

2026 Global Korea Scholarship (Graduate Program)



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KEIMYUNG UNIVERSITY

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▣ Program Objective

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

▣ Eligibility

1. The applicant and his/her parents must have foreign citizenships. And all applicants must hold citizenship of NIIED designated countries that are invited to take part in the GKS program.
※ Applicants who hold Korean citizenship are not permitted to apply for this program.
2. Applicants must be under 40 years of age as of Sep. 1st, 2026 (born after Sep. 1st, 1986).
 - Current academic professors in one of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) recipients* who are under 45 years of age (born after September 1, 1981) are eligible to apply.

* DAC List of ODA Recipients on 2025 flows (www.oecd.org)

3. Applicants must hold a Bachelor's (For Master's program) or Master's degree (For the Doctoral program) or a diploma that is equivalent by July 31st, 2026.
4. Applicants who have completed a degree in Korea are not eligible to apply.
5. Applicants must hold a grade point average (G.P.A.) of at least 2.64 on a 4.0 scale, 2.80 on a 4.3 scale, 2.91 on a 4.5 scale, 3.23 on a 5.0 scale or grades/marks/score of 80% or higher from the previously attended institution.

▣ Selection Procedure

1st Selection: Each 1st selection institution (Korean Embassies or designated universities) will select and recommend the best applicants according to its respective standards.

2nd Selection: The NIIED Selection Committee will select the most successful candidates from the pool of applicants recommended by the 1st selection institutions. Applicants who were recommended by a designated university will automatically be granted admission to the university that recommended them, upon the condition they are selected as a successful candidate in the 2nd Selection.

3rd Selection: Only the candidates who were recommended by a Korean embassy and passed the 2nd selection successfully will be evaluated for admission by the 3 universities to which they applied; each candidate has to gain admission from at least one university.

▣ Scholarship

1. Duration of Scholarship:

- Master's (01.09.2026 ~ 31.08.2029): 1 yr. of Korean language + 2 yrs. of Master program
- Doctoral (01.09.2026 ~ 31.08.2030): 1 yr. of Korean language + 3 yrs. of Doctoral program

* NOTE!

- After the Korean language course, the scholarship period of degree course cannot be extended beyond the designated duration.
- In the case that a scholar possesses a TOPIK Level 5 or 6, he or she must be exempted from the Korean language course and must start his/her academic course of Master or Doctoral.

2. Scholarship Benefits

Airfare	Round-trip economy class ticket (actual expense) * If your return is delayed, the return flight ticket will not be provided.
Monthly Allowance	Around 1,300,000 won (KRW) per month
Language Training Fee	Fully coverage
Degree Tuition	Fully coverage
Special funding for Scholars proficient in the Korean language (TOPIK speaking above Level 5):	300,000 KRW (given one time)

* Depending on the guidelines for NIIED, the scholarship amount will be changed.

▣ Admission Schedule

Procedure	Dates	Note
Application Submission Period	February 19 ~ April 1, 2026	By Post or In Person
Application Screening & Interview	April 2 ~ 15, 2026	By E-mail and Call
1 st Selection Result Announcement (by Keimyung University)	April 27, 2026(Expected)	By E-mail
2 nd Selection Result Announcement (by NIIED Selection Committee)	In June, 2026	On NIIED website

* Post will be accepted only if received by Graduate School office by the deadline, April 1, 2026; late arrivals will not be considered.

▣ Fields of Study

Area	Department	Program		Majors
		M.A.	Ph.D.	
Humanities and Social Science	Korean Language and Literature	○	○	• Korean Language • Korean Literature
	Teaching Korean as a Foreign Language	○	○	• Teaching Korean as a Foreign Language • Korean Studies
	Early Childhood Education	○	○	• Early Childhood Education

Humanities and Social Science	Economics and Consumer	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics • Consumer Science
	Business Administration	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation and Service Management • HRM & Organizational Behavior • Marketing • Financial Management • International Business Administration
	Tourism Management	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Management
	Social Welfare	○	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Welfare
	Psychology	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experimental and Cognitive Psychology • Clinical Psychology • Counseling Psychology • Industrial Psychology
	Public Administration	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Administration
	Philosophy	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy • Ethics
	Library and Information Science	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library and Information Science
	International Trade	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Trade Theory • International Trade Laws and Practices
	Sociology	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology
	Management Information System	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Information Systems
	English Education	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Education
	Interpretation and Translation	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Interpretation and Translation • Chinese Interpretation and Translation
	Fashion Business	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fashion Marketing
	Education	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Statistics and Evaluation • Educational Management and Leadership • Educational Psychology • Educational Technology
	Police Administration	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Administration
	Law	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Law • Private Law
Natural Sciences	Statistics	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biostatistics • Big Data Analytics • Applied Statistics
	Biology	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Sciences
	Public Health	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health

