

2026 Global Korea Scholarship

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1. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Global Korea Scholarship is designed to provide international students with opportunities to study at higher educational institutions in Korea in pursuit of academic degrees, which will enhance international education exchange and deepen mutual friendship between Korea and participating countries
- ※ As Korean Government Scholarship Programs have been integrated and branded as Global Korea Scholarship in 2010, the name has been changed to GKS (Global Korea Scholarship)

2. PROGRAMS AND UNIVERSITIES

◆ Degree Programs

Category	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree
Period	1 year of Korean language program + 2~3 years of degree program	1 year of Korean language program + 4~6 years of degree program

◆ Application Tracks

Quota							
Embassy Track				University Track			Total
General	Overseas Koreans	R-GKS	Sub Total	UIC*	Associate Degree	Sub Total	
82	7	61	150	100	30	130	280

* UIC: University Industry Cooperation

◆ Available Universities and Fields of Study

- Available Fields of Study
 - All fields of study offered by GKS participating universities
 - Academic programs offered during evenings (night school), short-term programs, online and distant-learning programs are not applicable in this scholarship program
 - Applicants can only apply to the universities and departments that are listed in the ‘University Information’ file attached under the News & Event post in National Institute for International Education (NIIED) website (www.niied.go.kr > Resources > News & Event)

◆ Available Universities and Fields of Study (Divisions)

○ Available Universities

– Embassy Track

Program	Classification	Available Universities	Quota
General, Overseas Koreans, R-GKS	Type A (30 institutions)	Ajou University, Chung-Ang University, Dankook University, Dongguk University, Duksung Women's University, Ewha Womans University, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Hansung University, Hanyang University, Hongik University, Incheon National University, Inha University, Konkuk University, Kookmin University, Korea University, KyungHee University, Myongji University, Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), Seokyeong University, Seoul National University, Seoul National University of Science and Technology, Shinhan University, Sogang University, Sookmyung Women's University, Sungkyunkwan University, Sungshin Women's University, Tech University of Korea, Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST), University of Seoul, Yonsei University	150 Bachelor's degree scholars
	Type B (39 institutions)	Busan University of Foreign Studies, Cheongju University, Chonnam National University, Chosun University, Chungbuk National University, Chungnam National University, Daegu Catholic University, Daegu University, Daejeon University, Dong-A University, Dongseo University, Gyeongbuk National University, Gyeongsang National University, Hannam University, Hoseo University, Inje University, Jeju National University, Jeonbuk National University, Kangwon National University, Keimyung University, Kongju National University, Konyang University, Korea Maritime & Ocean University, Korea University of Technology and Education (KOREATECH), Korea University Sejong Campus, Kunsan National University, Kyungpook National University, Kyungsung University, Mokwon University, Pai Chai University, Pukyong National University, Pusan National University, Semyung University, Silla University, Soonchunhyang University, Sun Moon University, Sunchon National University, University of Ulsan, Yeungnam University	

※ For the **General** and **Overseas Koreans** program of the **Embassy Track**, applicants choose up to **THREE different universities** in any order of preference and **MUST apply to at least one of the universities from Type B**.

※ For the **R-GKS** program of the **Embassy Track**, applicants can choose up to **TWO different universities from Type B** universities.

– University Track

Program	Available Universities	Quota
Associate (9 institutions)	Dong Eui Institute of Technology, Gumi University, Hanyang Women's University, Hosan University, Korea University of Media Arts, Kyungbok University, Osan University, Vision College of Jeonju, Yeungjin University	30 scholars
UIC (13 institutions)	<p>[Bachelor's Degree] Ajou University, Daegu University, Dong-A University, Inje University, Keimyung University, Konyang University, Kookmin University, Korea University of Technology and Education (KOREATECH), Sungshin Women's University, Yeungnam University</p> <p>[Associate Degree] Dong Eui Institute of Technology, Kyungbok University, Osan University</p>	100 scholars

※ The UIC Program under University Track provides customized curriculum and field experience through industry-university cooperation focused on the fields of natural science and engineering

3. PROGRAM QUOTA

◆ Embassy Track: 150 scholars from 71 countries

- General: 82 scholars from 71 countries
- Overseas Koreans: 7 scholars from 7 countries
- R-GKS: 61 scholars from 56 countries

No.	Country	General	Overseas Koreans	R-GKS	Total	No.	Country	General	Overseas Koreans	R-GKS	Total
1	Afghanistan	1		1	2	37	Mongolia	1		1	2
2	Angola	1		1	2	38	Morocco	1		1	2
3	Azerbaijan	1			1	39	Mozambique	1		1	2
4	Bangladesh	2		1	3	40	Myanmar	1		1	2
5	Bolivia	1			1	41	Nepal	1		1	2
6	Brazil	1	1	1	3	42	Nigeria	2		2	4
7	Brunei	1			1	43	Pakistan	2		1	3
8	Bulgaria	1		1	2	44	Panama	1		1	2
9	Burundi	1			1	45	Paraguay	1		1	2
10	Cambodia	2		1	3	46	Peru	2		1	3
11	Canada	1	1		2	47	Philippines	1		1	2
12	Chile	2		1	3	48	Poland	1		1	2
13	Colombia	2		2	4	49	Russia	1	1	1	3
14	Cuba	1			1	50	Rwanda	2		2	4
15	Czech	1		1	2	51	Saudi Arabia	1			1
16	Dominican Republic	1			1	52	Singapore	1		1	2
17	Ecuador	1		1	2	53	South Africa	1		1	2
18	Egypt	1		1	2	54	Sri Lanka	1		1	2
19	El Salvador	1		1	2	55	Sweden	1			1

No.	Country	General	Overseas Koreans	R-GKS	Total	No.	Country	General	Overseas Koreans	R-GKS	Total
20	Equatorial Guinea	1		1	2	56	Syria	1		1	2
21	Ethiopia	1		1	2	57	Tajikistan	1		1	2
22	Fiji	1			1	58	Tanzania	1		1	2
23	Gabon	1			1	59	Thailand	1		1	2
24	Ghana	1		1	2	60	Timor-Leste	2		1	3
25	Guatemala	1		1	2	61	Trinidad and Tobago	1			1
26	India	2		2	4	62	Turkey	1		1	2
27	Indonesia	2		2	4	63	Turkmenistan	1		1	2
28	Iran	1		1	2	64	Uganda	1		1	2
29	Jordan	1		1	2	65	Ukraine	1	1	1	3
30	Kazakhstan	1	1	1	3	66	Uruguay	1			1
31	Kenya	1		1	2	67	Uzbekistan	1	1	1	3
32	Kyrgyzstan	1	1		2	68	Venezuela	1		1	2
33	Laos	1		1	2	69	Vietnam	1		1	2
34	Madagascar	1			1	70	Yemen	1		1	2
35	Malaysia	1		1	2	71	Zimbabwe	1		1	2
36	Mexico	1		1	2	Total		82	7	61	150

※ Depending on local circumstances, the Korean embassy in the inviting country may choose not to recommend the candidate.

◆ University Track

- **Associate Degree:** 30 scholars from 71 countries
- **University Industry Cooperation (UIC) Program:** 100 scholars

※ UIC Program is open to all countries around the world

Category	University	Department	Quota
Bachelor's Degree (10 institutions)	Ajou University	Software and Computer Engineering	100
	Daegu University	Division of Electronic Engineering	
	Dong-A University	Food Science and Nutrition	
		Medicinal Biotechnology	
	Inje University	AI Software	
		Food Nutrition and Food Engineering	
		Medical Information Technology	
		Mechanical and Electrical Automotive Engineering	
	Keimyung University	Mechanical Engineering	
	Konyang University	Artificial Intelligence	
		Smart Security	
	Kookmin University	Software	
Associate Degree (3 institutions)	Korea University of Technology and Education (KOREATECH)	Mechanical Engineering Major	
		Computer Engineering Major	
	Sungshin Women's University	Statistics/Big Data Science Major	
	Yeungnam University	Environmental Engineering	
	Dong-Eui Institute of Technology	Electrical Engineering	
		Mechanical Engineering	
	Kyungbok University	Software Convergence	
	Osan University	Mechanical Engineering	
Total (13 institutions)			

4. ELIGIBILITY

◆ Eligibility

○ Nationality

- All applicants must hold citizenship of NIIED designated countries that are invited to take part in the GKS program

※ However, UIC Program is open to all countries around the world

- **Applicants' parents (or legal guardians) must hold citizenship from another country other than Korea.** If applicants or their parent hold dual citizenship (one who has both Korean citizenship and citizenship of another country), such applicant is NOT eligible to apply
- Applicants and their parents who had previously held Korean citizenship must submit documentation issued by the Korean government that proves their renunciation of Korean citizenship
- If an applicant's citizenship is changed during the selection process, he or she will be excluded from the evaluation. (Not applicable to UIC applicants)

○ Level of Education

- Bachelor's degree program is for applicants who graduated (or are expected to graduate) from a high school or from an associate degree program
- Associate degree program is for applicants who graduated (or are expected to graduate) from a high school

- Applicants who have a bachelor's degree cannot apply. Applicants who have associate degree can only apply to a bachelor's program
- Applicants who are expected to graduate (as of December 31, 2025) must first submit a certificate of expected graduation at the time of application. If such applicants pass the first round of selection, they must submit a graduation certificate (or a degree certificate) and a transcript by December 31, 2025. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your acceptance.
- **Applicants who submit their provisional graduation certificate will be considered as applicants who are expected to graduate**

○ Grades

- **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of the entire curriculum from the previous (degree) program must meet one of the two conditions below;**

- ① Score percentile should be 80% or above on a 100-point scale or be ranked within the top 20% within one's class

