RELOCATION TO STONY BROOK – APPLICATION GUIDELINES (PhD)
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Please read the below guidelines carefully before filling out the application form.

1. QUALIFICATION

- Good academic standing: GPA of 3.5 or better, all CS course grades B+ or better
- Passed the RPE (Research Proficiency Exam) at least 1 year before the anticipated relocation date.

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
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Personal statement (see below)

4. ACADEMIC ADVISORS

In addition to your primary advisor at SUNY Korea, you need a co-advisor at Stony Brook University who is affiliated with the computer science department. It can be any individual listed on this webpage: https://www.cs.stonybrook.edu/people/faculty. You are responsible to establish a research plan with this person before you submit this application.

5. DURATION OF STONY BROOK RESIDENCE

- 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

If you finish your Stony Brook residency with your PhD graduation (on the Stony Brook campus) you will be eligible for OPT, provided you have stayed 2 semesters or more. If you stay 2 semesters but return to SUNY Korea for graduation in a future semester you will still be able to do a CPT immediately following the 2 semester (or more) residency, but you will not be eligible for OPT.

6. FINANCIALS

Please be aware and be prepared for the significantly higher cost of living in New York. In the list below the tuition and fees are for 9 credits in each of the two semesters of the academic year 2015-16. For future years, check the Visa and Immigration Office webpage.

- Tuition and fees: $18,354
- Fees: $1,176
- Living: $15,116
- Health Insurance: $1,263
- TOTAL: $34,733 (other additional fees may apply)

Most if not all PhD students have stipends in form of research assistantships or scholarships to cover these costs. Please speak to your SUNY Korea research advisor to secure this funding

7. 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

8. 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.
- 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.