	Food Science and Technology	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Science and Technology • Bio-Health Convergence
	Food Science and Nutrition	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition
	Nursing	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult and Emergency Nursing • Maternal Children and Psychiatric Nursing • Community Nursing and Nursing Management
	Pharmacy (R&D only)	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy
Engineering	Chemical Engineering	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical Engineering • Industrial Chemistry
	Computer Engineering	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial Intelligence • Computer Systems
	Civil Engineering	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural Engineering • Water Resource Engineering • Environmental Engineering • Geo-Technical and Construction Engineering
	Mechanical Engineering	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical Engineering
	Electronic and Electrical Engineering	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Engineering • Electrical Engineering
	Architecture	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural Engineering • Architectural Design • Landscape Architecture
	Urban Planning and Transportation Engineering	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Engineering
	Robot Systems Engineering	○	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robot Engineering
Arts and Physical Education Science	Physical Education	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education • Dance
	Design	○	○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Communication Design • Industrial Design • Craft Design • Fashion Design • Textile Design

※ "○" indicates the course is open for admission

▣ Selection Criterion

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

▣ Required Documents

1. Required Documents: **One original document (Copied documents are not accepted)**
2. Documents not in English or Korean must be accompanied by a complete English or Korean translation authenticated by the issuing institution or notarized by a notary's office.

No.	Check List for Application Documents	Master's	Doctoral
1	Applicant Form (Form 1)	Required	Required
2	Personal Statement (Form 2)	Required	Required
3	Study Plan (Form 3)	Required	Required
4	ONE letter of Recommendation (Form 5)	Required	Required
5	GKS Applicant Agreement (Form 8)	Required	Required
6	Personal Medical Assessment (Form 9)	Required	Required
7	Consent to Collect and Use Personal Information (Form 10)	Required	Required
8	Applicant's/Parent(s)' Proof of Citizenship and Family Relationship Document	Required	Required
9	Certificate of Bachelor's degree or Bachelor's Diploma (Original)	Required	Required
10	Bachelor's degree Transcript (Original)	Required	Required
11	Certificate of Master's degree or Master's Diploma (Original)		Required
12	Master's degree Transcript (Original)		Required
13	Proof of Overseas Korean Document/ Proof of Korean Adoptee Document * ONLY for overseas Korean	Optional	Optional
14	Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation Document * ONLY for previous Korean citizenship holders	Optional	Optional
15	Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	Optional	Optional
16	Certificate of Employment or certificate of Experience (e.g., faculty members of the International Organization partner university)	Optional	Optional
17	Certificate of valid TOPIK score	Optional	Optional
18	Certificate of valid English Proficiency Test	Optional	Optional
19	Published Papers, Research papers, and etc.	Optional	Optional
20	Awards	Optional	Optional
21	Applicant's Passport (copy)	Optional	Optional

▣ Important Notes

- **Dual applications are not accepted. Applicants must apply for this program via only one institution.**
- Documents should be presented in their original form.
- Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants.
- Incomplete or incorrect documents may lead to application rejection or failure in the Selection Committee, and scholarship revocation even after entry into Korea.

- In case of submitting photocopied documents, **applicants MUST have the copies notarized or apostilled and then submit the notarized or apostilled copies.**
- Applicants must accurately complete the health checklist truthfully. All successful candidates must take a comprehensive medical exam before orientation. The candidates who are judged to be physically unfit for this program will not be accepted.
- **Transferring to a different university and different department after confirming the host university is not permitted under any circumstance.**

▣ Accommodation

1. Priority to enter on-campus residence halls are given to GKS scholars and the university supports 50% of dormitory maintenance fee.
2. Facilities in the residence halls: internet zone, study room, praying room, laundry room, fitness center, table tennis courts, multi-purpose outdoor playground for soccer and basketball, etc.
3. Discounted Dormitory Fees (for GKS Scholars)

Including Meal Plan	Excluding Meal Plan
1,555,000KRW per semester	651,000KRW per semester

* The above costs are based for Spring semester of 2026 and are subject to change in the future.

- Includes Student Council Fee (10,000 KRW)

* Meal plan includes breakfast and dinner during weekdays and 3 meals during weekends and holidays.

* The student will pay the above amount excluded the university support amount (50% of dormitory maintenance fee: 325,500KRW)

▣ Campus Life

1. Campus Facilities

- 1) International lounge where international students can participate in intercultural events and meet new friends.
- 2) Meditation room (Prayer room)
- 3) Korean Language Institute, Dongsan Library, Hengso Museum, Keimyung Art Center, Keimyung Hankakchon (Korean cultural village) and an on-campus clinic
- 4) Reading room only for graduate students

2. Cultural Programs for International Students

- 1) Field trip to historical sites held once a semester
- 2) Buddy program

3) International students' festival, temple stay, etc.

3. Counseling Service

- 1) Monthly counseling session
- 2) Orientation for new students: academic matters, campus life, visas, extracurricular programs for international students, etc.

▣ About Keimyung

- **Date of Foundation:** 1899
- **Type:** Private
- **Location:** Daegu, Republic of Korea
 - 100 minutes away by express train from Seoul, the capital city
 - One hour drive from the East Ocean
- **Academic Program**
 - Undergraduate: 14 colleges, 21 faculties, and 89 departments
 - Postgraduate: 9 graduate schools
- **Faculty:** 813 full time faculty members
- **Student Enrollment:** 23,276 students
 - 19,219 undergraduate students
 - 1,725 graduate students
 - 2,332 international students

▣ Contact for Admission Counseling

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