② CGPA must be equal to or above 2.64/4.0, 2.80/4.3, 2.91/4.5 or 3.23/5.0

- ※ Previous degree program for Associate degree program applicants: high school program
- ※ Previous degree program for Bachelor's degree program applicants: high school program or associate degree program

- If an applicant holds a transcript that does not provide CGPA information or is unable to convert his or her grades into any one of the accepted GPA scales (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0, or 100 point scale), then the applicant **must submit additional documents** officially issued by their respective school/university describing the institution's grading system
- Applicants who are expected to graduate should calculate the most recent CGPA at the time of application

○ **Age**

- Must be under 25 years of age (born after March 1, 2001)

○ **Health**

- All applicants must be in good health, both mentally and physically, to study in Korea for the full duration of the program

○ **All applicants must have no grounds for disqualification (e.g., criminal history) for overseas travel**

◆ **Restriction**

○ A person who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean high school (including international schools) or who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean associate degree program is NOT eligible to apply

- A person who graduated from an online curriculum arranged by a Korean school/university cannot apply
- A person who is currently in their final year at a Korean high school or Korean university cannot apply

○ A person who had previously received a scholarship for a degree program from the Korean government is NOT eligible to apply

- A former GKS scholar who has received a scholarship for a degree program
- A GKS scholar whose scholarship was canceled after beginning a degree program or the IRTS Korean language program

- 'Cancellation of scholarship' means a GKS scholar either withdraws from the program or his/her scholarship was forfeited during their scholarship period
- A previous GKS scholar who has received scholarships from GKS Non-degree program for Exchange Students and IRTS Korean Language program CAN apply

- A person who had previously received a scholarship for their degree program from another Korean government agency other than NIIED
- Former GKS degree program applicants who has withdrawn from the program or was disqualified from the scholarship after being selected as GKS scholars in recent three years cannot apply
- Duplicate Applicants
 - Embassy track applicants who passed the first round of selection (including backup candidates) cannot apply again through a university track
 - Embassy track applicants must apply to only one program: 'General', 'Overseas Koreans' or the 'R-GKS' program
 - University track applicants must apply to only one program among UIC, or Associate Degree programs. Each applicant must apply to ONE university and single department
- If an applicant applied to more than one track/program/university, his or her application will be disregarded in the evaluation and the scholarship will be cancelled if found afterward

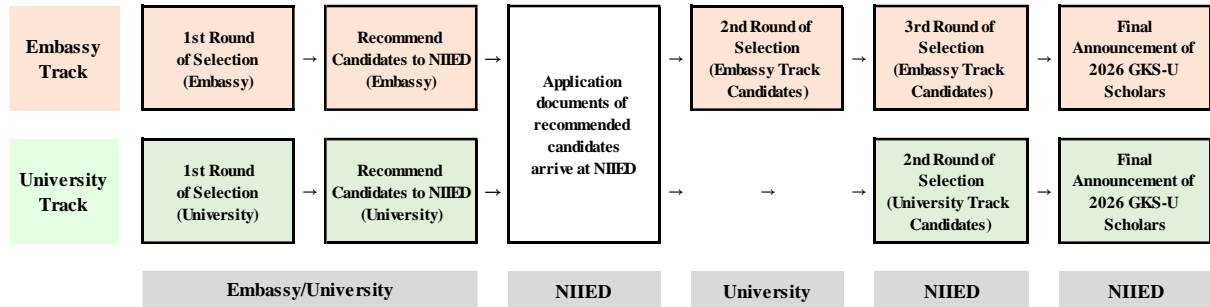
○ **Applicants must check additional restrictions or eligibility set by each degree university**

- Please check if there is any additional eligibility set by each university/department
 - All GKS scholars should achieve TOPIK level 3 to proceed to their degree program. However, some department of degree universities may have additional requirements (e.g., TOPIK level 4) for enrollment. Please be mindful about these requirements set by each university/department. If you do not meet these requirements and fail to enroll in the university, your scholarship will be cancelled
- Please check for any specific enrollment period set by each degree university/department
 - Scholars whose Korean language program is delayed (e.g., return after a leave of absence) must check if their degree program is only available to start at a certain period of time. For example, if a specific department or major only allows students to start their first semester in March, relevant scholars may not enroll in the degree program in September

5. APPLICATION AND SELECTION

◆ Selection Procedure

○ Selection Procedure



○ Selection Schedule

Track	1st Round of Selection		2nd Round of Selection		3rd Round of Selection	Final Successful Candidates
	Application Submission	Evaluation	Document Submission	Evaluation		
Embassy Track	Application Deadline (By October 17)	Result Announcement (By October 27)	Applications arrive at NIIED (By November 10)	Result Announcement (Within November)	Result Announcement (By December 26)	Final Announcement (Expected by January 9, 2026)
University Track	Application Deadline (By October 31)	Result Announcement (By November 21)	Applications arrive at NIIED (By November 28)	Result Announcement (By mid-December)	-	

※ The above schedule is subject to change during the application process.

○ Selection Timeline

Announcement of Application Guidelines (NIIED)	▶ Application Guidelines are announced on “National Institute for International Education (NIIED)” website (www.niied.go.kr)
Announcement of 1st Round of Selection Schedule (Embassies, Universities)	▶ Announced by each Korean embassy and university
Application submission (Embassies, Universities)	▶ Embassy track: by October 17 ▶ University track: by October 31
1st Round of Selection (Embassies, Universities)	▶ Result Announcement of the 1st round of selection - Embassy: announced by October 27 * Applicant who failed to pass the embassy track may apply again through a university track - University: announced by November 21

Successful Candidates of the 1st Round (Embassies, Universities → NIIED)	▶ Successful candidates' applications and related documents will arrive at NIIED - Embassy Track: by November 10 - University Track: by November 28
2nd Round of Selection (NIIED, University)	▶ University will inform the result to successful candidates individually - Embassy Track: announced within November - University Track: announced within December
3rd Round of Selection (NIIED)	▶ Embassy Track applicants who pass the 2nd round of selection ▶ Result will be announced by December 26 - Successful candidates can be confirmed through the Study in Korea system.
Notify Applicant's Choice of University (Successful Candidates → NIIED)	▶ Embassy Track applicants who pass the 3rd round selection should notify their final choice of university to NIIED via email - Notification Deadline: January 2
Announcement of 2026 GKS-U Scholars (NIIED)	▶ The final successful candidates will be announced on 'Study in Korea' website - Expected announcement date: January 9, 2026 - NIIED informs final results to Embassies and Universities through official documents

※ It is each applicant's responsibility to check important notices posted on 'Study in Korea' website. NIIED do not inform applicants individually of each round of selection results.

※ If the Study in Korea website is unavailable, a notice will be posted on the NIIED website.

◆ Documents to Submit

○ List of documents to submit

Type	No.	Application Documents	Note
Documents to complete	1	(Form 1) Application Form	Required
	2	(Form 2) Personal Statement	
	3	(Form 3) Study Plan	
	4	(Form 4) Recommender's Information ※ The recommendation letter must be the original and sealed in an envelope to submit in the first round of selection	
	5	(Form 5) GKS Applicant Agreement	
	6	(Form 6) Personal Medical Assessment	
Required certificates * Submit with apostille/ consular confirmation	7	Proof of citizenship (applicant and parents) and proof of family relationship	Required
	8	High School Graduation Certificate (or certificate of expected graduation)	
	9	Academic transcript of high school curriculum	
	10	Graduation certificate (or certificate of expected graduation) of associate degree program	Optional
	11	Academic transcript of associate degree	
	12	Proof of Overseas Korean Document	
	13	Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation Document	
	14	Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	
Other documents	15	Score report of valid TOPIK or English Proficiency Test	Optional
	16	Copy of awards and other certificates, etc.	
	17	Applicant's Passport	

○ Document preparation for application

- **Documents to complete:** GKS Applicant Agreement, Application form, Personal Statement, Study Plan, Personal Medical Assessment, recommendation documents*
- * Recommendation documents: recommender's information (FORM 4.), recommendation letter
- **Required certificates:** Graduation (or expected to graduate) certificate, academic transcript, proof of citizenship, proof of Overseas Korean document, etc.

- **Application documents for the FIRST round of selection (embassy/university)**

[Documents to complete & Required certificates]

- **Submission requirements:** set by each embassy/university (e.g., whether they accept photocopy, electronic file, documents without certified translation, etc. for the first round of selection)
- **Number of documents to submit:** set by each embassy/university

※ The first round of selection institutions will determine whether or not to accept submitted documents. All applicant documents sent to NIIED for the second/third round of selections must meet the submission requirements for the second/third round of selections

- **Application documents for the SECOND/THIRD round of selections (NIIED)**

[Documents to complete]

- **Submission requirements:** All forms must be filled in English or Korean with applicant's original handwritten signature

※ No need to be apostilled or consular confirmed

- **Number of documents to submit**

- Embassy Track
(General, Overseas Koreans): ONE original document + THREE additional simple photocopies
(R-GKS): ONE original document + TWO additional simple photocopies
- University Track: ONE original document

[Required certificates]

- **Submission requirements**

- Documents written in English or Korean: must be apostilled or consular confirmed
- Documents written in other languages: ① documents written in a language other than English or Korean must be submitted with a certified translation ② obtain apostille or consular confirmation on either the original document or the certified translation

※ If your country belongs to one of the member countries for the Apostille Convention, submit your '**required certificates**' with apostille. However, high school graduation certificate and academic transcript can be submitted with consular confirmation

- **Number of documents to submit**

- Embassy Track
(General, Overseas Koreans): ONE apostilled or consular confirmed document + THREE additional simple photocopies
(R-GKS): ONE apostilled or consular confirmed document + TWO additional simple photocopies
- University Track: ONE apostilled or consular confirmed document

