

**Korean Government Scholarship Program (KGSP)
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1. Admission Timeline

Schedule	Date	Remarks
Application	Feb. 9th ~ Mar. 23 2018	- By visit or by post
Documents Screening	Feb.9th ~ Mar.23th, 2018	- Check the documents
Interview	Mar.26th ~ 30th, 2018	
Announcement of Accepted Applicants	Apr. 6th, 2018	- On the website and via email
Recommendation Deadline	Apr.6th, 2018	-To NIIED
Final selection	Apr.23th ~ 24th, 2018	- NIIED
Result notice	May 1st, 2018	- NIIED
Entry to Korea	Aug.20th ~ 22nd, 2018	
Orientation	Aug.27th ~ 29th, 2018	- NIIED
Language course or graduate school begins	Sep. 1st, 2018	

2. Available Slots

Graduate Course: 1~27 slots (4 slots per country)

- 20 candidates from general quota
- 5 candidates from Regional Universities in Natural Science and Engineering
- 2 candidates from DAGON UNIVERSITY(Myanmar)

3. Courses

Master's and Doctoral degree

Course	Master's	Doctoral	Remarks
Duration	3 years (1 year of Korean Language course + 2 years of Degree course)	4 years (1 year of Korean Language course + 3 years of Degree course)	1 year of Korean Language Course included
	Sep.1st, 2018 ~ Aug.31st, 2021	Sep.1st, 2018 ~ Aug.31st, 2022	

4. Majors

Applicants can apply for graduate schools.

(Graduate schools do not include specialized graduate schools and professional graduate schools)

5. Eligibility for Application

· Nationality

- Applicants and their parents must hold non-Korean citizenship
- Korean citizens and dual citizenship holders (one who have Korean nationality and nationality of another country) are NOT eligible to apply.
- Applicants and their parents who had previously held Korean citizenship must submit the proof document of their renunciation of Korean citizenship

· Age

- Applicants must be under 40 years of age as of September 1, 2018 (born after September 1, 1978)
- An applicant who qualifies ALL conditions below is eligible to apply as long as he or she is under 45 years of age as of September 1, 2018(born after September 1, 1973):
- He or she must be working as a professor at the time of applying; and
- He or she is a citizen of one of the countries below.

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, The Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

· Degree Requirements

- Applicants must hold or must be expecting to hold a Bachelor's, Master's or a Doctoral degree by August 31st, 2018.
- Doctoral Program Applicant: Must hold a Master's degree or a diploma equivalent to or higher than a Master's degree

- Master's Program Applicant: Must hold a Bachelor's degree or a diploma equivalent to or higher than a Bachelor's degree
- Professor Exchange Program: Must hold a Master's degree or a diploma equivalent to or higher than a Master's degree.
- An applicant who is expected to obtain the degree must first submit the certificate of expected graduation at the time of applying. The official degree certificate or diploma must be submitted by August 31st, 2018
- An applicant who has completed a Bachelor's, Master's, or a doctoral degree in Korea is NOT eligible to apply. (※Exception: Applicants who are overseas Korean Adoptees, Former and current KGSP Scholars)
- An applicant who has been enrolled in a Korean university as an exchange student is eligible to apply.
- A former or current KGSP scholar who is holding or is expected to hold the degree as of August 31st, 2018 is eligible to apply under following conditions:
 - Must apply through the Embassy Track or the University Track
 - Can only re-apply for the higher degree once (Bachelor's→ Master's, Master's→ Doctoral)

· **Grades**

- An applicant must maintain the overall grade point average (CGPA) equivalent to or higher than any ONE of the followings:
 - 2.64 on a 4.0 scale;
 - 2.80 on a 4.3 scale;
 - 2.91 on a 4.5 scale;
 - 3.23 on a 5.0 scale; or
- Score percentile: 80% or above (Exception: A former or current KGSP scholar must hold the grade of 90% or above)
- Refer to the Appendix A for the GPA Conversion table
- Any application with a GPA below the minimum requirement mentioned above will be considered disqualified and disregarded.
- An applicant must submit an official document issued by the applicant's alma mater describing the university's grade system and an applicant's academic performance if:
 - An applicant's transcript does not include information on GPA, marks or score percentile; or
 - The grades on an applicant's transcript are difficult to be converted into any one of the GPA criteria mentioned above.

· **Health**

- An applicant must be in a good health, both mentally and physically, to study in Korea for the full duration of degree or research program.
- An applicant must submit Form 6 or the "Personal Medical Assessment" at the time of applying.
- All applicants who pass the 2nd round of selection must submit the results of the Comprehensive Medical Examination conducted by a doctor or a licensed physician.

- An applicant with the following conditions will be disqualified and one's scholarship will be canceled if:

An applicant is tested positive on drugs; or

An applicant owns serious health concerns that make the person difficult to pursue one's academic studies for the full duration of degree or research program in Korea.

An applicant with disabilities who meets the above criteria is eligible to apply.

