



2025 Global Korea Scholarship

Application Guidelines for Graduate Degrees

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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 at graduate-level 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 is changed to **GKS**(Global Korea Scholarship).

2. PROGRAMS AND QUOTA

☐ Degree Programs

Category	Master's Degree	Doctoral Degree	Research
Period	1 year of Korean language program + 2 years of degree program	1 year of Korean language program + 3 years of degree program	6 months or 1 year

☐ Application Track

University Track					
General		Specialization			Total
General	R-GKS	R & D	Research	[New] International Organization	
150	465	300	5	100	1020

- CNU Admissions
 - General(General + R-GKS) Quota : 25 **Candidate**
 - R&D Quota : 8 **Candidate**[Department of Physics, Food Science & Technology]
 - Research Quota : 1 **Candidate**
 - **International Organization**[World Bank, ADB] : A few **Candidate**

☐ Available Fields of Study

Department	Master's degree	Doctoral degree	Graduate Course	
	Major	Major	Master's	Doctoral
Korean Language and Literature	Classic Literature	Classic Literature	○	○
	Korean Linguistics	Korean Linguistics		
	Modern Korean Literature	Modern Korean Literature		
French Language and Literature	French Literature	French Literature	○	○
	French Linguistics	French Linguistics		
Chinese Language and Literature	Chinese language and literature	Chinese Literature	○	○
	Korean Chinese Interpretation and Translation	Chinese Linguistics		
Sino-Korean Literature	Sino-Korean Literature	Sino-Korean Literature	○	○
	Classics Translation			
Linguistics	Theoretical Linguistics	Theoretical Linguistics	○	○
	Computational Linguistics	Computational Linguistics		
Psychology	Psychology	Psychology	○	○
Local Autonomy Administration	Local Autonomy Administration	Local Autonomy Administration	○	○
Political Science and Diplomacy	International Politics and Defense Foreign Policy	International Politics and Defense Foreign Policy	○	○
	Political Philosophy and Comparative Politics	Political Philosophy and Comparative Politics		
Business Administration	Marketing	Marketing	○	○
	Operations Management-MIS	Operations Management-MIS		
	Human Resource Management-Organizational Behavior	Human Resource Management-Organizational Behavior		
	Financial Management	Financial Management		
	International Business	International Business		
Accounting	Management Accounting	Management Accounting	○	○
	Financial Accounting	Financial Accounting		
International Trade	International Trade	International Trade	○	○
	Global Value Chain			
Agricultural Economics	Agricultural Economics	Agricultural Economics	○	○
Education	Education Psychology and Curriculum	Education Psychology and Curriculum	○	○
	Philosophy and History of Education	Philosophy and History of Education		
	Administration and Sociology of Education	Administration and Sociology of Education		

Department	Master's degree	Doctoral degree	Graduate Course	
	Major	Major	Master's	Doctoral
Mathematics	Pure Mathematics	Pure Mathematics	○	○
	Applied Mathematics	Applied Mathematics		
Physics	Physics	Physics	□	□ ☆
Chemistry	Chemistry	Organic Chemistry	○	○
		Physical Chemistry		
		Inorganic Chemistry		
		Analytical Chemistry		
Biochemistry	Biochemistry	Biochemistry	○	○, ☆
Earth Environmental & Space Convergence Sciences	Geological Sciences	Geological Sciences	○	○
	Marine Environmental Science	Marine Environmental Science		
	Astronomy and Space Science	Astronomy and Space Science		
	Atmospheric Space	Atmospheric Space		
Agronomy	Breeding	Breeding	○	○
	Crop Science	Crop Science		
Horticulture	Horticulture	Horticulture	○	○
Forest Resources	Forest Resources Management	Forest Resources	○	○
	Forest Resources			
Applied Biology	Entomology	Entomology	○	○, ☆
	Plant Pathology	Plant Pathology		
Dairy Science	Dairy Science and Resources	Dairy Science and Resources	○	○
	Dairy food and Biotechnology	Dairy food and Biotechnology		
Animal Science	Animal Breeding and Reproduction	Animal Breeding and Reproduction	○	○
	Animal Science	Animal Science		
Agricultural Machinery Engineering	Bioproduction Machinery Engineering	Bioproduction Machinery Engineering	○	○
	Bioresources Process & Environment Control Engineering	Bioresources Process & Environment Control Engineering		
Food Science & Technology	Food Biotechnology	Food Biotechnology	□	□ ☆
Smart Agricultural Systems	Smart Agriculture Machinery Systems	Smart Agriculture Machinery Systems	○	○
	Smart Agriculture Resources and Technology	Smart Agriculture Resources and Technology		
Bio-big data	Bio-big data and precision agriculture		○	X

