

RELOCATION TO STONY BROOK – APPLICATION GUIDELINES (MS)

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Please read the below guidelines carefully before filling out the application form. The MS curriculum spans 31 credits. These must be composed of the required courses for the MS breadth requirements, any courses required to gain missing proficiencies as indicated in your offer letter, and either 6 credits for a MS Project (CSE 523/524), 6-9 credits for a MS Thesis (CSE 599), or 3 credits for a Special Project (CSE 522). You can exceed the 31 MS credits only if your MS Project/Thesis is incomplete. Please see the Graduate Student Handbook available at the department website for further detail.

1. QUALIFICATION

- Good academic standing: GPA of 3.5 or better, all CS course grades B+ or better

2. APPLICATION DEADLINE (No exceptions)

- For relocation in Fall apply by March 31st of that year
- For relocation in Spring apply by September 31st of the previous year.

3. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Application form
- Unofficial Stony Brook University transcript (must show courses enrolled in the 2nd term)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Personal statement (see below)
- Two reference letters from SUNY Korea faculty members

4. DURATION OF STONY BROOK RESIDENCE

Relocation is only permitted after two or more semesters at SUNY Korea and a minimum of 18 CS course credits. With 31 required MS credits this results in the following two options:

- One semester in Stony Brook: You will not be eligible to apply for OPT
- Two semesters in Stony Brook: You will be eligible to apply for OPT

To justify a duration of two semesters at Stony Brook you should not have more than 18 CS credits taken at SUNY Korea. ESL credits do not count. If you plan to begin an MS Project at Stony Brook (which will take 2 semesters) you need to secure an advisor at Stony Brook or SUNY Korea before you get there. Else you can do a CSE 522 or begin a project or thesis already at SUNY Korea – your SUNY Korea advisor will either continue to advise you even when you are Stony Brook or hand you over to a colleague at Stony Brook.

5. FINANCIALS

Please be prepared for the significantly higher cost of living in New York. In the list below the tuition and fees are for 12 credits in semester I and 1-3 credits in semester II (the costs are for Spring 15 and are [subject to change](#)). With 18 credits taken at SUNY Korea you will be relocating as a G1 student. G1 students are required to take 12 credits at Stony Brook to gain the full-time student status required for the F-1 visa (at SUNY Korea G1 status only requires 9 credits).



- Tuition and fees: \$13,880 + \$1,176
- Living expenses: \$ 15,116
- Health insurance: \$1,263
- TOTAL: \$31,435 (other additional fees may apply)

If you wish to enter Stony Brook as a G2 student requiring you to only take 9 credits in semester I and 1-3 credits in semester II you must fulfill one of the following conditions:

- You already have completed 24 graduate credits at Stony Brook or at another institution in any discipline (not necessarily Computer Science related). In this case you can request G2 designation from the Graduate School. You would fulfill this requirement for example if you have already earned an MS degree elsewhere.
- You have taken at least one 3-credit non-CS course, such as an ESL course, and taken 21 CS course credits at SUNY Korea (please see the graduate handbook posted on the website for more detail on the courses that qualify for credits counted toward the MS degree). Taken together these credits will fulfill the 24 credit requirement for G2 status.

6. VISA

All international students must apply for an F-1 visa and comply with U.S. immigration laws at all time. After granted a relocation approval, you will be contacted by the Stony Brook Visa and Immigration Services to start your I-20 process. For more detailed information, please visit: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/visa/index.html>

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND STATEMENTS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

- Personal statement: include a list of academic objectives describing what you hope to achieve by relocating to Stony Brook University. Please use a separate sheet and attach it to your application form. The length should be one page, single-sided.
- CV: present examples of projects you have done at SUNY Korea and elsewhere.
- Reference Letters: Please state the names of two references in the application form. These references should be faculty members at the SUNY Korea Computer Science Department. Please ask your references to send their letters by e-mail to Ms. Yujeong Choi (yujeong.choi@sunykorea.ac.kr) by the deadline.
- Financial Support: If you have any scholarships or research assistantships at or for Stony Brook University, please list them here and attach evidence for them in form of a sponsor letter. If you do not have funding, you will be asked by the Stony Brook Visa and Immigration Services to provide proof of personal funds, There might be a chance to secure funding at Stony Brook once you get to the campus. But please do not expect funding from the computer science department itself.

Please be aware that applications will not be reviewed without these documents, statements, and reference letters.

Note: Please do not staple any documents. It will make scanning them in easier

