



GLOBAL KOREA SCHOLARSHIP

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International Students (BA, MA & PHD)

1. Objective

The objective of the Korean Government Scholarship Program is to provide international students with an opportunity to conduct advanced studies at higher educational institutions in Korea in order to promote international exchanges in education and mutual friendship between the countries.

2. Total Number of Scholarships Available

Undergraduate (60-70 countries, total 110 scholars)

Graduate (110-140 countries, total 300-700 scholars)

(Detailed information <http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr>)

3. Academic Programs

Undergraduate degree course (4 yrs.) after preliminary Korean Language course (1yr.)
Graduate degree course (2yrs MA course, 3yrs PHD course after preliminary Korean Language course 1 yr.)

- Grantees should take a preliminary Korean language course at the institution designated by NIIED. The institution will be specified in a letter of invitation after the announcement of final successful candidates.
- Grantees should reach level 3 in TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean) after the completion of a one-year preliminary Korean language course; otherwise, grantees are not allowed to take a bachelor's degree course; instead s/he may take an additional 6 month Korean language course WITHIN the scholarship period stipulated in a letter of invitation.
- The grantees with level 5 or higher in TOPIK shall begin to take a bachelor's degree course without the preliminary Korean language course.

4. Eligible Universities and Fields of Study

4-year undergraduate degree programs, 2-year MA, 3-year PHD course provided by the universities which were selected by NIIED (<http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr>)

- NOT Applicable : Fields of study which exceed 4 years under the undergraduate programs (e.g. Medicine, dentistry, architecture, pharmacy)
- Detailed information about the fields and majors offered by the listed eligible universities can be found in the University Information section on the GKS web-site (<http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr>). Applicants must choose their desired fields of study from the listed programs in the University Information section provided by participating universities.

5. Qualifications : Prospective applicant must meet the following qualification criteria;

- (1) Must be a citizen of the country to which scholarships are offered, which is also applied to his/her parents

- Both applicant and his/her parents must not be a holder of Korean citizenship
- (2) Undergraduate : Should be less than 25 years of age, Graduate: less than 40 years of age
- (3) Have adequate health, both physically and mentally
 - The handicapped who satisfy the above (3) are also eligible for the program
 - NOT Eligible : those who are pregnant or who have a severe illness
- (4) Undergraduate program : Have graduated or be scheduled to graduate from a high school as of March 1
 - NOT Eligible : those who have already obtained a bachelor's degree or a higher degree
- (5) Undergraduate program : Must possess above 80% (out of 100%) cumulative grade point average (C.G.P.A.), or must be within 20% (out of 100%) in the rank during their entire high school period
 - C.G.P.A. should be 2.64/4.0, 2.80/4.3, 2.91/4.5, 3.23/5.0 or higher
- (6) Graduate program : Must possess above 80% (out of 100%) cumulative grade point average (C.G.P.A.), or must be within 20% (out of 100%) in the rank during their entire previous academic period (must hold eligible degree)
- (7) Must not have enrolled in a general course in Korea before
 - NOT Eligible : those who have ever enrolled at a Korean university as a regular or an exchange student
- (8) Must have no limitations in travelling abroad
- (9) There may be preferential selection for applicants who have proficiency in Korean or English

6. Scholarship Benefits

- (1) Scholarship Period : 1 year (for Korean language learning) + 4 years (BA course),
1 year (for Korean language learning) + 2 years (MA course),
1 year (for Korean language learning) + 3 years (PHD course)
- (2) Scholarship Benefits
 - ① Airplane ticket or airfare : The grantees will receive an airplane ticket or be paid an economy class airfare of the shortest route between their country and Korea when they come to Korea, and, thereafter, when they leave Korea after completion of their study.
 - ② Monthly Stipend : undergraduate(800,000 won per month), graduate(900,000won)
 - ③ Tuitions : The tuition fee up to 5 million won is exempted by the Korean Government, and if any, the tuition fees exceeding 5 million won and the entrance fee for the first semester by the host university.
 - ④ Settlement Allowance : 200,000 won upon arrival
 - ⑤ Repatriation Allowance : 100,000 won upon completion of studies
 - ⑥ Korean Language Training Expenses : The full costs up to 1 year (NIIED pays directly to the language training institution)
 - ⑦ Medical Insurance : The grantees will be provided with health insurance for major accidents and illnesses during their scholarship period.
 - ⑧ The grantee who has level 5 or higher in TOPIK will receive 100,000 won per month after being enrolled at a university for his/her higher degree.
- (3) NOTES
 - ① NIIED does not compensate expenses for the domestic travel both in the grantee's country and in Korea.
 - ② Airfare for entry into Korea will not be provided to a grantee that has been staying in Korea as of the date of announcement of successful candidates
 - ③ NIIED does not compensate expenses for insurance for traveling to and from Korea.
 - ④ The medical fee is to be reimbursed through the insurance company to the grantee after s/he pays first. However, the expense for dental clinic or chronic disease will not be covered.
 - ⑤ Any grantee that quits the program within 3 months after s/he entering Korea, should refund all

scholarship; airfare for coming into Korea, settlement allowance, monthly stipend, Korean language training expenses, etc.

