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ABSTRACT

The results of this research concern the Global Korea Scholarship. It contains in depth knowledge on; the background knowledge on Global Korea scholarship, other recommendations for those intending to go for Global Korea Scholarship and achieve their dream of studying in the Republic of Korea.

CHAPTER ONE

BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES OF GKS DEGREE PROGRAM

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.

HISTORY OF GLOBAL KOREA SCHOLARSHIP

1967 – Program began with 6 graduate students

2006 – started undergraduate degree program

2008 - Increased number of scholars up to 700+

2010 – Renamed from KGSP to GKS

2015 – started associate degree program

2022 – expanded number of scholars to 1,500+

2022 – started UIC program, a special GKS scholarship for university – industry co-operation

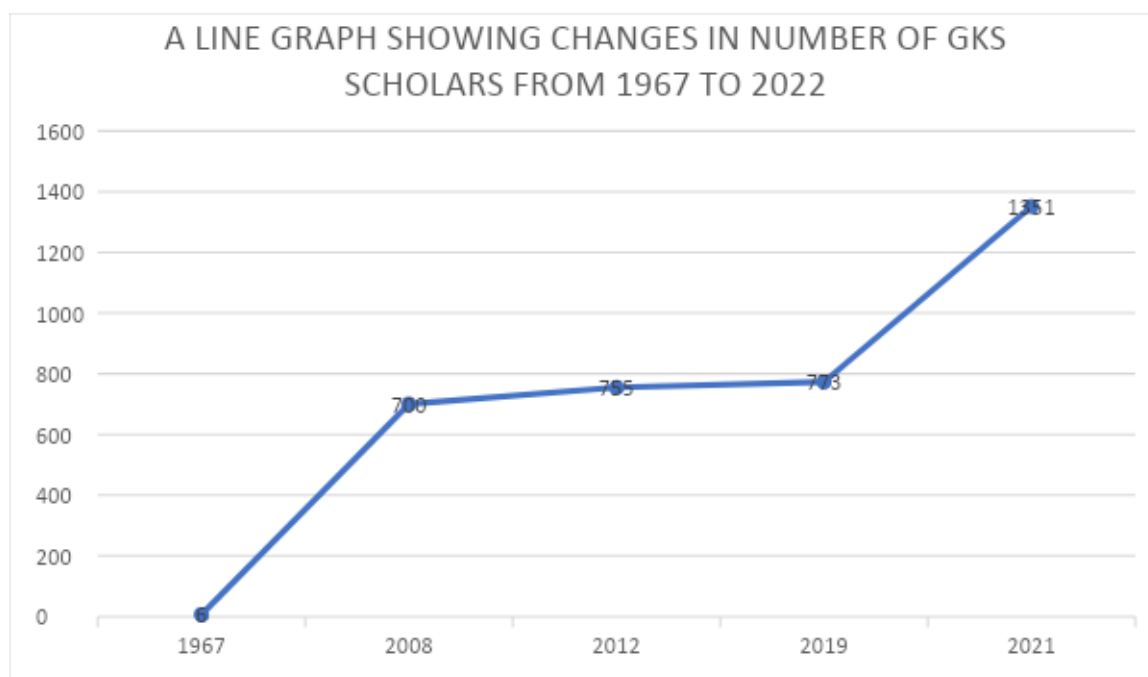
QUALIFICATIONS

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Citizenship | Candidate and parents must hold non-Korean citizenship |
| Age | GKS-Graduate: Under 40 GKS-Undergraduate: Under 25 |
| Health | Candidates must be physically and psychologically healthy for their studies in Korea |
| Degree requirements | GKS-G: Bachelor's or Master's degrees GKS-U: high school diploma |
| Grades | 1. The CGPA must be 80% or higher 2. The CGPA must be 2.64/4.0, 2.80/4.3, 2.91/4.5 or 3.25/5 or higher |

SELECTION PROCEDURE

| STEP | Announcement | Application | Review | Final Result |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| Organisation | NIIED | Embassy | Embassy <input type="checkbox"/> NIIED <input type="checkbox"/> | NIIED |
| | | University | University <input type="checkbox"/> NIIED | |
| Schedule GKS – U | September | October | October – December | Late December |
| Schedule GKS -- G | February | March | April – June | July |

YEARLY INVITED SCHOLARS



ANNUAL QUOTA

| GKS- Undergraduate | GKS – Graduate |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Around 300 Grantees (235 for 2023) | Around 1,200 Grantees |