※ Departments marked with "☆" can apply for research courses

※ Departments marked with "□" can apply for R&D

Department	Master's degree	Doctoral degree	Graduate Course	
	Major	Major	Master's	Doctoral
Pharmacy	Drug Target	Drug Target	○	○, ☆
	Drug Evaluation	Drug Evaluation		
	Drug Resource	Drug Resource		
Clinical Pharmacy & Administration	Clinical Pharmacy & Administration	Clinical Pharmacy & Administration	○	○, ☆
	Industrial Pharmacy			
Consumer Science	Consumer Science	Consumer Science	○	○
Nursing	Nursing	Nursing	○	○
Bioscience and Biotechnology	Biodiversity & Environmental Ecology	Biodiversity & Environmental Ecology	○	○
	Molecular Functional Biology	Molecular Functional Biology		
	Plant Systems Biology	Plant Systems Biology		
	Convergent Bioscience and Informatics	Convergent Bioscience and Informatics		
	Molecular Microbiology and Biotechnology	Molecular Microbiology		
		Molecular Biotechnology		
Polymer Engineering	Polymer Engineering	Polymer Engineering	○	○, ☆
Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry	Industrial Chemistry	Industrial Chemistry	○	○
	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering		
	Convergent Chemical Materials Engineering	Convergent Chemical Materials Engineering		
Materials Science & Engineering	Applied Materials Engineering	Applied Materials Engineering	○	○, ☆
	Materials Science & Engineering	Materials Science & Engineering		
Radio & Information Communications Engineering	Radio Sciences and Engineering	Radio Sciences and Engineering	○	○
	Computer Network	Computer Network		
	Communication System	Communication System		
	Computer System	Computer System		
Electronics Engineering	Microwaves and Optics	Microwaves and Optics	○	○
	Semiconductor and Circuits	Semiconductor and Circuits		
	Control and Navigation	Control and Navigation		
	Communication and Signal Processing	Communication and Signal Processing		
Mechanical Engineering	Solid Mechanics and Control	Solid Mechanics and Control	○	○
	Convergent Manufacturing Engineering	Convergent Manufacturing Engineering		
	Thermal Fluid Engineering	Thermal Fluid Engineering		
Mechatronics Engineering	Mechatronics Engineering	Mechatronics Engineering	○	○
Autonomous Vehicle System Engineering	Autonomous Vehicle System Engineering	Autonomous Vehicle System Engineering	○	○, ☆
Electrical Engineering	Electrical Machine & Materials	Electrical Machine & Materials	○	○
	Electric Power and Automation	Electric Power and Automation		
	Electric Power IT	Electric Power IT		