- ⑥ Any grantee who gives up his/her study in the half way during the scholarship period will not receive airfare and allowance for return to his/her country.

7. Required Documents

(1) Required Documents : 1 set of the original documents below, and 3 sets of the photocopied ones

- ① One Completed Application Form
- ② One NIIED Pledge
- ③ One Personal Statement
- ④ One Study Plan
- ⑤ Two Recommendation Letters
 - Applicant's high school teacher or principal, or academic advisor, etc.
- ⑥ One Personal Medical Assessment
- ⑦ One Graduation Certificate
- ⑧ One Grade Transcripts (including a description of the school grading system)
- ⑨ Certificates of Citizenship of the Applicant and his/her Parents (A Birth Certificate, a Certificate indicating Parent-child Relationship, Parents' Passport, etc.)
- ⑩ One Certificate of Korean or English Proficiency (if applicable)
- ⑪ One Certificate of Health authorized by a medical doctor (only for candidates who successfully pass through the 2nd round of selection)
- ⑫ One Copy of the Applicant's Passport (only for candidates who successfully pass through the 2nd round of selection)

8. Application Deadline: Set forth by the Korean Embassy or KGSP universities

As for detailed information on application deadline and submission of required documents, applicants should contact the APPROPRIATE KOREAN EMABASSY (or Korean Education Center) in the country of applicant's origin (or in the neighboring country), or KGSP universities of the organization in charge of the 1st round of selection.

- Applications DIRECTLY FROM AN APPLICANT or THROUGH FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN KOREA without recommendation of the organization in charge of the 1st round of selection are NOT accepted.

9. Selection Procedures

(September in each year for undergraduate courses, February in each year for gradate courses)

NOTES (regarding application for admission to a university)

- Applicants should follow the guidelines for application for admission to a university set by NIIED.
- Embassy recommended Applicants should choose up to 3 preferred universities; make sure to pick ONLY ONE department (or major) for a preferred university.
- Before choosing the preferred universities and departments (or majors), it is advised that you contact the universities the programs of which you are interested in to gather the detailed information on them.
- After the announcement of the result of the 2nd round of selection, NIIED will forward the candidates' documents to the PREFERRED UNIVERSITIES as written in the application forms when they apply for this scholarship program. So make sure that your choice of the preferred universities and departments (or majors) is RIGHT and CORRECT when filling out the application forms.

- Regarding the required documents for application for admission, some other materials may be required, according to the policy of the specific colleges or departments in relation to fine arts, music or physical education. In such case, applicants should submit the required documents upon the relevant university's request.

- If embassy recommended candidates do not receive admission from any of their three university choices they will be disqualified from receiving a KGSP scholarship.

- Transferring to a different university is NOT allowed after confirming his/her final choice of a university.

- Regardless of university admission, the grantee should reach level 3 in TOPIK upon completion of the preliminary Korean language course, before starting to take a bachelor's degree course. Otherwise, s/he cannot start his/her degree course; s/he may take an additional 6 month Korean language course WITHIN the scholarship period stipulated in a letter of invitation.

10. Other Important things

(1) Entry

① Undergraduate Grantees must arrive in Korea by late February. Graduate Grantees must arrive in Korea by late August. In case a grantee does not enter Korea by the designated date without any special reason, his/her scholarship will be canceled.

② Prior to arrival, grantees should acquire some knowledge about Korea and Korean culture, etc. In particular, it is advisable that grantees learn as much Korean as possible as most classes at a Korean university are conducted in Korean. (Please visit the KOSNET site below for on-line programs to learn Korean) And as there may be some courses for which students use English textbooks, grantees need to check it and try to improve their English proficiency.

▪ Korean Language Study		http://www.kosnet.go.kr
▪ Korean Universities		http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr
▪ Korean Culture		http://korea.net/
▪ The Korean Embassy abroad		http://www.mofa.go.kr
▪ Entry & Residence		http://immigration.go.kr

(2) Housing

① Grantees will reside in a university dormitory.

② The dormitory fee will be deducted out of the monthly stipend by the university.

(3) Cancellation and Temporary suspension of Scholarship (based on KGSP regulations)

11. Contact

(1) For application & submission of required documents: The APPROPRIATE Korean Embassy or Education Center in the country of applicant's origin (or in the neighboring country)

(2) For others except the above:

- <http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr> (NIIED Website: <http://www.niied.go.kr>)

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