○ **Things to note when preparing application documents**

– **Application documents for the FIRST round of selection**

- All documents must be submitted in English or Korean
- Please follow the submission guidelines set by each Korean embassy/university
- Each embassy/university **may simplify the submission of documents** based on their selection procedure. Check with the embassy/university prior to submission
- Application documents of the successful candidates of the first round must meet the submission requirements for the second round of selection upon arrival to NIIED

– **Application documents for the SECOND round of selection**

- If any of the required documents are not submitted or if any of the application forms are submitted without applicant's signature, his or her application documents may be excluded from evaluation
- If your document is unable to be re-issued, please keep the original and obtain an apostille (or consular confirmation) on a notarized copy
- ※ All application submitted to NIIED will NOT be returned in any case. (NIED stores the original application for a period of more than 5 years)
- Simple photocopies or notarized copies of the apostilled (or consular confirmed) documents are NOT accepted. However, a certified true copy (등본 인증) issued by a Korean embassy or a certified true copy issued by a government agency that issued the original apostille document will be accepted
- If an applicant graduated from a third country, he or she can submit graduation certificate and academic transcript with consular confirmation issued by an embassy of the relevant country
- Required certificates that are issued online must also be apostilled (or consular confirmed)
- If there is an expiration date on an apostilled or consular confirmed document, the validity of the document will be judged based on the date indicated on the authentication. If there is no specific date indicated, the document will be accepted if it was submitted within 2 years from the date of authentication
- If a university requires additional documents (e.g., portfolio), applicants must submit those materials directly to the university

<Document submission requirements for the second round of selection at NIIED>

Documents to submit	Submission Requirement
Proof of Citizenship and Family relationship	<p>- Official certificates such as birth certificate or family register issued by a government that proves ① family relationship between an applicant and his/her parents and ② their citizenship</p> <p>※ If applicants cannot submit necessary documents due to absence of their parent(s), - e.g. divorced or deceased - please provide additional documents (e.g. divorce certificate or death certificate) that explains the reason for not submitting their proof of citizenship</p> <p>- If applicants' or their parents' citizenship information is not indicated in the above documents, then submit valid passport copies <u>as supplementary documents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic group, birth place, or current residency in the submitted documents will not be accepted as a citizenship information. Please submit valid passport copies as supplementary documents • If passport copies are not available, please submit other government issued document or a copy of ID card that clearly indicates citizenship information as supplementary documents <p>※ If supplementary documents submitted in addition to a birth certificate or a family register do not provide the required information, your application may be put at a disadvantage</p>
Certificate of Graduation	<p>- Submit a graduation certificate, degree certificate, or a diploma that indicates a date (or month) of graduation</p> <p>- Submit a certificate officially issued by the institution of previous degree program*</p> <p>* If applicant who has an associate degree applies for a bachelor's degree program, the previous degree program of such applicant is associate degree program</p> <p>- Certificate of expected graduation will be accepted only if the document indicates expected graduation date (or month)</p> <p>- If a certificate of expected graduation cannot be apostilled or consular confirmed due to government policy, submit an apostilled or consular confirmed certificate of enrollment instead. Submit a notarized certificate of expected graduation with an authenticated certificate of enrollment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A simple certificate of enrollment without expected graduation date is NOT accepted <p>- Provisional graduation (degree) certificate that does not indicate a <u>graduation date</u> will be considered as a certificate of expected graduation</p> <p>Applicants who are expected to graduate must first submit a certificate of expected graduation at the time of application. If such applicants pass the first round of selection, they must submit a graduation certificate (or a degree certificate) by December 31, 2025.</p>
Academic Transcript	<p>- Submit an academic transcript officially issued by the school of previous degree program</p> <p>- If a CGPA is not indicated in one of the acknowledged GPA scales (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0 or 100 point scale), submit a transcript converted into one of the above GPA scales as a supplementary document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A converted transcript is only valid when the relevant high school/ university officially confirms (authenticates) the document (This document does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed, but should be submitted in an original document with school's authentication) • A converted transcript printed out from a website such as scholaro.com or

	<p>wes.org is only valid when the relevant high school/ university officially confirms (authenticates) the document (This document does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed, but should be submitted in an original document with school's authentication)</p> <p>※ Without converted transcript, applicants' eligibility and academic ability cannot be evaluated</p> <p>- If a transcript indicates CGPA for the entire academic duration, it will be accepted even if it does not indicate GPA per semester/ year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In such case, please provide your CGPA only in your application <p>- If a transcript of a transferred student does not include the pre-transfer grades, submit an academic record of the previous school as a supplementary document</p> <p>- In case of a country where graduation examination report is considered as an official academic record of a high school graduate, applicants' grade eligibility may be evaluated by such graduation exam report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In such case, it is recommended to provide additional academic record of the entire curriculum as a supplementary document
Proof of Overseas Korean or Adoptee	<p>- Required for relevant applicants</p> <p>- Submit supporting documents such as family register or birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her lineal ascendant</p>
Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation	<p>- Required for relevant applicants</p> <p>- Submit supporting documents issued by the Korea government that indicates details on the definite loss of Korean citizenship and its date. An application or a receipt for renunciation of Korean citizenship is not accepted</p>
Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	<p>- Required for relevant applicants</p> <p>- Certificate that are officially issued by the government that certifies the lineal ascendant of an applicant was a veteran who participated in the Korean War as a foreign military</p> <p>- Submit supporting documents such as family register or birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/ her lineal ascendant</p>
Score Report of Korean or English Proficiency Test	<p>- Submit if necessary (Optional)</p> <p>- Korean: TOPIK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TOPIK PBT certificates from the 90th to the 103rd exam, TOPIK IBT certificates from the 1st to the 10th exam will be recognized as valid certificates Submit a printed copy of one's TOPIK score report from www.topik.go.kr <p>- English: TOEFL, IELTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a printed copy of one's English proficiency test score report from the respective website or a photocopy of original certificate
Copy of awards and other certificates	<p>- Submit if necessary (Optional)</p> <p>- Submit materials such as an award that can prove the applicant's activities described in the "Personal statement" and "Study plan". These documents do not need to be apostilled or consular-confirmed</p>
Passport Copy	<p>- Submit if necessary (Optional)</p> <p>- Submit a passport copy as a supplementary document if the proof of citizenship (family register, birth certificate, etc.) does not clearly indicate citizenship information</p>

○ **Things to check when submitting application documents**

[Both Embassy and University Track]

- Applicants must put the **official name** of the university/department they are applying to
 - ※ Applicants can only apply among the universities and departments listed in the ‘University Information’ file. If an incorrect department is written on an application, such application may be disqualified in the evaluation
- **Applicant’s English name MUST match the name on their passport**
 - (Attention!) Any discrepancy in applicant’s name (family, given, **middle name**) will cause a delay in visa processing
- Applicants must check the completeness of all application documents
- Application documents must be submitted in the order of the “Application Checklist” which is the first page of the application form and itself should be the front cover of each set of application documents
- Please number and label each document on the top right corner

(e.g.)	8. High School Graduation Certificate (Consular confirmed)
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- All documents should be submitted as a A4 sized (or letter sized) documents
 - If a document is smaller than A4 sized (or letter sized) document, attach it on a blank A4 sized paper. If a document is larger than a A4 size document, fold the document into a A4 size

[Embassy Track]

- Embassy track applicants must check the requirements when filling in desired universities

Program	Available University	Number of available
General, Overseas Koreans	Type A, Type B	Applicants can choose up to THREE different universities ※ Of the chosen universities, at least one university must be from Type B universities
R-GKS	Type B	Applicants can choose up to TWO different universities

- ※ Applicants cannot choose three different departments from a single university
- ※ If applicants fill out a Type A university in a Type B section, their application may be excluded from evaluation
- Please be reminded that if applicants choose all three universities among highly competitive universities, even if they pass the second round of selection, some can fail from all three universities in their final round of selection

[University Track]

- University track applicants should fill in ONE university in their application

◆ Evaluation

○ Main Points of Evaluation

- Review of **Qualification**: Selection committee will conduct document examination (citizenship, level of education, academic grades, etc.) and verify whether an applicant is **qualified** for the program
- Review of **Competency**: Selection committee will evaluate each applicant's competency through document examination and an oral interview

○ Additional Points

- Applicants who hold a TOPIK level 3 or above will be given additional points (10% of the total allocated points)
- Direct descendants of Korean War veterans who participated in the Korean War as a foreign military will be given additional points (5% of the total allocated points)
- Applicants to science and engineering departments will be given additional points (5% of the total allocated points)

○ Language Proficiency Test Points

Language proficiency in Korean and English is assessed based on official test scores, which are recognized if issued within two years of the National Institute for International Education (NIIED) announcement date, with score ranges determined according to the applicant's results or grades.

< Points per (for) Language Proficiency Test >

Points \ Test	TOPIK	TOEFL iBT	IELTS
100%	Level 5, 6	-	-
90%	Level 4	114 and above	8.0 and above
80%	Level 3	95 and above	7.0 and above
70%	Level 2	72 and above	6.0 and above
60%	Level 1	42 and above	5.0 and above

※ Using ETS Conversion table

※ If there is no submission of the language proficiency tests above, a personal statement and study plan will be reviewed instead.

※ If you submit two or more score reports, only the highest score will be recognized.