※ Departments marked with "☆" can apply for research courses

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	Major	Major	Master's	Doctoral
Applied Organic Materials Engineering	Applied Organic Materials Engineering	Applied Organic Materials Engineering	○	○
Environmental Engineering	Water management & Drinking water Engineering	Environmental Engineering	○	○
	Air, Energy, Waste Engineering			
Environmental and IT Convergence	Environmental and IT Convergence	Environmental and IT Convergence	○	○
Architectural Engineering	Architectural Planning-Building Environmental Design and Engineering	Architectural Planning-Building Environmental Design and Engineering	○	○, ☆
	Building Structural Engineering · Building Material and Construction	Building Structural Engineering · Building Material and Construction		
Computer Engineering	Network and Security	Network and Security	○	○
	Artificial Intelligence	Artificial Intelligence		
	Computer Systems and Software	Computer Systems and Software		
Engineering Technology Education	Technology & Invention Education	Technology & Invention Education	○	○
	Industrial & Engineering Education	Industrial & Engineering Education		
Convergence System Engineering	Smart Materials and Structural Engineering	Smart Materials and Structural Engineering	○	○
	Convergence Manufacturing and Smart Electronics	Convergence Manufacturing and Smart Electronics		
Biomedical Engineering	Biomedical Engineering	Biomedical Engineering	○	○
Veterinary Medicine	Basic Veterinary Medical Science	Basic Veterinary Medical Science	○	○, ☆
	Preventive Veterinary Medical Science	Preventive Veterinary Medical Science		
	Clinical Veterinary Medical Science	Clinical Veterinary Medical Science		
Veterinary Biomedical Science	Veterinary Biomedical Science	Veterinary Biomedical Science	○	○, ☆
Music	Music		○	X
Wind and String Instrument	Wind and String Instrument		○	X

※ Departments marked with “☆” can apply for research courses

- Applicants must choose their majors (fields of study) that are listed in the ‘Available Fields of Study’ file.

- For admission requirements after Korean language training, check the attached file below.

※ 2025 GKS-G Available Departments(Chungnam National Univ.).xlsx

- Applicants should check with the department regarding the language used for each class. In addition, applicants should review detailed information on individual majors **before applying to this program.**

3. QUOTA ASSIGNED BY COUNTRY

☐ CNU Admissions

- General(General + R-GKS) Quota : 25 Candidate
- R&D Quota : 8 Candidate[Department of Physics, Food Science & Technology]
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☐ Quota for University Track **Select either General or R-GKS depending on your country]**

◆ General: 150 scholars from 55 countries

R-GKS: 465 scholars from 56 countries or regions

No.	Country /Region	Quota			No.	Country /Region	Quota		
		General	R-GKS	Total			General	R-GKS	Total
1	Algeria	1	3	4	33	Mexico	1	13	14
2	Armenia	1	1	2	34	Moldova	1	1	2
3	Azerbaijan	2	1	3	35	Mongolia	5	36	41
4	Bangladesh	3	16	19	36	Morocco	-	2	2
5	Belarus	1	1	2	37	Myanmar	7	35	42
6	Brazil	1	5	6	38	Nepal	4	2	6
7	Brunei	1	2	3	39	Nigeria	1	4	5
8	Bulgaria	1	-	1	40	Pakistan	1	13	14
9	Cambodia	5	20	25	41	Peru	3	1	4
10	Cameroon	1	8	9	42	Philippines	16	42	58
11	Central African Republic	1	-	1	43	Poland	1	3	4
12	Colombia	1	7	8	44	Romania	1	1	2
13	Costa Rica	1	1	2	45	Russia	5	16	21
14	Egypt	3	5	8	46	Rwanda	1	4	5
15	Ethiopia	-	13	13	47	Sierra Leone	1	-	1
16	Georgia	1	1	2	48	Singapore	2	4	6
17	Germany	1	1	2	49	Slovakia	1	-	1
18	Ghana	-	5	5	50	Sri Lanka	3	7	10
19	Hungary	1	1	2	51	Sudan	1	1	2
20	India	4	40	44	52	Taiwan	-	1	1
21	Indonesia	9	59	68	53	Tajikistan	2	2	4
22	Iran	1	5	6	54	Tanzania	1	4	5
23	Italy	1	1	2	55	Thailand	6	11	17
24	Kazakhstan	5	17	22	56	Turkiye	1	5	6
25	Kenya	1	1	2	57	Turkmenistan	-	3	3
26	Kuwait	1	-	1	58	Uganda	1	1	2
27	Kyrgyzstan	7	3	10	59	United States of America	-	4	4
28	Laos	4	3	7	60	United Arab Emirates	-	1	1
29	Liberia	1	-	1	61	Uzbekistan	5	5	10
30	Lithuania	1	1	2	62	Vietnam	10	12	22
31	Malaysia	7	9	16	Total				
32	Mauritania	1	1	2					
							150	465	615

◆ R&D: 300 scholars from all countries around the world

◆ Research: 5 scholars from 157 countries or regions

※ Applications are available from 157 inviting countries and regions for the embassy and university tracks.