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BENEFITS

| Scholarship | Airfare | Settlement Allowance | Monthly Allowance | Korean Proficiency Grants | Degree Completion Grants | Language Training Fee | Tuition | Medical Insurance |
|-------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Benefits | Economy class flight ticket (actual expense) | 200,000 KRW | 900,000 KRW /month | 100,000 KRW /month | 100,000 KRW | NIIED: 1,000,000 KRW University: amount that exceeds 1,000,000 KRW | NIIED: up to 5,000,000 KRW University: amount that exceeds 5,000,000 KRW, Admission fee | National Health Insurance fee |

| Time | At the time of initial entry /final departure | At the time of initial entry | Beginning of each month | Beginning of each month | At the time of final departure | Beginning of each quarter (quarterly) | Beginning of each semester (twice a year) | Beginning of each semester (twice a year) |
|-----------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Procedure | NIIED → Universities → GKS Scholars | | | | | NIIED → Universities | | |

* Detailed information on Medical Insurance will be provided during the Orientation to final successful candidates.

PROGRAM DURATION

| LEVEL | YEARS |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Korean Language Program | 1 year |
| Associate degree | 2 years |
| Bachelor's Degree | 4 – 6 years |
| Master's Degree | 2 years |
| Doctoral Degree | 3 years |

GKS TIPS

- 1) Build strong bonds with professors in the universities you are going to apply to
- 2) Make sure to thoroughly analyze the GKS guideline, and gather every possible information
- 3) Remember wrong information can lead to minus points in screening and Interview
- 4) Practice and aim for TOPIK 3, Improve on your proficiency and fluency
- 5) Discuss certain topics with friends and family on regular basis
- 6) Use G-mail or google doc for grammatical corrections
- 7) Be yourself, confident and have willpower to do something
- 8) Don't give up at any point, be consistent, trust yourself and work as hard as possible
- 9) Focus on yourself; skills, talents (Do what you want to do)

STEPS TO CONTACTING A PROFESSOR

(E-mail must be short but concise and straight to point)

- 1) Know yourself (Choosing what you want to study and where)
- 2) Decide who to contact
- 3) Use G-mail (Third party emails may be filtered out as spam)
- 4) Do lucky five sentence magic (Include GKS, why you want to study the subject through GKS and why you contact that particular professor, ask if the accept international students towards the end)
- 5) Conclusion, "Thank you for reading my mail"
- 6) Attach your CV/ Personal Statement, letter of recommendation, GKS guideline

How to contact:

If the researcher or instructor's mailbox has public information on the webpage, you can directly send an email (in Korean or English). When composing an email, please note the following.

1. First, please briefly introduce yourself and attach your contact information. Teachers receive a lot of emails every day, so the content of the e-mails when they first contact you should be simple and clear.

2. Please explain how you learned about the other party (instructor) and write down the reason for choosing the other party. Does anyone introduce? Or see each other's papers in academic journals? It is best to attach a recommendation letter from a Korean professor.
3. Please tell the other party your research results and future research directions, and show that you are consistent with the other party's research directions.
4. Since the other party can generally only judge whether to accept you through email, it is unlikely that the recipient will immediately agree to receive it through only one email. Please be patient and continue to communicate many times and express your sincerity.

Note: Although it is very easy to send emails, it is recommended that you use letters when contacting the instructor for the first time, so as to give the other party a more careful and solemn impression.

DOs and DON'Ts FOR GKS

- 1) Do follow the instructions
- 2) Do take your time and make your work perfect
- 3) Do start with a killer sentence (Something catching)
- 4) Do be honest
- 5) Do make your own stories

SIX TYPES OF WORST APPLICANTS

- 1) Candidates who do not scrutinize the GKS guidelines and contact the admission offices by email or phone
- 2) Candidates who consciously or unconsciously pressure the admission committee
- 3) Candidates who beat around the bush
- 4) Candidates who are not sincere
- 5) Candidates who do not follow instructions
- 6) Candidates who forge recommenders' signature

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR GKS

SAMPLE OF WHAT ARE REQUIRED IN THE GKS PERSONAL STATEMENT

Instructions: Please type in Korean or in English. The essay must be single spaced within TWO pages, with the font Times New Roman/바탕체/돋움체, size 11. (11 points) The essay should include the following things. Please remove the instructions after reading it.

Motivations with which you apply for this program

Family and Education background

Significant experiences you have had; risks you have taken and achievements you have made, persons or events that have had a significant influence on you

Extracurricular activities such as club activities, community service activities or work experiences

If applicable, describe awards you have received, publications you have made, or skills you have acquired, etc.