○ **Evaluation Preference**

- Overseas Koreans
- Applicants from low-income families or underprivileged background
- Applicants who applied for a science and engineering departments
- (Relevant to associate degree applicants) Winner of a national level competition on technical skills
- Applicants who submit a high score of English proficiency test (TOEFL, IELTS)

◆ **Final Announcement**

○ **Announcement of Final Successful Candidates**

- **(Embassy Track)** 3rd round of selection results will be announced on the “Study in Korea” website by December 26

※ Candidates who fail from all three universities in their final round of selection will be disqualified from the program

Embassy Track applicants who pass the 3rd round selection should notify their final choice of university to NIIED via email by January 2, 2026.

※ Embassy track applicants who pass the 3rd round of selection cannot change their university choice after final admission is confirmed

- NIIED will classify those who have obtained TOPIK level 5~6 as those who enter degree program. All other successful candidates will be arranged for a Korean language program

※ TOPIK PBT certificates from the 90th to the 103rd exam, TOPIK IBT certificates from the 1st to the 10th exam will be recognized as valid certificates

- Among the successful candidates of the second round (university track) or the third round (embassy track), those who newly achieved TOPIK level 5 or 6 should send their TOPIK certificate to NIIED via email by January 2, 2026
- NIIED will notify the list of final successful candidates to embassies and universities by January 9
 - The list of final successful candidates will also be announced on Study in Korea website (www.studyinkorea.go.kr)

○ **Final Successful Candidates will receive invitation letters and guidance on entry from NIIED**

◆ Important Notes regarding Successful Candidates

○ Final Successful Candidates' withdrawal

- If a final successful candidate wishes to withdraw from the program after the final announcement, he or she should submit a signed letter of scholarship renunciation (free form) to the embassy/university that conducted the first round of selection
- Embassy or university should request NIIED a scholarship renunciation through an official document. Only then, the scholarship will be officially renounced
- Once a scholarship is renounced, it cannot be reversed. Final Successful Candidates who renounce their scholarship cannot reapply for the GKS program in the future. If the case of renunciation is repeated, the relevant countries will lose their GKS quota in the future

○ Certificate of Graduation

- Successful candidates are required to prepare multiple copies of apostilled or consular confirmed graduation certificate before their entry to Korea. Scholars may need to submit their authenticated certificate to their degree university (for an issuance of Standard Admission Letter), to an embassy (for visa issuance), and to Korean immigration office (for a renewal or an update of their status of residence in Korea)
- ※ This prevents scholars from returning to their home country to retrieve another set of apostilled or consular confirmed graduation certificates that are needed for an issuance of Standard Admission Letter after they are finished with their Korean language program

○ Final Successful Candidates who are currently residing in Korea

- Final successful candidates who have Korean residence visa (D-4, D-2, etc.) may not be able to receive a new visa for their Korean language program or degree program in Korea*
 - * To avoid any visa related issues, after the final announcement, final successful candidates who are residing in Korea should contact the Immigration office immediately to inquire about a new visa. Your inquiry should entail the necessary procedure and required documents in obtaining a new visa
- Entry airfare will NOT be provided to newly selected scholars who are residing in Korea at the time of the final announcement

○ Check applicable Laws and Regulations

- Final successful candidates must fully familiarize themselves with immigration and residency laws, academic regulations of NIIED and each academic institution

Academic regulation of each University	Refer to university website
Visa and Immigration	www.immigration.go.kr
	www.hikorea.go.kr

6. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

◆ Period of Scholarship

- **Bachelor's Degree Program: 5~7 years**
 - 1 year of Korean language training + 4~6 years of degree program
- **Associate Degree Program: 3~4 years**
 - 1 year of Korean language training + 2~3 years of degree program
- **Important Notes regarding Scholarship Period**
 - Applicants who submitted TOPIK level 5 or 6 will be exempt from a Korean language program
 - Those who receive TOPIK level 5 or 6 within the first 6 months of the Korean language program will be exempt from the remaining 6-month language program and must start their degree program in the following semester (September 2026)

◆ Scholarship Benefits

○ Scholarship Benefits

Scholarship	Tuition	Korean Language Training Fee	Airfare	Monthly Allowance
Recipient	GKS Scholars in Degree Program	GKS Scholars in Korean language Program	All GKS Scholars	All GKS Scholars
Benefits	NIIED: up to 5 million KRW University: amount that exceeds 5 million KRW, Admission fee	5.2 million KRW (four quarters)	Economy class flight ticket (Actual expense)	Korean language program: 12,840,000 KRW per year Degree program: 13,680,000 KRW per year
Process	NIIED → Universities		NIIED → Universities → GKS Scholars	

※ Monthly Allowance: All-inclusive subsidy of living expenses, health insurance, Korean proficiency grants, TOPIK application fee, settlement allowance, and degree completion grants

※ GKS Scholars who will be initially exempted the Korean language program with TOPIK level 5 or 6 will be given Korean Proficiency Grants automatically.

※ The cost of scholarship may changes

○ Important Notes regarding Scholarship Benefits

- Entry airfare will NOT be provided to newly selected scholars who are residing in Korea at the time of final announcement. Any domestic travel fees within a scholar's home country and any international travel insurance for the trip to Korea will NOT be covered

- Entry airfare or visa application support will NOT be provided to scholars who enter Korea from a country other than the scholar's own country of citizenship
- If a GKS scholar withdraws from the scholarship within the first 3 months after the enrollment to their university, one MUST return the full scholarship amount that he or she has received after being selected as a GKS scholar

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Korean Universities** for 2026 GKS-U Program: Refer to **Appendix B** and **C**
- **Global Korea Scholarship Center, NIIED**: gksniied@korea.kr

<Address>

GKS Center, NIIED (Selection department of 2026 GKS-U)

191, Jeongjail-ro, Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do (13557) Republic of Korea

(우) 13557 경기도 성남시 분당구 정자일로 191, 국립국제교육원 국제장학센터

- **Other useful websites**

Learning Korean	www.sejonghakdang.org
Korean Portal	www.korea.net
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	www.mofa.go.kr
Visa and Immigration	www.immigration.go.kr
	www.hikorea.go.kr
Higher Education in Korea	www.academyinfo.go.kr

Appendix A. GPA Conversion Table

4.0 Scale	4.3 Scale	4.5 Scale	5.0 Scale	100 Points Scale
3.97 ~ 4.0	4.26 ~ 4.3	4.46 ~ 4.5	4.95 ~ 5.00	100
3.92 ~ 3.96	4.22 ~ 4.25	4.41 ~ 4.45	4.90 ~ 4.94	99
3.88 ~ 3.91	4.17 ~ 4.21	4.36 ~ 4.40	4.84 ~ 4.89	98
3.84 ~ 3.87	4.12 ~ 4.16	4.31 ~ 4.35	4.79 ~ 4.83	97
3.80 ~ 3.83	4.08 ~ 4.11	4.26 ~ 4.30	4.73 ~ 4.78	96
3.75 ~ 3.79	4.03 ~ 4.07	4.21 ~ 4.25	4.68 ~ 4.72	95
3.71 ~ 3.74	3.98 ~ 4.02	4.16 ~ 4.20	4.62 ~ 4.67	94
3.67 ~ 3.70	3.93 ~ 3.97	4.11 ~ 4.15	4.57 ~ 4.61	93
3.62 ~ 3.66	3.89 ~ 3.92	4.06 ~ 4.10	4.51 ~ 4.56	92
3.58 ~ 3.61	3.84 ~ 3.88	4.01 ~ 4.05	4.45 ~ 4.50	91
3.49 ~ 3.57	3.75 ~ 3.83	3.91 ~ 4.00	4.34 ~ 4.44	90
3.41 ~ 3.48	3.65 ~ 3.74	3.81 ~ 3.90	4.23 ~ 4.33	89
3.32 ~ 3.40	3.56 ~ 3.64	3.71 ~ 3.80	4.12 ~ 4.22	88
3.24 ~ 3.31	3.46 ~ 3.55	3.61 ~ 3.70	4.01 ~ 4.11	87
3.15 ~ 3.23	3.37 ~ 3.45	3.51 ~ 3.60	3.90 ~ 4.00	86
3.07 ~ 3.14	3.27 ~ 3.36	3.41 ~ 3.50	3.79 ~ 3.89	85
2.98 ~ 3.06	3.18 ~ 3.26	3.31 ~ 3.40	3.68 ~ 3.78	84
2.90 ~ 2.97	3.09 ~ 3.17	3.21 ~ 3.30	3.57 ~ 3.67	83
2.81 ~ 2.89	2.99 ~ 3.08	3.11 ~ 3.20	3.45 ~ 3.56	82
2.72 ~ 2.80	2.90 ~ 2.98	3.01 ~ 3.10	3.34 ~ 3.44	81
2.64 ~ 2.71	2.80 ~ 2.89	2.91 ~ 3.00	3.23 ~ 3.33	80

Appendix B. Contacts of Universities Staff (Embassy Track)