4. ELIGIBILITY

☐ Nationality

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

- ☐ 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.
- ※ Applicants from all countries around the world can apply to R&D, International Organization program

☐ Level of Education

Program		Minimum Level of Education	Notes
Degree	Master's	Bachelor's Degree	
	Doctoral	Master's Degree	
Research	Post-Doc	Doctoral Degree	
	Exchange Professor	Master's Degree	Must be currently teaching at a university as a professor
	Program for Education, Science, Culture, or International Cooperation Professionals	Master's Degree	Must be a professional in a field of Education, Science, Culture, or International Cooperation

- ※ Applicants who are expected to graduate by July 31st, 2025 can also apply for the program with a certificate of expected graduation. Such applicants must submit their official graduation certificate (or diploma) and final academic transcript to GKS Center, NIIED by July 31st, 2025. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your acceptance

☐ Grades

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

* For example, previous degree for a doctoral degree program applicant is a master's degree program

- ☐ ① Score percentile should be 80% or above on a 100-point scale or be ranked in the top 20% of 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

- Applicants must submit an academic transcript with CGPA or ranking information
- If a transcript does not provide CGPA in any one of the accepted GPA scales (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0 or 100 point scale), then the applicant must submit a transcript converted into one of the above GPA scales as a supplementary document

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☐ Age

- Must be under 40 years of age (born after September 1, 1985)
- Academic professors in one of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) recipients* who are under 45 years of age (born after September 1, 1980) are eligible to apply.

* DAC List of ODA Recipients on 2024 and 2025 flows (www.oecd.org)

☐ Language ability

- Applicants who are expected to complete the IRTS Korean language program by August 2025 are eligible to apply if they have achieved a TOPIK, TOPIK IBT Level 3 or higher.

※ Accepted certificates include TOPIK results from the 87th to the 100th exams and TOPIK IBT results from the 1st to the 7th exams. (Applicants who have not yet obtained a valid TOPIK certificate at the time of application may still apply.)

☐ Health

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

☐ Restriction

- A person who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean high school (including international schools) or a Korean university is NOT eligible to apply

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

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

- A person who had previously enrolled at a degree program through a Korean government sponsored scholarship program other than the NIIED administered scholarship program cannot apply
- A previous GKS scholar whose scholarship was cancelled after their enrollment

- ‘Cancellation of Scholarship’ means a GKS scholar either withdrew from the program or his/her scholarship was forfeited due to cumulative warnings, etc. during their scholarship period
- A previous GKS scholar who had received scholarships from GKS Non-degree program for exchange students CAN apply

- Final successful candidates of the GKS degree program from the past three years who have withdrawn from the program or was disqualified from the program prior to enrollment cannot apply

- Duplicate Submission

- Embassy track candidates (including reserve candidates) who passed the first round of selection cannot apply again through a university track

- Embassy track applicants must apply to only one program among General, Overseas Korean, Teaching Professional and Research program
- University track applicants must apply to only one program among General, Regional University, R&D and Research program
 - ※ However, applicants recommended by International Organization may apply to only one program General, R-GKS, Research, or R&D under the University track, excluding the research program
- University track applicants must apply to one university and one department

※ Duplicate submissions will be disregarded in the evaluation. If found afterwards, scholarship will be cancelled even after the evaluation is completed.

< Applicants must check additional restrictions or eligibility set >

- Please check if there is any additional eligibility set by each department
 - All GKS scholars should achieve TOPIK level 3 to proceed to their degree program. However, some of departments may have additional requirements (e.g., TOPIK level 4) for enrollment. Please be mindful about these requirements set by each department. If you do not meet these requirements and fail to enroll in the university, your scholarship will be cancelled
 - For admission requirements after Korean language training, check the attached file below.

