per company is allowed</li> </ul>		

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<b>Cancellation of Tenancy</b>	- Tenancy may be cancelled if the selected applicant does not move in within 30 days after signing the agreement (A delay of up to 2 weeks may be granted upon prior approval with valid supporting documents)
<b>Other Conditions</b>	- Tenants must cooperate with Global Startup Center programs and events - Costs for additional furniture beyond the basic office equipment must be borne by the tenant - Structural modifications or interior renovations are not permitted

- ※ Tenants are responsible for any damages, maintenance (A/S), and consumable costs related to the use of office facilities and equipment.
- ※ Detailed conditions will be provided in the Tenancy Agreement and Office Regulations.

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## Application & Selection

### □ Application

- Period : April 29 - May 13, 2026 (by 16:00 KST)
- Available Seats : 29 individual seats and 13 seats in private offices (6-person, 4-person, and 3-person rooms)
  - \* For individual seats, each company may apply for up to 2 seats
  - \* Private offices are intended for single-company occupancy
- How to Apply : Online Application via the official GSC website
- Required Documents

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No.	Required Documents	Remarks
1	(Required) Application Form	Online Form Submission
2	(Optional) Company Profile	IR Pitch Deck, Company URL
3	(Optional) Additional Documents (If applicable for additional evaluation points)	Overseas business registration certificate or documents related to your business accomplishment etc.

\* The maximum upload size must not exceed 20MB.

## □ Evaluation and Selection Process

### ○ Evaluation Criteria

Category	Evaluation Item	Points
Total		100
Eligibility	Compliance with tenancy eligibility criteria	-
Founder Capability	Entrepreneur's motivation and business execution capacity	20
Item	Excellence and innovation of the business item	30
Business Feasibility	Feasibility of the business plan	30
Suitability	Utilization of GSO space and overall fit	20

\* **Eligibility screening will be conducted on an ongoing basis by the supervising and operating organizations. Applicants who fail to meet the requirements will be disqualified.**

- How to Evaluate : Final tenants will be confirmed based on the document evaluation results by the supervising and operating organizations
- How to Select : Based on the document evaluation results, and the final tenants will be confirmed by the supervising and operating organizations.

▷ Announcement of Final Results : May 22, 2026 (tentative) / Individual notification

▷ Contract Signing for GSO Tenancy: May 2026

\* The above schedule is subject to change, and the contract will be executed through a designated contracting agent.

**3****Important Notes**

- ① Applicants may not be selected if deemed unsuitable for the purpose of the GSO program
- ② Application status, evaluation details, and individual scoring results will not be disclosed
- ③ Additional documents may be requested after application submission
- ④ Submitted documents will not be returned. If any information is found to be false, the application will be disqualified and the selection will be cancelled
- ⑤ The tenancy schedule may be subject to change due to circumstances. Any changes will be announced on the official website and notified individually
- ⑥ Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of use may result in cancellation of tenancy
- ⑦ Fees may be adjusted in the future based on market conditions and the surrounding environment (from January 2027)
- ⑧ Contact: Global Startup Center (Tel: +82-2-3440-7346)

**4****Obligations and Responsibilities**

- Comply with the tenancy agreement and all guidelines provided by the supervising and operating organizations
- Cooperate with requests from the supervising organization (KISED) and the operating organization, including submission of required documents, execution of tenancy agreements, and participation in inspections and evaluations
- Continue to cooperate in good faith for up to five years after the end of the tenancy, within the scope requested by the supervising and operating organizations
- Use the assigned workspace and provided support in accordance with applicable procedures and solely for the intended purposes of the program
- Responsibility for business operations and workspace usage lies entirely with the tenant (company). Any disadvantages or liabilities arising from violations of regulations, including termination of tenancy, shall be borne by the representative of the tenant company
- Completion of tenancy is recognized only after passing inspections and management procedures conducted by the operating organization. In cases of improper use of space or violations of regulations, the operating organization may take administrative measures, including restriction of tenancy, eviction, or recovery of costs