No.	Type	University	Department	Phone	Fax	Email
				(Country code: 82)		
1	A	Ajou University	International Admissions	31-219-2170	31-219-2924	admission@ajou.ac.kr
2	B	Busan University of Foreign Studies	Office of International Affairs	51-509-5241	-	shzon@bufs.ac.kr
3	B	Cheongju University	International Affairs Team	43-299-7425	43-229-8944	heawon3026@cju.ac.kr
4	B	Chonnam National University	Office of International Affairs	62-530-1277	62-530-1269	cnugks@jnu.ac.kr
5	B	Chosun University	International affairs team	62-230-6494	-	sykim21@chosun.ac.kr
6	A	Chung-Ang University	Office of International Affairs	2-820-6574	2-813-8069	ba@cau.ac.kr
7	B	Chungbuk National University	Office of International Affairs	43-249-1869	43-268-2068	hc0320@cbnu.ac.kr
8	B	Chungnam National University	Office of International Affairs	42-821-8825	42-821-5125	okcnu@cnu.ac.kr
9	B	Daegu Catholic University	International Dept.	53-859-4222	53-359-6370	yyhj@cu.ac.kr
				53-859-4224	53-359-6370	alswn212@cu.ac.kr
10	B	Daegu University	Office of International Affairs	53-850-5686	53-850-5699	shjeon@daegu.ac.kr
11	B	Daejeon University	Institute of International Affairs	42-280-2182	24-272-8533	nayeon@dju.kr
12	A	Dankook University	Office of International Affairs	31-8005-2104	31-8021-7120	andykim@dankook.ac.kr
				31-8005-2105	31-8021-7120	12170460@dankook.ac.kr
13	B	Dong-A University	Office of International Affairs	51-200-6442	51-200-6445	bk1016@dau.ac.kr
14	A	Dongguk University	Office of International Students	2-2260-3440	-	serah0309@dongguk.edu
15	B	Dongseo University	International Exchange Center	51-320-2093	51-320-2094	jihyebaek@gdsu.dongseo.ac.kr
16	A	Duksung Women's University	Office of International Affairs	2-901-4606	2-991-0589	mjkim0418@duksung.ac.kr
				2-901-4610	2-991-0589	byulnama@duksung.ac.kr
17	A	Ewha Womans University	International Student Affairs Team	2-3277-6988	2-3277-7175	rachel.law@ewha.ac.kr
18	B	Gyeongbuk National University	Office of International Affairs	54-820-7102	54-820-7108	anukorea@gknu.ac.kr
19	B	Gyeongsang National University	International Affairs	55-772-0273	-	kk_iii_gnu.ac.kr
20	A	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	Office of Int'al Admissions & Management	2-2173-2065	2-2173-2877	Internationalhufs@hufs.ac.kr
				2-2173-2659	2-2173-2877	Internationalhufs@hufs.ac.kr
21	B	Hannam University	Center for International Relations	42-629-7755	42-629-7779	cir@hnu.kr
22	A	Hansung University	Office of Global & Local Affairs	2-760-5590	2-760-4299	admission@hansung.ac.kr
23	A	Hanyang University	Office of International Admission	2-2220-2502	2-2220-1798	wndus6359@hanyang.ac.kr
24	A	Hongik University	Office of International Affairs	2-320-3222	-	yunjin.L@hongik.ac.kr

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				(Country code: 82)		
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26	A	Incheon National University	International Service Center	32-835-9856	32-835-0714	admission@inu.ac.kr
27	A	Inha University	Global Talent Recruitment Team	32-860-8252	32-863-2930	bowon@inha.ac.kr
28	B	Inje University	Office of International Affairs	55-320-3605	55-333-5208	gksapply@inje.ac.kr
29	B	Jeju National University	Office of International Affairs	64-754-8280	64-702-0563	intl1@jejunu.ac.kr
30	B	Jeonbuk National University	Office of International Affairs	63-270-4757	63-270-2099	kgsp@jbnu.ac.kr
31	B	Kangwon National University (Chuncheon Campus)	Office of International Affairs	33-250-7615	-	enter@kangwon.ac.kr
		Kangwon National University (Samcheok · Dogye Campus)	Office of International Affairs	33-570-6897	-	edutrade@kangwon.ac.kr
32	B	Keimyung University	International Cooperation Team	53-580-6557	53-715-2015	minseek@kmu.ac.kr
33	B	Kongju National University	Office of International Affairs	41-850-8868	41-850-8158	gks_oia@kongju.ac.kr
34	A	Konkuk University	International Student Center, Office of International Affairs	2-2049-6224	2-2049-6214	kgsp@konkuk.ac.kr
35	B	Konyang University	International Education Dept.	42-600-1654	-	kyuintl@konyang.ac.kr
36	A	Kookmin University	International Affairs Division	2-910-5835	2-910-5835	gksa@kookmin.ac.kr
37	B	Korea Maritime & Ocean University	Office of International Affairs	51-410-5176	51-404-0701	iadm@kmou.ac.kr
38	A	Korea University	International Education Team	2-3290-5156	2-922-5820	admission@korea.ac.kr
39	B	Korea University of Technology and Education (KOREATECH)	External Affairs Team	41-560-2505	41-560-2509	inter@koreatech.ac.kr
40	B	Korea University Sejong Campus	Sejong International Education Team	44-860-1663	44-860-1669	thinkglobal@korea.ac.kr
41	B	Kunsan National University	Institute of Int'l Exchange & Language Education	63-469-4928	63-469-4135	401915@kunsan.ac.kr
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				31-201-3961~4	31-201-3969	ciss_gc@khu.ac.kr
43	B	Kyungpook National University	Office of International Affairs	53-950-2436	53-950-2419	eunhpark223@knu.ac.kr
44	B	Kyungsung University	The office of International Programs	51-663-4062	51-663-4069	ksb08@ks.ac.kr
45	B	Mokwon University	International Cooperation	42-892-7134	42-829-7139	clem90@mokwon.ac.kr
46	A	Myongji University	Office of International Affairs	2-300-1510	-	leejk@mju.ac.kr
				2-300-1518	-	bjkang93@mju.ac.kr
47	B	Pai Chai University	Office of International Affairs	42-520-5243	70-4850-8306	intl@pcu.ac.kr

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				54-279-3628	54-279-3725	happy0199@postech.ac.kr
49	B	Pukyong National University	Office of International Affairs	51-629-6915	51-629-6910	gks-admission@pknu.ac.kr
50	B	Pusan National University	PNU International (Undergraduate)	51-510-3856	51-510-3851	gksapply@pusan.ac.kr
51	B	Semyung University	International Affairs	43-649-1182	43-644-7177	intl@semyung.ac.kr
52	A	Seokyeong University	GKS Program	2-940-2958	2-940-2959	skugks@skuniv.ac.kr
53	A	Seoul National University	Office of Admissions	2-880-6971	2-873-5021	snuadmit2@snu.ac.kr
54	A	Seoul National University of Science and Technology	The office of International Affairs, International Admissions Team	2-970-9220	2-970-9229	admission@seoultech.ac.kr
55	A	Shinhan University	International Affairs	31-870-3826	31-870-3829	monam@shinhan.ac.kr
56	B	Silla University	Office of International Affairs	51-999-5512	51-999-5519	interpro@silla.ac.kr
57	A	Sogang University	Office of International Affairs	2-705-8268	2-705-8060	applysogang@sogang.ac.kr
58	A	Sookmyung Women's University	Office of International Affairs	2-710-9813	2-710-9285	admission@sookmyung.ac.kr
59	B	Soonchunhyang University	Office of Global Education & Exchange	41-530-1307	41-530-1381	pes@sch.ac.kr
60	B	Sun Moon University	International Support Team	41-530-2074	41-530-2075	istudent@sunmoon.ac.kr
61	B	Sunchon National University	International Affairs and Education	61-750-3147	61-750-3149	411024@scnu.ac.kr
62	A	Sungkyunkwan University	Office of International Student Services	2-760-0025	2-760-0030	fore@skku.edu
63	A	Sungshin Women's University	Office of International Affairs and Services	2-920-7994	-	intadmission@sungshin.ac.kr
64	A	Tech University of Korea	International Education Center	31-8041-0795	31-8041-0799	hyunjune5@tukorea.ac.kr
65	A	Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST)	Admissions Team	52-217-1127	52-217-1129	adm-u@unist.ac.kr
66	A	University of Seoul	Office of International Affairs	2-6490-6662	2-6490-6664	iice-under@uos.ac.kr
67	B	University of Ulsan	International Office	52-220-5953	52-224-2061	uouinternational@naver.com
68	B	Yeungnam University	International Student Services Team	53-810-7887	53-810-4702	edwardkim@yu.ac.kr
69	A	Yonsei University	Office of Admissions	2-2123-3225	-	ysadms@yonsei.ac.kr

Appendix C. Contacts of Universities Staff (University Track)

○ Associate Degree

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2	Gumi University	Office of International Affairs	10-3056-5427	54-440-1317	willey@gumi.ac.kr
			10-2002-1483	54-440-1317	nudge23@gumi.ac.kr
3	Hanyang Women’s University	Office of International Cooperation	2-2290-2232	2-2290-2239	Studyinhyw@hywoman.ac.kr
		Korean Language Education Center	2-2290-2235	2-2290-2239	ssookie@hywoman.ac.kr
4	Hosan University	Office of International Affairs	53-850-8061	53-853-9752	global@hosan.ac.kr
			53-850-8064	53-853-9752	global@hosan.ac.kr
5	Korea University of Media Arts	Office of International Affairs	42-850-9144	42-850-9149	jwryu@pro.ac.kr
6	Kyungbok University	Dept of International Affairs	31-570-9880	-	jkahn@kbu.ac.kr
7	Osan University	International Affairs Center	31-371-7420	31-371-7422	boram253@osan.ac.kr
8	Vision College of Jeonju	International Affairs	63-220-3946	63-220-3949	wjddnjs5121@naver.com
9	Yeungjin University	Office of International Cooperation	53-940-5632	53-940-5628	intl@yju.ac.kr
1	Dong Eui Institute of Technology	Office of Global Cooperation	51-860-3187	51-860-3344	yeanhee01@dit.ac.kr
2	Gumi University	Office of International Affairs	10-3056-5427	54-440-1317	willey@gumi.ac.kr
			10-2002-1483	54-440-1317	nudge23@gumi.ac.kr