※ **2025 GKS-G Available Departments(Chungnam National Univ.).xlsx**

5. DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

○ Deadline of Application Submission

- **The application deadline : March 26(Wed) 2025**

- The applicant must submit all the required documents within the deadline to the address below

Address: Zip code(34134)

Daehak-ro 99, Yuseong-gu, Daejeon, Republic of Korea

International Affairs Office(E1-1) #206 Chungnam National University

GKS Admission Team

■ List of Documents to Submit

Type	No.	Application Documents	Master's	Doctoral	Research
Documents to complete (Required)	1	(Form 1) Application Form	Required	Required	Required
	2	(Form 2) Personal Statement	Required	Required	Required
	3	(Form 3) Study Plan	Required	Required	
	4	(Form 4) Research Proposal - only applicable for research program applicants			Required
	5	(Form 5) ONE Letter of Recommendation	Required	Required	Required
	6	(Form 6) Letter of Invitation (issued by the research program university)			Required
	7	(Form 7) Korean Language Program Exemption Application - only applicable for current academic professor applicants	Optional	Optional	
	8	(Form 8) GKS Applicant Agreement	Required	Required	Required
	9	(Form 9) Personal Medical Assessment	Required	Required	Required
	10	(Form 10) Consent to Collect and Use Personal Information	Required	Required	Required
Certificates (Required) Must be Apostilled or Consular confirmed	11	Applicant's/Parent(s)' Proof of Citizenship and family relationship Document	Required	Required	Required
	12	Bachelor's Graduation Certificate (or Diploma)	Required	Required	Required
	12'	Bachelor's Degree Transcript	Required	Required	Required
	13	Master's Graduation Certificate (or Diploma)		Required	Required
	13'	Master's Degree Transcript		Required	Required
	14	Doctoral Graduation Certificate (or Diploma) - only applicable for postdoctoral research program applicants			Required
	14'	Doctoral Degree Transcript - only applicable for postdoctoral research program applicants			Required
	15	Certificate of Employment - only applicable for E.S.C.I. professionals under research program			Required
	16*	Proof of Overseas Korean Document/Proof of Korean Adoptee Document	Optional	Optional	Optional
	17*	Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation Document - applicant and his/her parent(s)	Optional	Optional	Optional
Other documents (Optional)	18*	Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	Optional	Optional	Optional
	19*	Certificate of Employment or certificate of Experience (e.g., faculty members of the International Organization partner university)	Optional	Optional	
	20	Score report of valid TOPIK/TOPIK IBT (Original) or English Proficiency Test (copy)	Optional	Optional	Optional
	21	Awards and other certificates, etc. (copy)	Optional	Optional	Optional
	22	Applicant's Passport (copy)	Optional	Optional	Optional

■ Documentation Requirements

(Documents to complete* and Required certificates**)

- Number of documents to submit: ONE original document
- * **Documents to complete**: Application Form, Personal Statement, Study Plan, Research Proposal, Letter of Recommendation, Letter of Invitation, Applicant Agreement, Personal Medical Assessment, Consent to Collect and Use Personal Information (form 1~10)
- ** **Required certificates**: Graduation certificate, academic transcript, proof of citizenship, proof of overseas Koreans, etc.

[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

☐ **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 together with a certified translation
- ② Obtain apostille or consular confirmation on either original document or certified translation

※ If your country belongs to one of the member countries for the Apostille Convention, submit your 'required certificates' with apostille.

※ Notarized or original documents without apostille/consular-confirmation are NOT acceptable.

