

# Korean Government Scholarship Program

## Purpose

To provide international students with opportunities to conduct advanced studies in undergraduate & graduate programs at higher educational institutions in the Republic of Korea in order to promote international exchanges in education and mutual friendship between countries.

## Available Options in Universities

- Undergraduate course: 4-year courses at designated universities
  - ※ Transferring between universities is not allowed.  
(e.g. Starting studies at the junior year is not allowed.)
- Graduate course: Master's or Ph.D. courses at general graduate schools of Korean universities
- Total Candidates to be Selected  
170 persons (undergraduate course), 700 persons (graduate course)

## Korea Language Training

Grantees are required to take Korean language training courses for 1 year at a language institution located on-campus of the domestic universities. (Those who have attained a Korean language fluency score higher than level 5 in TOPIK are exempt from this requirement.)

## Application Procedure

Time line	Undergraduate	Graduate
Announcement released	Sept. in the year prior to planned studies in Korea	Feb. in the year of planned studies in Korea
Recommend candidates (Track 1 : through Korean Embassies, Track 2 : through designated universities)	Oct.-Nov. in the year prior to planned studies in Korea	Mar.-Apr. in the year of planned studies in Korea
Results released	Jan. in the year of planned studies in Korea	June in the year of planned studies in Korea
Arrival in Korea	Late Feb. in the year of planned studies in Korea	Late Aug. in the year of planned studies

## Scholarship Benefit

Categories	Airfare	Resettlement Allowance	Living Allowance	Medical Insurance	Language Courses	Tuition Fees	Award for Excellent Korean Language Proficiency	Research Support	Printing Costs (Dissertation)	Completion Grant
Amount (KRW)	Actual cost	KRW 200,000	Under graduate: 800,000 Graduate: 900,000	KRW 20,000 (per month)	KRW 800,000 per quarter	Actual cost (No more than 5 million KRW per semester)	KRW 100,000	KRW 210,000 – 240,000 (per semester)	KRW 500,000 – 800,000	KRW 100,000 (Once)

## Qualifications

- Both an applicant and his/her parents must be citizens of their country of origin.
    - ※ Applicants should not hold Korean citizenship.
  - Applicants should have adequate health, both mentally and physically, to stay in a foreign country for a long time.
  - Should be under 25 years of age at the date of entrance. (Undergraduate)
  - Should be under 40 years of age at the date of entrance. (Graduate)
  - Have finished or be scheduled to finish formal education of all elementary, middle, high school courses by the date of arrival. (Undergraduate)
  - Hold a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree by the date of arrival. (Graduate)
    - ※ Applicants who have previously enrolled in a university in Korea are not eligible to apply to the KGSP program. Specifically, an applicant who has previously enrolled in any undergraduate program, master's program, or doctoral program in Korea cannot apply for this program.
- However, a KGSP scholar who has graduated can apply for this program again only via the embassy and only if he/she holds a TOPIK score of at least Level 4 and obtains another recommendation from the Korean Embassy of his/her respective country of origin (re-application is limited to one instance).
- Possess a grade point average (G.P.A.) above 80% from the last educational institution attended.

## Procedure for the Scholarship Award

NIIED invites the Korean Embassy in the invited country or a domestic university to recommend potential candidates.

Applicants should submit all documents related to their scholarship application to the Korean Embassy in their country of residence to or the domestic university concerned.

The Korean Embassy or the domestic university sends proper candidates to NIIED with the required documents.

NIIED evaluates potential candidates and notifies the Korean Embassy of the final selected KGSP grantees. Scholarship Benefit Application Procedure

Refer to the website below regarding GKS(KGSP).

[http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/sub/gks/allnew\\_invite.do](http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/sub/gks/allnew_invite.do)