○ UIC

No.	Degree	University	Department	Phone	Fax	Email
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2	Bachelor	Daegu University	Office of International Affairs	53-850-5686	53-850-5699	shjeon@daegu.ac.kr
3	Bachelor	Dong-A University	Office of International Affairs	51-200-6442	51-200-6445	bk1016@dau.ac.kr
4	Bachelor	Inje University	Office of International Affairs	55-320-3605	55-333-5208	gksapply@inje.ac.kr
5	Bachelor	Keimyung University	International Cooperation Team	53-580-6557	53-715-2015	minseek@kmu.ac.kr
6	Bachelor	Konyang University	International Educaiton Dept.	42-600-1654	-	kyuintl@konyang.ac.kr
7	Bachelor	Kookmin University	International Affairs Division	2-910-5835	2-910-5835	gksa@kookmin.ac.kr
8	Bachelor	Korea University of Technology and Education (KOREATECH)	External Affairs Team	41-560-2505	41-560-2509	inter@koreatech.ac.kr

9	Bachelor	Sungshin Women's University	Office of International Affairs and Services	2-920-7994	-	Intadmission@sungshin.ac.kr
10	Bachelor	Yeungnam University	International Student Services Team	53-810-7887	53-810-4702	edwardkim@yu.ac.kr
11	Associate	Dong Eui Institute of Technology	Office of Global Cooperation	51-860-3187	51-860-3344	yeahee01@dit.ac.kr
12	Associate	Kyungbok University	Dept of International Affairs	31-570-9880	-	jkahn@kbu.ac.kr
13	Associate	Osan University	International Affairs Center	31-371-7420	31-371-7422	boram253@osan.ac.kr

Appendix D. 2026 GKS-U APPLICATION FAQs

<Eligibility 지원자격 요건>

Nationality 국적

Q. Should I submit my parents' passport copy?

A. It is necessary to submit an official document (i.e., applicant's birth certificate or family register) that proves you and your parents' relationship. If the document does not include you and your parents' citizenship information, then you should submit additional documents (i.e., passport copy or other government issued document that indicates citizenship information) for proof of citizenship.

부모님의 여권 사본을 반드시 제출해야 하나요?

지원자와 부모님 간 가족관계를 증명할 수 있는 지원자의 출생증명서 혹은 가족관계증명서와 같은 공식 문서는 반드시 제출해야 합니다. 해당 서류에 국적 정보가 포함되어 있지 않다면 지원자/부모님의 국적을 증빙할 수 있는 자료(국적 정보가 명시되어 있는 여권 사본 혹은 기타 정부발급 문서)를 추가로 제출해야 합니다.

Q. My father has deceased long time ago, and I cannot provide his proof of citizenship.

A. If you are not able to issue your parent(s)' proof of citizenship due to your parent(s)' absence (e.g., divorced, deceased, etc.), then please provide supplementary documents that explains the reason for not submitting their proof of citizenship. (e.g., divorce certificate or death certificate).

오래 전 돌아가신 아버지의 국적 증빙자료를 발급받기가 어려운 상황입니다.

부모님의 부재(예. 이혼, 사망 등)로 부모님의 국적 증빙 문서 제출이 어려운 경우에는 이혼증명서, 사망증명서 등의 추가 자료를 제출하셔서 국적 증빙을 제출하지 못하는 사유를 설명해 주시기 바랍니다.

Q. My parents and I hold different citizenship. Am I eligible to apply for the program?

A. Yes you may. As long as you and your parent(s) do not hold Korean citizenship, and if you have a citizenship of the country that is invited to the GKS degree program, you are eligible to apply. However, GKS-UIC (University Industry Cooperation) program under the university track is open to all countries around the world.

저와 부모님은 서로 다른 국적을 소지하고 있는데 이 경우에도 프로그램 지원이 가능한가요?

네 가능합니다. 지원자와 부모님 모두 한국 국적을 소지하고 있지 않고, 지원자가 초청국 국적자라면 프로그램 지원이 가능합니다. 단, 대학전형 내 GKS-UIC(산학협력) 프로그램은 (한국을 제외한) 전 세계 모든 국가의 국적자가 지원이 가능합니다.

Q. My country is not listed in the application guidelines. Can I apply for the 2026 GKS-U program?

A. The quota allocation is decided based on mutual agreements on cultural and educational cooperation between Korea and the participating countries. Even though your country is not listed in the GKS undergraduate degrees program, your country may be listed in the GKS graduate degrees program. All applicants must hold a citizenship of the GKS partner country except for the GKS-UIC program. GKS-UIC program is open to all countries around the world except Korea. Applicants of GKS-UIC program must directly apply to their designated universities since it is only available under a university track.

우리나라를 모집요강에서 찾을 수 없습니다. 저는 2026 GKS 프로그램에 지원할 수 없나요?

국가별 배정인원은 한국과 초청국 간의 문화·교육 협력에 관한 상호 합의에 기반하여 결정됩니다. 학부 프로그램에는 포함되지 않지만 대학원 프로그램에서는 초청국이 되기도 합니다. 모든 지원자들은 초청국 국적을 보유해야 합니다. (산학협력 프로그램은 예외) GKS 산학협력 프로그램은 한국을 제외한 전세계 모든 국가에서 지원이 가능합니다. 산학협력 프로그램은 대학전형에만 열려 있기 때문에 지원자들은 대학으로 직접 지원해주시기 바랍니다.

Degree 학력

Q. I have studied in Korea as an exchange student. Am I eligible to apply for this program?

A. Yes. You are eligible to apply. However, those with a high school diploma issued by a Korean high school (including international school) or those with an associate degree issued by a Korean university are NOT eligible to apply.

한국에서 교환학생으로 수학한 경험이 있는데 지원이 가능할까요?

네 가능합니다. 한국 내 고등학교(외국인학교 포함) 또는 전문 대학교에서 졸업을 하지 않았다면 프로그램 지원이 가능합니다.

Q. I have a bachelor's degree. Can I apply to GKS Undergraduate degrees program (GKS-U) for a bachelor's degree with a different major?

A. No, you are not eligible to apply for the GKS Undergraduate degrees program if you have a bachelor's degree. If you are interested in pursuing a higher degree, (e.g., master's degree or doctoral degree), please apply to GKS Graduate degrees program next year.

저는 이미 학사 학위를 가지고 있습니다. GKS 학부 장학생 프로그램을 통해 다른 전공의 학사 학위에 지원할 수 있을까요?

학사 학위 소지자는 GKS 학부 장학생 프로그램에 지원할 수 없습니다. 석·박사 등 상위 과정으로의 진학을 원하신다면 내년 GKS 대학원 장학생 프로그램에 지원해 주시기 바랍니다.

Q. I am planning to graduate from a high school in early March 2026. May I apply for the 2026 GKS-U program?

A. No, you are NOT eligible to apply. Only those who have already graduated or are expected to graduate by December 31, 2025, are eligible to apply for the program. All 2026 GKS-U scholars must submit their apostilled or consular confirmed graduation certificate to NIIED by December 31, 2025 along with an official document issued by the embassy (embassy track) or the university (university track).

저는 2026년 3월 초 고등학교를 졸업 예정입니다. 2026 GKS 학부 장학생 프로그램 지원이 가능할까요?

지원하실 수 없습니다. 이미 졸업을 했거나 2025년 12월 31일까지 졸업이 예정된 경우에만 지원이 가능합니다. 모든 2025 GKS 학부 장학생들은 반드시 아포스티유 혹은 영사확인 받은 졸업증명서를 1차 추천기관인 대사관 혹은 대학의 공문을 통해 2025년 12월 31일까지 국립국제교육원으로 제출해야 합니다.

Q. It takes one year in my country to get a diploma after my graduation. Can I apply with my provisional graduation certificate (or provisional degree certificate)?

A. Provisional certificates vary by countries and universities, so it is difficult to judge by a single criterion. The document you submit as a graduation certificate, including provisional certificate, must indicate the exact date of your graduation. If your provisional certificate does not clearly indicate your date of graduation (when you have graduated) it will not be accepted as a graduation certificate in the GKS degree program even if it is acknowledged as an official graduation certificate in your own country. Provisional certificate without graduation date will be considered as a certificate of expected graduation. With provisional certificate alone, you may not receive a certificate of admission at a Korean university and may not be able to issue a study visa. Successful candidates who applied with such documents must submit additional graduation certificate by December 31, 2025.

우리나라에서는 졸업을 하였더라도 임시증명서만 발급해주고 공식 학위증명서는 1년 후에 발급이 됩니다. 임시증명서로 지원이 가능할까요?

임시증명서는 국가 별로 매우 다양한 형태로 발급되기 때문에 모든 종류의 임시증명서를 하나의 기준으로 판단하기는 어렵습니다. 다만, 졸업증명서류(임시증명서 포함)에는 졸업일이 반드시 명시되어 있어야 합니다. 졸업일이 명시되지 않은 임시증명서는 졸업증명서로 인정하지 않습니다. 졸업한 일자가 명시되지 않은 임시증명서는 본국에서 해당 서류가 공식 졸업증명서로 인정된다고 하더라도 본 프로그램에서는 임시졸업증명서로 분류됩니다. 또한, 임시졸업증명서로는 대학 표준입학허가서 발급 및 비자 발급이 불가능할 수 있습니다. 해당 서류를 제출한 지원자는 합격할 경우, 2025년 12월 31일까지 추가 졸업증명을 제출해야 합니다.

Grades 성적

Q. The grades in my transcript/school report are different from the GPA scales in the guidelines. How should I submit my CGPA? Can I use the scores I converted from a grade conversion website such as scholaro.com?

A. If your grades do not belong to any of the GPA scales we accept (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0 or 100 point scale), then you must submit additional documents describing your grading system officially issued by your school/university or a government agency (e.g., Ministry of Education) and provide a converted grade confirmed by the school/university. If applicants convert their grades through a grade conversion tool such as scholaro.com, the converted CGPA must be officially acknowledged by the relevant school/university. Please submit an official certificate or at least a testimonial issued by your school/university that confirms your converted grade. This supplementary document does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed but must be submitted in an original document with the school/university/government agency's authentication. The screening committee will determine whether your CGPA is eligible for the program or not based on the information you provide.