- Number of documents to submit

☐ University track: **ONE set of apostilled/consular confirmed certificate**

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

- All documents must be submitted in English or Korean
- 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 will be excluded from the evaluation
- All documents submitted to CNU will NOT be returned to the applicants in any case

■ Requirements for each submitted document

Documents to Submit	Submission Requirement
Proof of Citizenship and Family relationship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Official certificates such as birth certificate or family register issued by a government that proves ①family relationship between an applicant and his/her parents and ②their citizenship □- If one cannot submit necessary documents due to an 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ※ Chinese applicants must submit a household register or a certificate of kinship. If the document is in Chinese, it must be apostilled and accompanied by a certified translation. – If applicants' or their parents' citizenship information is not indicated in the above documents, then submit valid passport copies (do not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed) as supplementary documents □- Ethnic group, birth place, or current residency in the submitted documents are not accepted as a citizenship information □- If passport is not available, please submit other government issued document (need to be apostilled or consular confirmed) or a copy of an ID card that clearly indicates citizenship information (does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed) as supplementary document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ※ If supplementary documents submitted in addition to a birth certificate or a family register are not reliable, such application may be put at a disadvantage during evaluation
Certificate of Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Submit a graduation certificate, degree certificate or a diploma that indicates the date of graduation (or degree acquisition date). – Applicants who are expected to graduate by July 31st, 2025 can also apply for the program with a certificate of expected graduation. Such applicants must submit their official graduation certificate (or diploma) and final academic transcript to GKS Center, NIIED by July 31st, 2025. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your acceptance.(A certificate of attendance is not valid as proof of graduation.) – Temporary(Provisional) certificates (such as temporary(provisional) graduation certificates, completion certificates, graduation examination records, or passing certificates) are not considered valid or accepted as official documents. – Must submit a certificate officially issued by the university of previous degree program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ※ Applicants who graduated from a university in China must submit an English copy of the degree certification report issued by CHIS (www.chsi.com.cn) and an official graduation certificate or degree certificate(Chinese documents must be translated and notarized and submitted with an apostille.)

Documents to Submit	Submission Requirement
Academic Transcript	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Submit an academic transcript officially issued by the graduated university – Applicants who are expected to graduate by July 31, 2025 must submit a transcript that includes all semester grades up to the time of application. In addition, they must submit their final academic transcript to the GKS Center, NIIED, by July 31, 2025, after acceptance. The final transcript must be apostilled or consular-confirmed. Failure to submit the final transcript by the required deadline will result in the cancellation of your acceptance. – If the 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐- A converted transcript is only valid when the relevant university officially confirmed the document (this supplementary document does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed, but should be submitted in an original document with university's authentication) ☐- A transcript converted with a conversion tool such as scholaro.com or wes.org is only acceptable when the relevant university officially confirms the document (does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed, but should be authenticated by the university) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ※ Application without converted transcript may be put at a disadvantage during evaluation – Transcript indicated with a CGPA for the entire academic curriculum will be accepted even if it does not have GPA per semester/year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐- In such case, please put CGPA only and leave the GPA section empty in the application form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ※ Academic transcript without a CGPA or without ranking information may be put at a disadvantage during evaluation – If a transcript of a transferred student that does not include the grades of the previous semester(s), submit an academic record of the previous university as a supplementary document (need to be apostilled or consular confirmed)
Letter of Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The recommendation should come from professors, department heads, or other relevant individuals at the applicant's university. (The recommendation letter should be dated within one year of the application deadline.) – Applicants recommended by the International Organization program must submit a recommendation letter from a partner university affiliated with the International Organization
Proof of Overseas Korean or Adoptee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Submit supporting documents such as family register or birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her lineal ascendant
Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Submit supporting document issued by the Korean 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