PREPARATORY QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL STATEMENT

- ☐ What do you think is the most important for the admission committee to know about you?
- ☐ What's special, unique, distinctive, or impressive about you or your life story? What details of your life (personal or family problems/ history, any genuinely notable accomplishment, people or events that have shaped your life or influenced your goals) might help the committee better understand you or help set you apart from other applicants?
- ☐ When did you originally become interested in the field and what have you since learned about it – and about yourself- that has further stimulated your interest and reinforced your conviction that you are well suited to this field? What insights have you gained?
- ☐ How have you learned about this field through classes, readings, seminars, works or other experiences, or conversations with other people in the field?
- ☐ Are you aware of any events or experiences in your background that might be of particular interest to those considering my application for Global Korea Scholarship.
- ☐ If work experience has consumed significant periods of time during college years, what have you learned, (leadership or managerial skills, for example) and how has the work contributed to your personal growth?
- ☐ What are your career goals?
- ☐ Are there any gaps or discrepancies in your academic record that you should explain (great grades or mediocre GPA)
- ☐ Have you had to overcome any unusual obstacles or hardships (e.g. economic, familial, physical) in your life?
- ☐ What personal characteristics (integrity, compassion, persistence, for example) do you possess that would enhance your prospects for success in the field or professions? Is there a way to demonstrate or document that you have these characteristics?
- ☐ What skills (leadership, communicative, analytical for example) do you possess?
- ☐ Why might you be a stronger candidate for the scholarship/ undergraduate/ graduate school and more successful and effective in the profession or field than other applicants?

- ❑ What are the most compelling reasons you can give for the admissions committee to be interested in you?

Guideline on personal statement (GKS - U) and Tips for Writing Your Personal Statement:

1) Be Unique & Impressionable

- Write about why you want to study in Korea
- Why should they choose you, and remember you should try to stand out from the rest of the applicants?
- A gentle reminder though, your personal statement should be about YOU, so while you wax poetic about how great Korea is, remember to always relate it to yourself by giving concrete examples. So just write about something heartfelt with sincerity, and it will be an essay worth reading.
- Great and in-depth stories
- Don't use jargons
- Provide correct information all times
- Research your information thoroughly
- Be specific
- Don't waste space with un-important information
- Remember that, in general sense, what is most important is what you say and how you say it
- Whatever else you do, be sure to answer the question(s) the admission committee is asking
- Determine what you would tell an admissions committee member if you had five minutes to question "what is most important for us to know about you?" This will force you to do the type of thinking that must precede the preparation of an effective personal statement
- When appropriate, find an angle and tell a story about yourself. If your life has drama, use it.
- You are preparing a personal statement. Often it is appropriate and useful to include materials that is quite personal in nature
- Grab a reader's attention in the opening paragraph
- Review your life carefully in all aspects with external help, and make certain you have included all relevant information
- Be selective. Don't introduce inappropriate materials or get into so much detail that your judgment can be called into question
- Try to maintain a positive and upbeat tone. While it is often useful to deal candidly with aspects of your history that might be perceived negatively, overall you want to project confidence and enthusiasm
- Be specific when appropriate Avoid potentially controversial subjects
- Express yourself clearly and concisely.
- Adhere to stated words or page limit
- Be meticulous (type and proofread your essay carefully)

2) Compelling Story-Telling basing on the five areas of; Motivations with which you apply for this program, Family and Education background, Significant experiences you have had; risks you have taken and achievements you have made, persons or events that have had a significant influence on you, Extracurricular activities such as club activities, community service activities or work experiences, If applicable, describe awards you have received, publications you have made, or skills you have acquired, etc.

My advice is to use all these questions as prompts to tell stories about your life. Remember, excelling academically, or being active in co-curricular activities are merely prerequisites that will get you qualified but not necessarily chosen — this is a competitive scholarship and almost all the applicants would share these qualities, so you need to stand out.

- How did your parents raise you?
- How has your family influenced you?
- Don't just list your awards, make it story appealing

- Don't explain about your siblings
- Did your primary or secondary school environment shape your competitiveness or fear of failure?
- What did you learn from your engagement in volunteering with a local community?
- How did you manage to secure the awards you have received, and what does it mean to you?
- Also, personally, I like to write about failures when it comes to significant experiences because I think how I learn to overcome them defines me more than my successes. It is completely OK to write about your flaws because nobody is perfect, what is important is the effort you go through to improve yourself. The key is to pepper your personal statement with anecdotes that best helps the assessor understand who you are before meeting you in person, and seem like an interesting individual to talk to.
- In relation to your academic interest and personal experiences, please describe your motivation for your desired course. You may include information related to your preparation for the course and related academic achievements
- Please write about yourself with regard to your characteristics other than your record of academic achievement. This section is provided to illustrate the personal aspects of each applicant. The following contents may be included in this section, though this section is not limited to them; experiences which have been influential in your life, individual perspectives on current issues, or role models or figures you respect, should include the motivations, subjects you have studied, goals achieved
- Please briefly state your academic and extracurricular activities