제 성적은 모집요강에서 인정하는 GPA와 체계가 다릅니다. 제 종합평균평점을 어떻게 기입해야 하나요? scholaro.com와 같은 성적변환사이트에서 변환한 성적을 사용해도 될까요?

모집요강에서 인정하는 성적 체계(4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0 혹은 백분율 만점)가 아닌 경우, 성적체계에 대한 학교 또는 정부 기관(예. 교육부)의 공식적인 설명 자료와 학교가 인정하는 변환성적을 추가로 제출해야 합니다. scholaro.com과 같은 성적변환 서비스를 이용하여 성적을 변환하였다면, 출신학교 혹은 정부기관으로부터 변환성적에 대한 확인을 받아 제출해야 합니다. 출신 고등학교 혹은 전문대학교로부터 변환 점수를 인정하는 증명서(혹은 성명서)를 발급받아 제출해 주시기 바랍니다. 추가 제출하는 서류는 아포스티유나 영사확인을 받을 필요는 없지만 학교의 관인이 찍힌 원본 서류로 제출해야 합니다. 심사위원회는 제출된 자료들을 기반으로 해당 성적이 성적요건에 부합하는지를 심사하게 됩니다.

Q. My CGPA is below 80%. Am I not eligible to apply for the program?

A. You are eligible to apply if you are ranked within the top 20% of your class even if your score percentile is below 80%. Along with your original transcript, please submit an official certificate or a letter from your school/university that your grade stands within the top 20% of your class.

제 종합평균평점 성적은 80% 이하입니다. 프로그램 지원은 불가능한가요?

백분율 환산 점수가 80% 이하라고 하더라도 석차 상위 20% 이내에 해당한다면 지원 자격은 갖추게 됩니다.

출신 학교로부터 지원자가 석차 상위 20% 이내에 해당한다는 증명서나 공식 레터를 발급받아 원 성적표와 함께 제출해주시기 바랍니다.

Q. My academic transcript/school report only indicates CGPA and does not offer GPA by semester. What should I put in the application form?

A. If your transcript does not provide GPA of each semester/year, you do not need to fill in the box for each semester/year. However, you must put your CGPA or at least a score percentile of the entire curriculum period. If your transcript does not provide a score percentile, refer to Appendix A. GPA Conversion Table to convert your CGPA into a 100 point scale.

제 성적표에는 종합평균평점만 적혀 있고 성적이 학기별/학년별로 구분되어 있지 않습니다. 지원서 성적란을 어떻게 작성해야 하나요?

성적표에 학기/학년별 성적이 구분되어 있지 않다면 지원서의 학기/학년별 성적란은 공란으로 두시면 됩니다. 다만, 고등학교 (혹은 전문학사) 커리큘럼 전체 기간의 종합평균평점은 기입해야 하며, 특히 백분율 환산 점수는 반드시 기입하셔야 합니다. 성적표 상에 백분율 환산 점수가 나와있지 않다면, 모집요강 부록A의 GPA 환산표를 참고하셔서 작성해주시기 바랍니다.

Other eligibility 기타 자격 요건

Q. I meet all the application requirements listed in the application guidelines. Does this mean that I am qualified to apply to all GKS partner universities?

A. Not necessarily. The application requirements we have indicated in the application guidelines are the minimum requirements to apply for our GKS program. Some universities and departments may have additional requirements such as certain level of language proficiency. Therefore, we ask all prospective applicants to check the "University information" file posted with our application guidelines to find required qualifications set by each university/department. If the university requests supplementary document(s) beyond NIIED's required documents such as a portfolio, you should submit those materials directly to the university.

모집요강에 나온 기본 지원자격 요건을 모두 갖추었다면 모든 GKS 수학대학에 지원 가능하니까?
반드시 그렇지만은 않습니다. 모집요강에서 안내한 지원 자격요건은 GKS 장학프로그램에서 요구하는 최소한의 지원자격 요건입니다. 특정 대학이나 학과의 경우, 별도의 어학성적 등 추가 자격을 요구하는 경우도 있으므로, 반드시 모집요강과 함께 게재된 "University Information" 파일을 통해 본인이 지원하고자 하는 대학과 학과의 지원 자격요건을 확인하신 후 지원하시기 바랍니다. 또한 국립국제교육원이 요구한 제출 서류 목록 외에, 지원하려는 대학에서 포트폴리오 등 추가 서류를 요구하는 경우에는 해당 자료들을 대학으로 별도 제출해 주시기 바랍니다.

Q. I am currently living in Korea. Can I apply for this program?

A. Yes, you may apply for the program while residing in a country other than your citizenship. However, successful candidates who are currently residing in Korea or enters Korea from a third country will not be provided with visa support and entry airfare. Please be aware that it may take more time and effort to obtain necessary authentications (apostille, consular confirmation, certified translation, etc.) on required documents from abroad.

저는 현재 한국에 살고 있습니다. 이 프로그램에 지원할 수 있습니까?

네, 제3국에서 체류 중이라도 프로그램에 지원할 수 있습니다. 다만, 현재 한국 거주 중이거나 제3국에서 입국하는 합격자들은 비자 지원 및 입국 항공료 지원 대상에서 제외됩니다. 제3국에서 지원하는 지원자들은 필수제출 서류들의 공증(아포스티유, 영사확인, 번역공증 등)을 위해 더 많은 시간과 노력이 필요할 수 있습니다.

<Application Submission 지원서류 제출>

Submission method and deadline 제출 방법 및 시기

Q. May I apply for the program by submitting my application to NIIED directly?

A. No, you may not. Applicants must submit their application documents to the GKS selection department at a Korean embassy or a university they are applying to. NIIED only accepts applications from embassies or universities through official documents and does not accept applications from individual applicants.

지원자가 국립국제교육원으로 직접 지원 서류를 제출하는 것이 가능합니까?

아닙니다. 지원서는 반드시 지원하는 공관 혹은 대학으로 제출해야 합니다. 국립국제교육원은 1차 선발 기관(공관/대학)의 추천 공문을 통해서만 지원 서류를 받으며, 개별 지원자가 제출하는 서류는 인정하지 않습니다.

Q. When is the deadline for the application?

A: The deadlines for the first round of selection are as follows:

- Embassy Track: October 17
- University Track: October 31

Each embassy or university may have specific submission guidelines, so applicants should confirm details with the relevant institution.

지원서류 접수마감일이 언제인가요?

공관전형은 10.17.까지, 대학전형은 10.31.까지 추천기관으로 지원 신청할 수 있습니다.

각 공관 혹은 대학마다 지원서류 접수에 대한 안내를 별도로 하고 있으므로, 지원과 관련한 사항은 해당 기관으로 문의하시기 바랍니다.

Apostille or Consular confirmation 아포스티유 및 영사확인

Q. For the legalization on “Required certificate”, can I choose between apostille or consular confirmation?

A. Countries that have joined the Apostille Convention, can only issue an apostille. For the rest of the countries, you should obtain consular confirmation from the Korean embassy/consulate in your country. If your country does not belong to the Apostille Convention or if the document cannot be apostilled, please obtain a consular or other possible confirmation from the Korean embassy /consulate.

If your document was issued from another country, you can obtain a consular confirmation issued by an embassy of the relevant country.

필수제출 서류에 필요한 확인으로 아포스티유 혹은 영사확인 중 원하는 것을 고를 수 있습니까?

아포스티유 협약 가입국은 아포스티유 발급만 가능하며 나머지 국가는 한국 공관의 영사확인을 받아야 합니다. 본인의 국가가 아포스티유 협약 가입국이 아니거나 해당 서류에 아포스티유 발급이 불가능한 경우에는 한국 대사관이나 영사관에서 영사확인 또는 다른 가능한 종류의 확인을 받아 제출해 주시기 바랍니다.

외국에서 발급받은 서류의 경우, 해당 서류를 발급한 국가의 재외공관 영사확인도 인정됩니다.

Q. Can I submit an original degree certificate and academic transcript without apostille/consular confirmation?

A. The “Required certificates” must be submitted with an apostille or consular confirmation. Original documents or notarized documents from a notary public only or from other government agencies only will not be accepted.

아포스티유/영사확인 없이 학위증명과 성적증명서 원본을 제출할 수는 없나요?

“필수제출 서류”로 분류된 증명서들은 반드시 아포스티유 혹은 영사확인을 받아 제출해야 합니다. 필수제출 증명서들은 원본 그대로 제출하거나 일반 공증인(공증사무소) 혹은 기타 정부기관에서만 공증 받아 제출하면 인정하지 않습니다.

Q. I obtained an apostille on my graduation certificate in the past. Can I make a copy of it and submit it instead?

A. It will be considered as a simple photocopy, and it will not be accepted. A notarized copy will not be accepted as well if it was notarized from a notary public. However, if the government agency that issued an apostille issues another certified true copy, it will be accepted. Or, if you obtain a certified true copy (등본 인증) from a Korean embassy on your authenticated document, it will also be accepted.

저는 예전에 졸업증명서에 아포스티유를 받아 놓았습니다. 이 문서의 사본을 대신 제출하면 안될까요?

이는 단순복사본으로 간주되어 인정되지 않습니다. 일반 공증사무소에서 발급받은 원본대조필 사본 역시 인정되지 않습니다. 그러나, 해당 아포스티유 서류를 발급해준 기관에서 원본대조필된 서류를 다시 만들어준다면, 이는 인정됩니다. 또는, 기존에 공증받은 서류를 한국 대사관으로부터 “등본 인증”을 받아 제출하여도 인정됩니다.