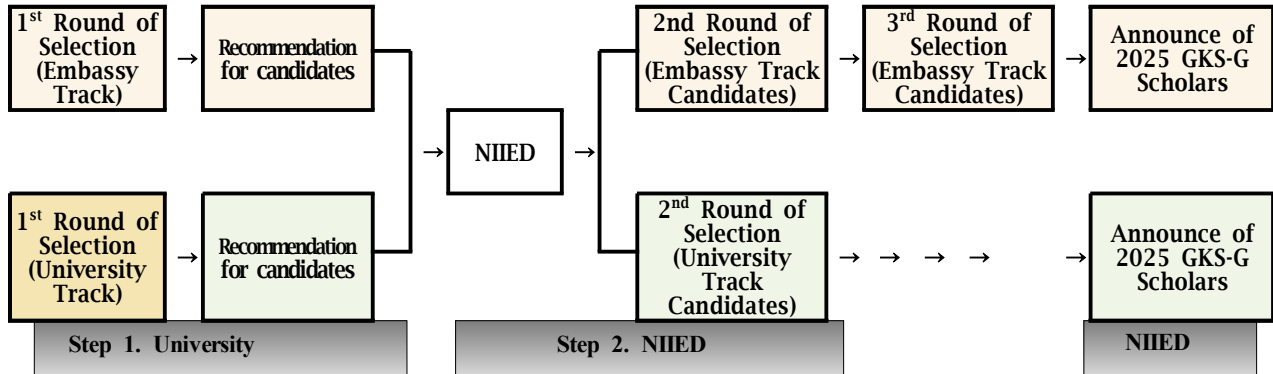
Documents to Submit	Submission Requirement
Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate that are officially issued by the government that certifies the lineal ascendant of an applicant was a veteran who participated in the Korean War as a foreign military - Submit supporting documents such as family register or birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her lineal ascendant
Score Report of Korean or English Proficiency Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit if necessary (optional) - Korean: TOPIK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐- TOPIK certificates from the 87th to the 99th and TOPIK IBT certificate from 1st to 6th exam will be recognized as valid certificates ☐- Submit an original printed copy of TOPIK score report from the official website (topic.go.kr) - English: TOEFL, IELTS (the expiration date of the certificate must be February 28, 2025 or later) ☐- Submit an original printed copy of the test score report from the official website
Other Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit if necessary (optional) - Submit materials such as an award that can prove the applicant's activities described in the personal statement and study plan. Submit in photocopied documents. (Do not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed)
Passport Copy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit if necessary (optional) - Submit a passport copy as a supplementary document if the proof of citizenship (family register, birth certificate, etc.) does not clearly indicate citizenship information

< Items to Note on Apostille (or Consular Confirmation) >

- Required Certificates (refer to 'List of Documents to Submit' section) must be apostilled (or consular confirmed)
- If your document is unable to be re-issued, please keep the original and obtain an apostille (or consular confirmation) on a notarized copy
- 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 initially issued the original apostille document are accepted
 - ※ If the document cannot be apostilled or consular confirmed (e.g., because the type of document is not subject to apostille), applicants must obtain a certified true copy (등본 인증) from the apostille issuing government authority or from the Korean embassy on a notarized copy. If the authenticity of the submitted document is unclear, such application may be put at a disadvantage during evaluation
- If an applicant graduated from a third country, he or she may obtain a consular confirmation from the embassy of the relevant country on the graduation certificate and academic transcript
- Required certificates that are issued in digital format 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

6. SELECTION PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE

□ Selection Procedures



□ Selection Timeline

Application Submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Track: Until March 26(Wed), 2025.
1st Round of Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Track: April 15(Tue) to April 17(Thu), 2025
1st Round of Successful Candidates (CNU→NIIED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Track: Candidates' applications and related documents will arrive at NIIED by May 1st(Thu)
2nd Round of Selection (NIIED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Track Selection: late-May
Announcement of 2nd Round Successful Candidates (NIIED→Embassies, Universities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Track: early June – Study in Korea (www.studyinkorea.go.kr) > Scholarship > GKS Notice board
Announcement of 2025 GKS-G Scholars (NIIED)	<p>The final successful candidates will be announced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected announcement date: late-June – NIIED will inform results to Embassies and Universities – Study in Korea (www.studyinkorea.go.kr) > Scholarship > GKS Notice board

7. APPLICATION AND EVALUATION

☐ Application

○ Application Period: **February 12(Wed) ~ March 26(Wed) 2025**

- The applicant must submit all the required documents within the application period to the address below

Address: Zip code(34134)

Daehak-ro 99, Yuseong-gu, Daejeon, Republic of Korea

International Affairs Office(E1-1) #206 Chungnam National University

GKS-G Admission team

○ Important notes regarding “Documents to Complete”

[University Track]