3) Be Specific, Concise & Do Not Lie

- Keep in mind that vagueness is bad, so quantify your accomplishments whenever possible to demonstrate credibility. Think about what you are saying. (Is it interesting, relevant, different, memorable?)
- I recommend doing this because numbers are always more convincing and give more context for comparison.
- You would also want to write your personal statement using language that is easy to understand.
- I cannot emphasize enough that there is no need to use bombastic words or grammar, especially if you're doing it solely to impress.
- The most important thing is to write in a way that the sentences flow naturally and can be understood at first reading. There is no guarantee that the assessors will take time to go through your application in detail, and most of the time they do not.
- Also, not lying may seem like common sense to most people, but surprisingly some still resort to doing this to boost their application. Be truthful and stick to facts.
- Sell yourself, write about your most notable achievements, but do not exaggerate or conjure imaginary titles.
- You will be required to submit evidence to back your claims, and getting caught lying will automatically disqualify you. So be honest. Are you being yourself and revealing yourself?. In many cases, admission people are interested in finding out about who you are, and they appreciate honesty and candor.

5) Ask for Help

- When you're done with your essay, re-read it a few times to catch grammar mistakes and check that it flows naturally.
- Once you're happy with your personal statement, ask your friends or family or teachers to proofread it.
- I know it can be embarrassing to make people read about something as intimate as your personal statement, but getting honest feedback from other people really gives you the

perspective of how you come off as a person from the essay, and most of the time the constructive criticism you get helps improve your personal statement.

6) . What “**NOT**” to include;

- References to experiences or accomplishment during your primary, junior school or high school that are not related to your majors. With exception to traumatic events or extraordinary achievement that had a significant impact on your development or career plans which you have to go with.
- Don't mention subjects that are potentially controversial as you cannot know the biases of the admission committee. Try as much as possible to do away with politics and religion.

Once done, ask your-self the following questions and do each of them

- 1) Did my opening paragraph capture the attention of the admission committee?
- 2) Are my statements as a whole found to be interesting?
- 3) Is my personal statement well written?
- 4) Is my personal statement positive and upbeat?
- 5) Does my personal statement sound like me?
- 6) Do I regard it to be an honest and forthright presentation of who I am?
- 7) Ask yourself if you have answered all the questions?
- 8) Did my personal statement answer all the questions?
- 9) Can I think of anything relevant that I might have inadvertently omitted?
- 10) Is my writing after checking flowing and natural?
- 11) Are there materials within the statement that seems to be in appropriate?
- 12) Are there any notice of nay typos or other errors?
- 13) Has my personal statement in any way distinguished me from other applicants?
- 14) Grammar and vocabulary checks?
- 15) Is my application logical and natural

SAMPLE PERSONAL STATEMENT

(My personal statement, only first paragraph about my motivation for GKS)

STUDY PLAN

ORIGINAL STUDY PLAN TEMPLATE

Instructions: Please type in Korean or in English. The essay must be single spaced within THREE page, with the font Times New Roman/바탕체/돋움체, size 11. (11 points) It is advised that you discuss your academic goals and plans with your teacher before filling out this form. Please remove the instructions after reading it.

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Language Study Plan | <i>o Study plans to improve foreign languages (Korean, English, etc.) required for taking a degree course BEFORE and AFTER you come to Korea.</i> |
| | |
| Goal of study & Study Plan | <i>o Goal of study and detailed study plan</i> |
| | |
| Future Plan after Study | <i>o Future plan in Korea or another country after study in Korea</i> |
| | |

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR STUDY PLAN FOR GLOBAL KOREA SCHOLARSHIP

- 1) Don't be vague (How will you improve your language, willingness to learn Korean)
- 2) Don't plagiarize
- 3) Don't be selfish (How will you contribute your knowledge)

TIPS FOR WRITING A GREAT STUDY PLAN

- 1) Don't forget the GKS selection committee prefer those who put the public interest first over their personal interest
- 2) You can't do internship as a GKS Scholar without university recommendation
- 3) Should be in future tense
- 4) Include how you shall improve Korean and English even during undergraduate, or any other language you can speak. (Koreans love people who are polyglots).
- 5) Don't use hope to, use "will"
- 6) Try to use synonyms
- 7) Plan your study throughout the whole language program.