Q. How should I submit documents with translation?

A. All application documents that are not written in Korean or English must be accompanied with a certified translation. For “Required certificates”, apostille or consular confirmation is only required either on original documents or on certified translations.

번역된 서류를 제출하는 방법에 대해 알려주세요.

한국어나 영어로 작성되지 않은 모든 서류들은 번역공증본을 추가로 함께 제출해야 합니다. “필수제출서류”의 경우 원본 혹은 번역공증본 둘 중 하나에만 아포스티유/영사확인을 받아 제출하면 됩니다.

Q. I submitted my original graduation certificate, but it cannot be re-issued any more. Can it be returned?

A. All application submitted to NIIED will NOT be returned in any case. Please obtain an apostille or consular confirmation on a certified copy.

지원 당시 재발급이 불가능한 원본 졸업증명서를 제출했는데, 돌려받을 수 있을까요?

국립국제교육원으로 제출된 모든 지원서류는 어떤 경우에도 반환되지 않습니다. 서류 재발급이 불가능한 경우에는 원본대조필 증명을 받은 서류에 아포스티유 혹은 영사확인을 받아 제출해 주시기 바랍니다.

Q. Can I submit my graduation certificate that was apostilled last year?

A. If there is an expiration date on an apostilled or consular confirmed document, the validity of the document will be judged based on the date indicated on the authentication. If there is no specific date indicated, the document will be accepted if it was submitted within 2 years from the date of authentication.

작년에 발급받은 아포스티유 졸업증명 서류를 제출해도 될까요?

아포스티유 확인 또는 영사 확인 서류의 유효기간은 서류에 기재된 공증 유효 기간으로 하되, 기재되어 있지 않은 경우 발급일 기준 2년 이내의 서류를 인정합니다.

Recommendation letter 추천서

Q. Who should I obtain my recommendation letter from?

A. We recommend you receive your recommendation letter from someone who can provide thorough assessment of your academic abilities such as a high school teacher, school principal, or the chair of your department. The recommendation letter should be dated within a year from the last date of the application deadline. Only one recommendation letter is required, but applicants may submit recommendation letters from up to two referees.

추천서는 누구에게 받아야 하나요?

지원자의 수학 능력을 자세히 평가할 수 있는 학교 선생님, 교장 선생님, 혹은 학과장님 등으로부터 추천서를 받는 것을 권장합니다. 추천서는 지원서류 제출마감일을 기준으로 1년 이내에 작성된 것이어야 합니다. 추천서는 하나만 제출하는 것이 원칙이나, 희망자에 한해서는 최대 두 개까지 제출할 수 있습니다.

Certificate of language proficiency 공인언어성적

Q. Must I submit the certificates of language proficiency (English or Korean)?

A. The certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS) or Korean proficiency (TOPIK, TOPIK IBT) is optional, which means you may apply for GKS without it. However, some universities or departments may request applicants with certain level of language proficiency. It is helpful to provide supporting documentation that proves your abilities, including language skills.

공인 언어능력시험 증명서(영어, 한국어)는 반드시 제출해야 하나요?

공인 영어능력시험 성적(TOEFL, IELTS)과 한국어능력시험 성적(TOPIK, TOPIK IBT)는 GKS 지원에 필요한 필수제출 서류가 아니므로 언어능력시험 성적이 없어도 지원이 가능합니다. 다만, 일부 대학이나 학과에서는 일정 점수 이상의 언어능력을 요구할 수 있습니다. 어학능력을 포함하여 본인의 능력을 증명하는 서류를 제출하는 것은 선발에 도움이 될 수 있습니다.

Duplicate Application 중복 지원

Q. I am planning to apply through a university track. Can I submit my application to multiple universities?

A. University track applicants can only apply to one university and one department. If an applicant is found to have applied to more than two universities, his/her application document will be excluded from the next round of evaluation. Even after the announcement of qualified applicants, scholarships may be cancelled.

Embassy track applicants whose application have not passed the first round may apply to a university track once more. However, applicants cannot apply for both tracks at once.

대학전형으로 지원할 예정입니다. 여러 곳의 대학으로 지원서를 접수해도 되나요?

대학 전형 지원자들은 오직 하나의 대학과 하나의 학과로만 지원할 수 있습니다. 복수의 대학에 지원한 사실이 확인되면 1차 심사에서 선발되었더라도 2차 심사 대상에서 제외됩니다. 합격이 되더라도 복수 지원 사실이 추후 발견된다면 합격이 취소됩니다.

공관전형의 1차 심사에서 불합격한 지원자는 대학전형으로 재지원이 가능합니다. 그러나 동시에 공관, 대학전형으로 중복 지원할 수는 없습니다.

<Selection Results 심사 결과>

Q. How will I know if I have been accepted?

A. First-round screening results are announced individually by each embassy or university. Embassy Track results will be released by October 27, and University Track results by November 21. Second-round screening results and the list of final successful applicants will be posted on the GKS notice board of the Study in Korea website. All important announcements are posted there, so applicants should check the notice board regularly during the selection period.

저의 합격 여부에 대해 어떻게 알 수 있습니까?

1차 심사 결과는 각 공관과 대학이 개별적으로 발표합니다. 공관전형 1차 심사 결과는 10월 27일까지 발표될 예정이며, 대학전형 1차 심사 결과는 11월 21일까지 발표될 예정입니다. 2차 심사 결과 및 최종합격자 명단은 스터디인코리아 GKS 공지사항을 통해 공지됩니다. 전체 지원자를 대상으로 하는 중요 공지사항은 모두 스터디인코리아 GKS 공지사항 게시판을 통해 발표되므로, 선발 기간 동안 각 지원자는 게시판을 잘 확인해주시기 바랍니다.

<Korean Language Program 한국어 연수>

Q. Is it mandatory for all GKS scholars to pass at least Level 3 in TOPIK after one year of Korean Language Program?

A. Yes. Every GKS scholar must achieve at least Level 3 on TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean) within a yearlong Korean language program to proceed to his or her degree program.

In addition, certain university or department requires students to submit a valid TOPIK certificate of level 4 or higher. Scholars who applied to such department may not enter their degree program if they fail to achieve the required TOPIK certificate during a yearlong Korean language program.

최종 선발된 모든 GKS 장학생은 한국어 연수 후에 반드시 TOPIK 3급 이상을 취득해야 합니까?

네, 필수 사항입니다. 모든 GKS 장학생들은 1년의 한국어 연수 기간 중 TOPIK 3급 이상을 취득해야만 학위과정에 진학할 수 있습니다.

추가적으로, 각 대학 또는 학과 별로 입학에 위해 TOPIK 4급 이상의 성적표 제출을 요구하기도 합니다. 해당 학과로 지원한 학생들은 1년 간의 한국어 연수 기간을 통해서도 입학 요건을 충족하지 못하는 경우 학위과정 입학이 불가능합니다.

Q. If I become a GKS scholar, will I be assigned to a Korean language institution at a different region of my degree university?

A. Not anymore. All GKS scholars will take their Korean language program at the same university where they will conduct their degree program.

최종 합격자들은 수학대학과 다른 지역의 한국어 연수기관으로 배정이 되나요?

더 이상 그렇지 않습니다. GKS 장학생들은 수학대학과 동일한 기관에서 한국어 연수를 받게 됩니다.

Q. May I be exempt from the Korean Language Program?

A. A yearlong Korean language program is an important part of the GKS program. All GKS scholars must take a Korean language program regardless of the curriculum of the degree program.

However, if you have already attained advanced level (Level 5 or 6) on TOPIK when applying for the program, you must submit your valid TOPIK certificate to be exempt from Korean language program. You will directly start your degree program from March 2026.

Applicants who attained TOPIK level 5 or 6 after the initial application deadline must submit the valid TOPIK certificate to NIIED by December 26, 2025. (*Acceptable TOPIK certificates: TOPIK PBT from the 90th to the 103rd exam, TOPIK IBT from the 1st to the 10th exam)

If you attain TOPIK level 5 or 6 during the first 6 months of Korean language program, you will be exempt from the remaining 6-month language program, and you must start your degree program in the following semester (September, 2026).

한국어 연수를 면제받을 수도 있나요?

1년 간의 한국어연수는 GKS 프로그램의 중요한 부분입니다. GKS 장학생들은 학위과정의 성격과 관계없이 모두 한국어연수 과정을 이수해야 합니다.

단, 지원 당시 이미 유효한 TOPIK 5급 혹은 6급 성적을 소지하고 있는 경우에는 반드시 TOPIK 성적표를 제출하고 한국어 연수를 면제받아 2026년 3월에 학위 과정에 진학해야 합니다. 1차 심사서류 접수마감일 이후 취득한 TOPIK 5급 혹은 6급 성적이 있다면 성적표를 12월 26일까지 국립국제교육원으로 제출하고 3월에 학위 과정으로 조기 진학해야 합니다. (*PBT 성적표는 90회 ~ 103회, IBT 성적표는 1회 ~ 10회 인정)

또한, 한국어 연수 시작 후 6개월 안에 TOPIK 5급 이상을 취득한 경우에도 남은 6개월 간의 한국어 연수를 면제받아 2026년 9월 학기에 학위 과정으로 조기 진학하게 됩니다.

Q. May I change my final university choice during my Korean language program or during a degree program?

A. No, you may not. Changing the university or transferring to another university is NOT PERMITTED under any circumstances.

한국어 연수 혹은 학위 과정 중에 대학을 변경할 수 있습니까?

최종 선택한 대학을 변경하거나 다른 학교로 편입하는 것은 절대 불가합니다.

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