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To Whom It May Concern

**Re: Information on Graduate Application into SUNY Korea**

Dear Prospective Student,

I would like to provide you with a few bits of information on the Graduate Program in Mechanical Engineering at SUNY Korea. The active research areas in our department are Design and Manufacturing, Robotics, and Nanotechnology. I strongly encourage you to submit your application for the M.S. and/or Ph.D. studies in one of these areas.

Compared to Stony Brook University (SBU) in New York, your chances of obtaining financial assistance for the Ph.D. program may be better at SUNY Korea, and you will have access to the same high-caliber professors, including those at Stony Brook.

Although we are located in South Korea, the degree will be awarded by Stony Brook University (SBU) in New York. SUNY Korea Ph.D. students may have co-advisors at SBU, and spend their final year at SBU to complete their research work there, giving them the opportunity to participate in the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program that the U.S. government offers, if they choose to do so. The practical training may allow fresh graduates to work for 12 to 36 months in the U.S. after graduation.

For graduate admission, we place a lot of emphasis on the caliber of the institution where you received the undergraduate and/or Master's degree(s), the relevance of the courses you have taken, and your grade-point average (GPA). The language of instruction at SUNY Korea is English. Therefore, we ask for your Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) scores if you are not a native English speaker. To receive full financial assistance for the Ph.D. program, you will need a minimum score of 90 in TOEFL (or 6.5 in IELTS). We also require GRE or an equivalent qualification. Visit the URL

<http://sunykorea.ac.kr/apply/graduate-students/13>

for more details on the admission requirements for the Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering at SUNY Korea.

You can access the Spring 2018 SUNY Korea Graduate Application site from

<http://sunykorea.ac.kr/apply/424>

As you are probably aware, South Korea is an advanced country and the location of our school there, Songdo, is a reclaimed land that has been built as an international, futuristic, city. So, students will be getting the best of both Korea and the U.S.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make it easier for you to apply to our program.

Sincerely,



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#### **About SUNY**

The State University of New York (SUNY) is the largest and most comprehensive state university system in the United States. SUNY was officially established in 1948 when New York became the 48th state to create a state university system. SUNY initially represented a consolidation of 29 unaffiliated institutions, including 11 teachers colleges. Today, SUNY has grown to include 64 geographically dispersed campuses that have been established in order to provide high quality education and opportunity.

#### **About SBU**

Stony Brook University (SBU) is one of the four major campuses of the SUNY system, located on Long Island, New York. The University campus lies about 60 miles east of Manhattan and 60 miles west of Montauk Point. SBU was established in 1957 as a college for the preparation of secondary school teachers of mathematics and science. Since then, SBU has grown tremendously and is now recognized as one of the nation's important centers of learning and scholarship.