A. Study plans to improve foreign languages (Korean, English, etc.) required for taking a bachelor's degree course BEFORE and AFTER you come to Korea.

Self-learning Korean: Define your goals & break down the process of achieving a certain goal

1. Input-based goal: x hours of Korean per day (the more detailed your timetable the better).
2. Output-based goal: x chapters of TalktomeinKorean.com material/ Sogang University Textbook per day/ memorize xx new vocabulary per week etc.).
3. Timeline-based goal: finish TOPIK x material by month x and x
4. skill-based goal: elaborate on how you plan to improve your listening, writing, speaking, comprehension skills, such as language exchange through smartphone apps, or watching dramas, variety shows without subtitles, or reading Korean news etc. (if you can name the resources, that will make your plan more convincing)
5. How shall you use Korean contents, buddy program, k-pop, k-drama, ,write and speaking a lot
6. Write your targets for IELTS
7. What you will do to improve your knowledge both academically and professionally
8. If your hometown is a multilingual country, you can write a small paragraph where you can show them how strong you are, and how able you are to speak any new language because of your capacities in talking several languages.

B. Study plan for a bachelor's degree course

1. Please state the reason you choose such universities and departments (or majors), your academic goals, specific plans (including timeline) to achieve them, and future plan after completion of your study.
2. Why you became interested in the field
3. Mention some professors and facilities on campus (only for those who applied through University Track)
4. Be general and don't name a specific university if you applied through the embassy track, because your university choices will read the same Study plan.
5. Activities you have done in relationship to what you have chosen
6. Books you have read that have kindled your interest
7. If a school wants to know why you are applying to it rather than another school, do a bit more research if necessary to find out what sets your choice apart from other universities or programs. If the school setting would provide an important or cultural change for you, that would be a reason for you to mention
8. If you have internship experience and research plan
9. In case that preferred departments (or majors) of the preferred universities are different, please mention about them separately.)
10. Reasons for Choosing x University and x Department/ Major
11. Talking about the things that you will do during your bachelor's degree (the conferences, research internships, competitions, clubs ...) and what are the courses may consider as a unique and valuable course for you and why (for example, X course isn't available in your country schools, and they are related to something popular and well known in Korea)
 - ☐ The achievement of this university in a certain field coincides with your academic interest
 - ☐ Heard from friends/ acquaintances who had a great study experience there
 - ☐ Employability (quote your source of information)

- ☐ Ranking (but please, please, please, do not focus solely on this factor because ‘I want to study at Seoul National University because it has the highest ranking among Korean universities’ is the most generic and low-effort reason ever, even if it’s the truth)
- ☐ Strong foreign student support in the university (large community, established club/society for foreigners, free Korean language classes for foreigners etc.)
- ☐ Want to be under the tutelage of a certain professor

2. Academic Goals, Specific Plans to Achieve Them

1. Maintain GPA of x
2. Publish academic paper
3. Double-major/minor in x subject
4. Research internship at the lab
5. Go on a summer exchange program

C. Future Plan after Completion of Studies

Since the scholarship has no bond, you are free to do anything you want to after graduation. In my opinion, choosing to stay in Korea, or returning to your home country does not give you any advantage or disadvantage, so just write whatever is your original intention. It is normal for your goals & plans to change after 5 years and it’s not like they will force you to follow through with these goals. This is simply for the scholarship committee to know that you have given some thought about your future.

1. Further studies to Master’s level
2. Work in Korea in x industry
3. Work in the home country to contribute to national development
4. Become diplomat/ work towards strengthening the ties between Korea and home country
5. Researcher

Make sure to show them how you will contribute a very good and strong connection between your hometown and Korea, and how your future goals can make Korean community more perspective to your hometown culture.

ORIGINAL FORMAT OF THE RECOMMENDATION LETTER

To the applicant: Please fill in your name and the other required information below. In turn, deliver or email this form to the person who will write this letter. **NOTE:** Request your recommender to seal his or her letter of recommendation in an official envelope and sign across the back flap upon completion. Recommendation letters that are not sealed and signed will not be accepted.

Confidential

Name of Applicant: OGENRWOT DANIEL

Nationality: UGANDAN Desired Degree Program: ☒ Bachelor's ☐ Associate

Intended Major: COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

To be completed by the recommender:

Your frank and candid evaluation of the applicant will be highly appreciated in the selection of Global Korea Scholarship awardees and the admissions to a Korean university. We greatly appreciate your time and effort.

