

2014 Korean Government Scholarship Program

Guideline for International Students

- Enrolled in Graduate Programs -

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1. Program Objective

The Korean Government Scholarship Program is designed to provide higher education in Korea for international students, with the aim of promoting international exchange in education, as well as mutual friendship amongst the participating countries.

2. Number of Guarantees(designated Korean Universities) : 347 candidates

<Designated University Quotas>

Quota	No. of Nations	Name of Countries
10	3	Indonesia, Mongolia, Vietnam
9	2	Philippines, Thailand
8	4	Cambodia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Uzbekistan
7	6	Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Russia
6	4	Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria
5	9	Egypt, Ghana, India, Japan, Laos, Peru, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Turkey
4	9	Cameroon, Colombia, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Tanzania, The United Kingdom, The United States, Uganda
3	5	Azerbaijan, Hungary, Liberia, Senegal, Singapore
2	49	Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Dominica, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Guinea, Iran, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lithuania, Maldives, Mauritania, Moldova, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Tajikistan, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Yemen, Zambia
1	1	Ireland
Total	135	389 candidates

* Among the 347 candidates allocated to the Designated Korean Universities, 6 will be allotted into two outstanding specialized universities separately.

3. Main Notes for the 2014 Selection

- o The selection process for applicants through designated university will proceed in two steps. **Firstly, applicants must be selected by the designated university. Secondly, applicants who passed the first round must be selected by the NIIED Selection Committee.**

- o Institutions accepting applications: **117 overseas Korean embassies or 60 designated Korean universities.**

* Applicants who submit applications to more than one institution will be disqualified immediately.

* Applicants who were recommended by a designated university will automatically be granted admission to the university that recommended them, upon the condition they are selected as a successful candidate in the 2nd Selection. Subsequently, once they pass the mandatory medical examination (when it's orientation), they will join the ranks of the final successful candidates.

4. Duration of Scholarship

- o Master's (01.09.2014 ~ 31.08.2017) : 1 yr. of Korean language + 2 yrs of Master's
- o Doctoral (01.09.2014 ~ 31.08.2018) : 1 yr. of Korean language + 3 yrs of Doctoral

* **(Important)** After the Korean language course, the scholarship period of degree course (2 years of master's or 3 years of doctoral) cannot be extended beyond the designated duration.

* In the case that a scholar possesses a TOPIK Level that is higher than 5, he or she is exempted from the Korean language course; the exempted period will be deducted from the total scholarship period (2 years for master's or 3 years for doctoral).

* In the case that a scholar possesses a TOPIK Level 5 or 6, he or she must be exempted from the Korean language course and must start his/her academic course of Master or Doctoral degree; the exempted period will be deducted from the total scholarship period (2 years for master's or 3 years for doctoral).

5. Korean Language Course

- o All scholars, unless exempted, must take one year of Korean language course in the designated language institution by NIIED. Once scholars are designated at the institution, it cannot be changed.

- o During Korean language learning, scholars are supposed to stay at the dorm of language institution with roommate, thus cannot bring their family

- o Exemption from the Korean language course requirement: Korean proficiency at TOPIK Level 5 or 6 (with certification).

* Scholars who have surpassed TOPIK Level 5 and want to start their degree course without the Korean language course should obtain permission from NIIED in advance.

- * Scholars who have surpassed TOPIK Level 6 must start their degree course without the Korean language course should obtain permission from NIIED in advance.
- * Scholars who are exempted from taking the Korean language course may take their degree course starting from September 1st, 2013.
- o Only the scholars who will have passed at least Level 3 of TOPIK (the Test of Proficiency in Korean) after one year of Korean language course are permitted to start their master's or doctoral program.
- o Scholars who do not pass at least TOPIK Level 3 after one year of Korean language course should complete an additional six-month coursework in the Korean language.

6. Application Requirements

- o The applicant and his/her parents must have foreign citizenships.
 - * Applicants who hold Korean citizenship are not permitted to apply for this program.
- o Applicants should be in good health, both mentally and physically, to stay in Korea for an extended period of time.
 - * Applicants must submit the Personal Medical Assessment (included in the application form) when he/she apply for this program, and when it's orientation, an Official Medical Examination will be done by NIIED. A serious illness (For example, HIV, Drug, etc) will be the main cause of disqualification from the scholarship.
 - ※ The handicapped who satisfy the above are also eligible for the program.
 - ※ NOT Eligible: those who are pregnant (disqualified upon discovery)
- o Applicants must be under 40 years of age as of Sep. 1st, 2014(born after Sep. 1st, 1974).
- o Applicants must hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree as of August 31st, 2014.
 - * **(Important)** Applicants who have ever enrolled in a university in Korea will be disqualified from applying to the KGSP program. Specifically, an applicant who has previously enrolled in an undergraduate program, a master's program, a doctoral program including an exchange program (D-2 visa holders ever) in Korea cannot apply for this program.

Exception 1. Applicant who has experienced an exchange program in Korea only for previous academic courses graduation, and if it was mandatory for his/her graduation of degree program; thus could submit official explanation from the attended institution can apply for this KGSP program.

Exception 2. The KGSP scholar who has graduated or will graduate from a Korean university as of August 31st, 2014 can apply for this program again only via the embassy if only he/she holds at least TOPIK Level 4 and obtain another recommendation within the allotment from the Korean Embassy of his/her respective country of origin (re-application is limited to one instance).