- **Restriction**

- A former applicant who had withdrawn from the scholarship after being selected as KGSP scholar in the past is strictly NOT eligible to apply.

- **Preference**

- An applicant who has attained certified scores for their proficiency in Korean or English may be given preference. Some examples include the followings:

Proficiency in Korean: TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean)

Proficiency in English: TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS Academic (TOEFL ITPs are NOT acceptable)

- Applicants who apply for the majors in the field of Natural Science and Engineering may be given preference.
- Applicants who apply for the majors under the Industrial Professionals Training Project of the Korean government may be given preference.
- The professors at a higher education institution from developing countries, especially which receive Korea's Official Development Assistance (ODA) may be given preference.
- Descendants of the Korean War veterans will receive additional 5% of the total marks during the selection reviews.
- Applicants from low income families or underprivileged backgrounds will be given preference.

6. Required Documents

- List of Required Documents for Master's and Doctoral degree applicants.

No.	REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST	MASTER'S	DOCTORAL
1	Applicant Form (Form 1)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
2	Personal Statement (Form 2)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
3	Statement of Purpose (Form 3)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
4	TWO letters of Recommendation (Form 5)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
5	KGSP Applicant Pledge (Form 7)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
6	Personal Medical Assessment (Form 8)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
7	Bachelor's Diploma or Certificate of Degree (Original)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
8	Bachelor's degree Transcript (Original)	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
9	Master's Diploma or Certificate of Degree (Original)	-	REQUIRED
10	Master's degree Transcript (Original)	-	REQUIRED
11	Applicant's Proof of Citizenship	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
12	Parent's Proof of Citizenship	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
13	Certificate of Korean Citizenship Renunciation * ONLY for previous Korean citizenship holders	RELEVANT APPLICANTS	RELEVANT APPLICANTS
14	Proof of Korean citizenship Renunciation * ONLY for previous Korean citizenship holders	RELEVANT APPLICANTS	RELEVANT APPLICANTS
15	Proof of Korean Adoptee * ONLY for overseas Korean adoptees	RELEVANT APPLICANTS	RELEVANT APPLICANTS
16	Certificate of valid TOPIK score	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
17	Certificate of valid English Proficiency Test	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
18	Published Papers	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
19	Awards	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
20	Applicant's Passport Copy	2nd Round Successful Candidates	
21	Comprehensive Medical Examination Results		

- Applicants who are confirmed to be the 'third generation' overseas Koreans will be given preference

Notes for ALL Applicants

- All application documents must be written either in Korean or in English.
- Documents written in languages other than Korean or English must accompany a complete Korean or English translation, authenticated by the issuing institution or notarized by a notary public.
- All documents submitted will NOT be returned to the applicants.
- The application documents must be submitted in the order of the checklist on the first page of the

- application form. Each required document must be numbered and labeled on the top right corner.
- All application documents must be presented in their original forms.
 - If an applicant has to submit the photocopied documents, the applicant MUST have the copies notarized or apostilled and then submit the notarized or apostilled copies.
 - For any academic documents that cannot be reissued, applicants must submit the notarized or apostilled copies of the original version.
 - Any incomplete or fraudulent applications will be discarded.
 - An applicant who is expected to graduate by August 31st, 2018 must submit a certificate of expected degree in place of the diploma at the time of applying. The official diploma or certificate of graduation (degree) must be submitted by August 31st, 2018.
 - The recommendation letters must be written by two different recommenders, who can give assessment on applicant's academic abilities.
 - Applicants must get sealed recommendation letters from their recommenders. Letters with broken seals at the time of applying will be considered invalid.
 - For the proof of published papers and awards, applicants can submit photocopied versions.
 - The scores of the language proficiency test must be valid at the time of applying.
 - The proof of citizenship must be the government-issued documents. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - A birth certificate issued by the government of the applicant's country;
 - A family register issued by the government of the applicant's country
 - Passport copies of the applicant and his or her parents
 - University Track Applicants : Must submit ONE original application documents.

7. Scholarship Benefits

	Airfare	Settlement Allowance	Monthly Allowance	Research Allowance	Language Training	Tuition	Thesis Printing Fee	Medical Insurance	Korean Proficiency Grants	Scholarship Completion Grants
Master's / Doctoral	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

1) Scholarship Period: same as the period of invitation.

2) Payment:

- Airfare: Round-trip economy class ticket.
 - * **Airfare for entry will not be provided to scholars who already presently 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.

- Relocation (Settlement) Allowance: 200,000 won upon arrival
- Language Training Fee: Fully coverage
- Tuitions: All admission fees are waived by the host institution (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)

3) NOTES

- NIIED does not compensate fees for the domestic travel both in the grantee's country and Korea.
- Airfare for entry into Korea will not be provided to a scholar that has been staying 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 s/he 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 s/he entering Korea, should refund all scholarship fees (The airfare of arriving Korea, settlement allowance, monthly stipend, Korean language training expenses, etc.)

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