***You may use your own recommendation letter template and attach your letter to this form. However, we hope to glean the following information of the applicant from your recommendation letter:**

- How long have you known the applicant and in what relationship?
- What are applicant's capabilities, strengths, and weaknesses (in regards to academic achievement, passion and interest for intended major, future academic potential, integrity, responsibility, independence, creativity, adaptability, communication skills, and others)?
- Please comment on the applicant's performance record, potential, or personal qualities which you believe would be helpful in considering the applicant's application for the proposed degree/research program.

Recommender's Name

Recommender's Signature _____ Date

Position or Title: _____ School (Institution):

Address:

_____ (zip-code: _____)

Email: _____ Tel: _____

****Instruction for the recommender: After completing the recommendation letter, please add date and your signature at the bottom. Recommendation letters that are not signed and dated will not be considered valid. Please attach this form and your recommendation letters sealed in an envelope (sign across the back flap) and deliver the sealed envelope to the applicant. ** For the recommenders of Embassy Track Applicants: Please printout or make 3 photocopies of the letter you wrote and sign all copies (1 original and 3 photocopied letters) respectively. Please enclose all 4 letters and this form altogether in an official envelope and sign across the back flap.***

5.2 MUST INCLUDE IN THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- 1) How long have you known the applicant and in what criteria?
- 2) You should have studied some subjects and done activities related to the applied major and shown great performance (specific, use numbers)
- 3) Comment on applicant's independency (Overcoming stories, project by recommender)
- 4) If you can dedicate yourself to South Korea and Uganda

THE INTERVIEW

DRESSING CODES

The more important thing to consider when you are dressing for a scholarship interview is that you should look professional and polished.

| MALE | FEMALE |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Suit in solid colour such as navy, black, dark Gray<input type="checkbox"/> Black or Brown Shoes<input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve shirt that is white<input type="checkbox"/> Tie<input type="checkbox"/> Leather belt<input type="checkbox"/> Dark socks<input type="checkbox"/> Neat professional hairstyle<input type="checkbox"/> Limited after shave<input type="checkbox"/> Neatly trimmed nails<input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio or briefcase | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Suit in navy, black or dark Gray<input type="checkbox"/> Suit skirt just below or above the knees<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinated blouse<input type="checkbox"/> Conservative shoes<input type="checkbox"/> Limited jewelry<input type="checkbox"/> No very large dangling earrings or arms full of bracelets<input type="checkbox"/> No jewelry is better than cheap jewelry<input type="checkbox"/> Professional hairstyle<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral- coloured pantyhose<input type="checkbox"/> Light makeup and limited amount of perfume<input type="checkbox"/> Clean, neatly manicured nails<input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio or briefcase |

Some tips when dressing for Global Scholarship interview

- Research Korean culture and dress code
- Invest in power outfit
- Wear appropriate and comfortable shoes
- Try out you interview outfits
- Don't over accessorize
- Groom yourself
- Well in advance for your interview, make sure you have appropriate interview attire, and everything fits together
- Be sure to polish your shoes the night before

SECRETS FOR SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEWS (DOs and DON'Ts AND INTERVIEW ETIQUETTES)

- Be human not a computer (Remember key words, phrases and link them to your goals), work on your body gesture, tone of voice, facial expression
- Look formal (Black and White dressing), or formal interview dressing code.
- Start greeting in Korean, say it with a bow. (If you know some Korean)
- Use positive words and impressions
- Speak slowly and correctly
- Be honest
- Send a thank you letter
- Wait till interviewer ends the interview, call or close the zoom
- Compose yourself, be humble, articulate, grateful, and don't appear braggart