- * Applicants who apply for the Master's program must hold a Bachelor's degree or a diploma that is equivalent to or higher than a Bachelor's degree.
 - * Applicants who apply for the Doctoral program must hold a Master's degree or a diploma that is equivalent to or higher than a Master's degree.
 - * Applicants who are expecting to obtain the relevant required degree or diploma by August 31st, 2014 must submit a certificate of degree or diploma expectation, and submit the official certificate of degree or diploma to NIIED by August 31st, 2014.(If not, disqualified for this program)
- o Applicants must maintain a grade point average (G.P.A.) of at least 2.64 on a 4.0 scale, 2.80 on a 4.3 scale, 2.91 on a 4.5 scale, or grades/marks/score of 80% or higher from the previously attended institution.
- * **If an applicant does not satisfy the above GPA criteria, he/she will be disqualified from applying to this program.**
 - * If the transcript is not indicated in grades/marks/scores format, or is difficult to convert into percentages, attachment of official explanation from the attended institution is required.
- o Applicants who have Korean proficiency or English proficiency may be given preference.
- o Applicants who apply for natural science and technology program may be given preference.
- o Applicants who are university professor currently in the developing countries may be given preference.

7. Scholarship

- o Scholarship Period : same as the period of invitation.
- o Payment:
 - **Airfare** : Round-trip economy class ticket.
 - * Airfare for entry will not be provided to scholars who already currently live in Korea for academic study or employment.
 - * The fees for domestic travel within a scholar's home country and for travel insurance to and from Korea will not be provided.
 - * Scholars from China and the Czech Republic will not be provided airfare by NIIED, but by their country of origin according to the mutual agreements.
 - **Monthly Allowance** : 900,000 won (KRW) per month.
 - **Research Allowance** : 210,000 won for scholars in the humanities and social sciences; 240,000 won for scholars in natural and mechanic sciences, per semester.
 - **Relocation (Settlement) Allowance** : 200,000 won upon arrival(only for scholars from their own country, not for scholars who already currently live in Korea)
 - **Language Training Fee** : Full coverage
 - **Tuitions** : All admission fees are waived by the host university. The tuition is paid by NIIED.
 - **Dissertation Printing Costs** : 500,000 ~ 800,000 won, depending on the actual costs.
 - **Medical Insurance** : 20,000 won per month will be provided (limited coverage).
 - **Special funding for scholars** who are proficient in the Korean language (TOPIK Level 5 or 6): 100,000 won per month (commencing from the degree program)

8. Notes

- NIIED does not compensate fees for the domestic travel, moving expensed, deposit, etc. both in the grantee's country and Korea.
- Airfare for entry into Korea will not be provided to a scholar that has been staying and living in Korea for his or her study, work, etc. as of the date of announcement of successful candidates.
- NIIED does not compensate fees for insurance for traveling to and from Korea.
- The medical fee is to be reimbursed through the insurance company to the scholar after he/she pays first.
However, the expense for dental clinic or chronic disease will not be covered.
- Any scholar who gives up his/her study during the scholarship period will not receive airfare and allowance for repatriation.

- Any scholar that quits the program within 3 months after he/she entering Korea, must refund all scholarship fees.
(The airfare of arriving Korea, settlement allowance, monthly stipend, Korean language training expenses, etc.).

9. Selection Criterion

- o All documents including transcript, self-introduction, study plan, certificates of language proficiency(Korean and English), recommendations, published papers and awards, etc., will be evaluated.

10. Required Documentation

- o Place of submission : Office of Graduate School, Myongji University
- o Deadline of Submission : March 19, 2014
- o Required documents

Check List for Application Documents	Master's	Doctoral
01. Personal Data (Attachment #1)	○	○
02. Self-Introduction (Attachment #2)	○	○
03. Study Plan (Attachment #3)	○	○
04. Letter of Recommendation (Attachment #4)	○	○
05. Pledge (Attachment #5)	○	○
06. Personal Medical Assessment (Attachment #6)	○	○
07. Copy of diploma or certificate of graduation from undergraduate institution	○	○
08. Official transcript of previously attended undergraduate institution(s)	○	○
09. Copy of diploma or certificate of graduation from graduate institution	-	○
10. Official transcript of previously attended graduate institution(s)	-	○
11. Certificate of TOPIK score (original copy), if applicable	△	△
12. Certificate of TOEFL or IELTS score (original copy), if applicable	△	△
13. Published papers, if applicable	△	△
14. Awards, if applicable	△	△
15. Copy of passport	○	○
16. Certificate of citizenship of applicant and his/her parents : birth certificate, passport, certificate of nationality expatriation, etc.	○	○

o Remarks

- Documents not in English or Korean must be accompanied by a complete English of Korean translation authenticated by the issuing institution or notarized by a notary's office.
- Dual applications are not accepted. Applicants must apply for this program via only one institution.
- Incomplete or incorrect documents may lead to application rejection or failure in the Selection Committee, and scholarship revocation even after entry into Korea.
- Applicants must accurately complete the health checklist truthfully. All successful candidates must take a comprehensive medical exam when its' orientation. In accordance with the requirements of the Korea Immigration Service and the KGSP Program, the candidates who are judged to be physically unfit for this program will not be accepted.
- * Applicants must submit all the documents by the checklist order. (Checklist for the application documents should be on the front page, followed by the required documents, stapled and attached.)
- * Transferring to a different university after confirming the host university is not permitted in any cases. In regards to changing majors, it would be permitted only under the mutual agreement of the departments concerned only within the same university, with the scholarship period unchanged. (2 years of Master's, or 3 years of doctoral, in total). However, quitting a program and applying for a new one is not permitted.

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