- 10) Don't try to answer questions without understanding, if need be, ask to understand the question.
- 11) Put on smiles as you answer the questions. But don't over exaggerate the smiles. Let it be natural
- 12) If you are given an opportunity to ask a question, take it up and ask
- 13) Be punctual.
- 14) Know yourself (If you don't know yourself, how would you expect them to know you?)
- 15) Be confident BUT stay humble, not arrogant. It is okay to talk about your achievements/certificates/experiences, it is not bragging and even encouraged.
- 16) Make eye contact and smile (but not in a creepy way!!!)
- 17) Make it brief, clear, and straight to the point yet comprehensive (don't just circle around the same thing over and over again, present something new.)
- 18) Take a deep breath, relax. Sit in a good posture and maybe you might want to learn some positive gestures/body language during the interview, Google it.
- 19) Analyze the scholarship booklet. Analyze what NIIED and the Republic of Korea is looking for in a candidate and prospective scholars and make a list of the skills, knowledge, professional and personal qualities that are required by the GKS committee and are critical for success in both your studies and interview process.
- 20) Make a match Create a list of all your skills, qualifications, experience, knowledge and achievements to share with the interviewer. Make sure that these correlates directly with the skills and abilities required for Global Korea Scholarship. Review your list, and GKS requirements, prior to the interview.
- 21) Research about Global Korea Scholarship, universities you are applying to, Embassy of Korea in your country, Republic of Korea and Collect as much information as you can and learn about them. The best place to get information is the official websites.
- 22) Practice Interviewing Develop standard possible questions you are likely to be asked during the interview and practice answering them. This will help give you a framework for your responses and help calm your nerves. Review common GKS scholarship interview questions and answers and think about how you will respond so you are prepared to answer.
- 23) Get your interview clothes ready. Have an interview outfit ready to wear in advance. It is vital to make a great first impression.
- 24) It's important to know what to bring to the GKS interview - a portfolio with extra copies of your Curriculum Vitae (CV), a list of references, and a list of questions to ask the interviewer. Do not take along your cell phone, a cup of coffee, gum, or anything else other than yourself and your credential.
- 25) Get Directions It's important to know where you need to go for your GKS interview - ahead of time. Use Google Maps or call the Embassy for directions if you're not sure where you are going. If you have the time, it's a good idea to do a practice run a day or two before the interview to avoid getting lost and arriving late to the interview. Arrive to the venue at least 30 min or 15 min earlier to compose yourself and calm your nerves.
- 26) Practice Interview etiquette Proper interview etiquette is important. Remember to greet the receptionist, your interviewer, and everyone else you meet politely, pleasantly and enthusiastically. During the interview watch your body language - shake hands firmly and make eye contact as you articulate your points. Relax and lean forward a little towards the interviewer so you appear interested and engaged. Don't lean back or slump in your chair. You will look too casual and relaxed. Keep your feet on the floor and your back against the lower back of the chair. Pay attention, be attentive, and look interested.
- 27) Listen and Ask Questions during a GKS interview, listening is just as important as answering questions. If you're not paying attention, you're not going to be able to give a good response. It's important to listen to the interviewer, to pay attention, and to take time, if you need it, to compose an appropriate answer. Also, be ready to engage the interviewer and ask questions. The interviewer may inform you in the beginning that you will be given a chance to ask

questions at the end of the interview, make sure you ask questions related to the job you are being interviewed for.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO THE INTERVIEW?

- ☐ Gum
- ☐ Coffee or Soda
- ☐ If you have a lot of piercing, consider leave some of your jewelry at home (earrings is a good rule)
- ☐ If possible, cover tattoos

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA

1. Why South Korea? (Asked) (Why are you leaving (or did you leave) your country?)/ why did you choose Korea as your first choice?
2. Why do you want to study in Korea? Describe your ideal study environment, location and university. (What are some of the good points for living in South Korea?)
3. What do you know about South Korea's culture?
4. What makes you interested in South Korea? / What do you know about Korea?
5. Do you know how to speak Korean? How would you cope up with language barriers?
6. What is one challenge that you think you will face in Korea? How would you cope with it? Why do you think you can overcome it? "How do you deal with pressure or stressful situations?" How will you deal with loneliness while in Korea?
7. Tell us the positive and negative things about Korea? What you like/dislike about Korea?
Remember the rule: Never be negative. Stress only the good points, no matter how charmingly you're invited to be critical. The idea is to find out how loyal you are to South Korea.
8. (If you submitted TOPIK/IELTS/TOEFL) how did you learn the language? How confident are you with the language?
9. If you didn't submit the certificates, how are you going to learn the language?
10. Will you return to (your home country)? Stay in Korea? Work in Korea? Continue to study in Korea?
11. What has Korea done in your country?
12. What will be the hardest thing for you while living in Korea?
13. How will you deal with loneliness in Korea?

If you can speak well Korean, you can make a simple introduction in Korean, to make a good impression.

WHY DO YOU APPLY FOR GLOBAL KOREA SCHOLARSHIP?

- 1) Why did you apply for GKS? Why not other scholarships? (asked)
- 2) Why do you deserve this scholarship?
- 3) If you fail GKS, will you apply again? (asked) What is your plan in case you do not become a GKS Scholar? **(Show emotion when answering)**
- 4) How did you find out about KGSP? (How did you hear about this position?)
- 5) 4. How would you help or benefit Inter-Korea relations if you are granted the scholarship?
- 6) What makes you think you can survive for 5 years away from home? If you are to be granted this scholarship, what can you do for the benefit of your country and its relationship with South Korea?
- 7) Have you ever been to Korea/other countries before? How was it? (asked)
- 8) How will you tackle cultural differences?
- 9) Tell me about a situation when your work was criticized. / Tell us an embarrassing moment in your life and how did you deal with it.
- 10) Could you have done better in your last country?
- 11) What are your outside interests?
- 12) Who is your role model? Why?
- 13) How shall you deal with religious differences?
- 14) Do you have any questions for us? (If you have any, just to clear up your confusion maybe)
- 15) What motivates you?
- 16) What would you do for Korea in return?
- 17) What are your plans after five years regarding the Korean language?
- 18) What kind of experience do you have concerning the Korean language, culture or koura in general?

WHY CERTAIN MAJOR AND PARTICULAR DEPARTMENT/ UNIVERSITY?

- 1) Why did you choose that university?
 1. Why did you choose Ulsan National INstitute of Science and Technology?
 2. Why Seoul National UNiversity?

POSSIBLE OTHER QUESTIONS

someone ma**Why did you choose that major? / What are your career options right now? / Why Electrical Engineering? / Why computer science and Engineering?**

kes inappropriate comments about you, how will you react to it?

If you have exams the same day your mother is sick. What will you do?

How can we trust that you can go through five years without giving up?

Tell Me About Yourself.

Please describe yourself.

What do you consider to be your biggest professional/ academic achievement?

What sets you apart from other candidates?

What makes you a good fit for the scholarship?

Why do you think you can do well under this scholarship?

What can you bring to Korea from your country?

Why is our Global Korea Scholarship interesting to you?

What do you know about GKS?

What can you offer us that someone else can not?

What is Your Greatest Weakness?

What would your colleagues say you need to work on?

What would your current manager say are your biggest areas of improvement?

How self-aware would you say you are? Tell me about your blind spots.

Tell me about a time when you received negative feedback at studies/ work/ project

How do you deal with pressure?

HowWhat do you consider to be your weaknesses?

What is Your Greatest Strength?

What would your boss say about you?

How would your manager describe you?

What are positive things your boss would say about you?

Tell me about a time when you handled a challenging situation.

Tell me about a time you were under a lot of pressure.

Tell me about a time you demonstrated leadership skills.

Do you work well under pressure?

What is your greatest accomplishment?

Where Do You See Yourself in 5 Years?

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

What are your academic/ career goals?

Describe your academic/ career goals

What are your long-term academic/ career goals?

What are your short-term career goals?

What are you looking for by applying for this scholarship?

What is most important to you in your academic/ career?

Describe Yourself in One Sentence.

How would you describe yourself?"

Describe yourself in one word."

What are you passionate about?"

What motivates you?"

What Would You Do in the First 30 Days?

What is your 30 day plan if you got the scholarship?

What is your 60 day plan if you got the scholarship?

What is your 90 day plan if you got the scholarship?

How Would You Deal with Angry students/ professors/ technicians?

Describe a time you went out of your way to help somebody.

How would you respond to a complaint from a Minister of Education of the Republic of Korea?

Describe a time when your work was criticized.

How Do You Handle Stress?

How do you combat stressful situations?

Tell me about a time when you dealt with a stressful situation.

Do You Work Well with Others?

Tell me about a time when you worked well with others.

How do you use teamwork to get things done?

Are you a team player?

How Would You Define Success?

What does success look like to you?

How do you plan to achieve success in your academics?

What do you think are qualities of a successful GKS Scholar?

What is Your Leadership Style?

Tell me about a time when you demonstrated leadership.

What's your management style?

Describe your work style.

What Kind of Study Environment Do You Like?

What kind of university do you study well in?

What type of academic culture do you thrive in?

Do you have a preferred study setup?

Do you prefer studying/ working alone or in a team environment?

What would be your ideal studying/ working environment?

What is most important to you in a role or study/ work environment?

Is There Anything Else You'd Like Us to Know?

Can you summarize your qualifications?

What should I know that's not on your resume?

What is something we haven't covered yet that you would like us to know?

Why is there a Gap in Your Resume?

Can you explain why you changed career paths?

Why was there a gap in your employment?

What have you done in the past year since being unemployed?

Do you Have Any Questions for Us?

What metrics or goals will my performance be evaluated against?

Is there anything we haven't covered that's important to know for studying in South Korea?

Do you have any hesitations about my qualifications?