- Applicants must put the official name of the university/department they are applying to.
 - ※ Select your department and major from “Available Fields of Study” on page 2. If an incorrect department is written on an application, such document will not be evaluated
- **Applicant’s English name MUST match the name on their passport.**
 - ※ Any discrepancy in applicant’s name (family, given, middle name) will cause a delay in visa processing
- Applicants must check the completeness and authenticity of all application documents
- Application documents must be submitted in the order of the “Application Checklist.” which 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.)	12. Bachelor’s 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
- University track applicant should fill in ONE university in their application

☐ EVALUATION

○ Main Points of Evaluation

- Review of Qualification: Selection committee will conduct document examination (nationality, degree, 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
 - * There is no oral interview in the second round of selection at NIIED

○ 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)

<Points per Language Proficiency Test >

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

* The total score is based on the language proficiency score distribution criteria used by each institution.

※ 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 Natural science and engineering department in a Regional (Type B) university.
- Applicants who are currently teaching as a professor in a Natural science and engineering department or in one of the ODA recipient countries listed in APPENDIX B.
- Applicants who submit a high score of English proficiency test (TOEFL, IELTS). Postdoctoral
- Research Program applicant in a natural science and engineering department.

8. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

☐ Announcement of Final Successful Candidates

- Announcement of Final Successful Candidates
 - 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 June 13, 2025
 - NIIED will classify those who have obtained TOPIK level 5~6 as those who enter degree program. All other successful candidates will take the Korean language program
 - ※ TOPIK certificates from the 87th to the 99th and TOPIK IBT certificate from the 1st and 6th exam will be recognized as valid certificates
 - NIIED will notify the list of final successful candidates to embassies and universities and post the final announcement on the Study in Korea website (www.studyinkorea.go.kr) by late June
 - 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 recommending organization (embassy/university)
 - Once a scholarship is renounced, it cannot be reversed. Final Successful Candidates who renounce their scholarship before the enrollment cannot reapply for the GKS program for the next three years.
 - ※ The repeated case of renunciation will cause a decrease in the number of country quota in the future
- Graduation Certificate
 - Applicants who are expected to graduate by July 31st, 2025 can also apply for the program with a certificate of expected graduation. Such applicants must submit their official graduation certificate (or diploma) and final academic transcript to GKS Center, NIIED by July 31st, 2025. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your acceptance.

< Submission location >

GKS Center (Selection Dept. of 2025 GKS-G)
191 Jeongjail-ro, Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do, 13557, Republic of Korea

※ Indicate your specific information (nationality, track, university, etc.) next to your name.

- Selected GKS scholars should prepare multiple copies of apostilled or consular confirmed graduation certificate before their entry to Korea. Scholars need to submit their authenticated certificate to the degree university (for an issuance of Standard Admission Letter), to the embassy (for visa issuance), and to the Korean immigration office (for a renewal or an update of their status of residence in Korea)

- GKS scholars who wish to proceed to their degree program after the Korean language program may need to return to their home country for a certificate reissuance if the required documents are not prepared in advance.
- All application materials submitted to CNU will NOT BE RETURNED IN ANY CASE.

○ Final Successful Candidates 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 regulations of each University	Refer to university website
<i>Visa and Immigration</i>	www.immigration.go.kr
	www.hikorea.go.kr

○ Entry Support to Korea

- Each university will purchase economy class one-way flight tickets on behalf of the selected scholars
- If a scholar purchases the flight ticket due to unavoidable circumstances, the airfare will be reimbursed by the university after entering Korea
- Travel expenses for entry-related transportation other than air travel, either within the Republic of Korea or the recipient's home country, are not covered
- Insurance premiums related to the process of entering the Republic of Korea are not covered
- Entry expenses or visa application support will NOT be provided to scholars entering Korea from a country other than the scholar's country of citizenship
- The round-trip airfare will not be provided to GKS scholars selected in China and Czech Republic in accordance with the agreement made between Korean government and the governments of two countries

9. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

☐ Scholarship Period

- Master's Degree Program: 3 years
 - 1 year of Korean language training + 2 years of degree program
- Doctoral Degree Program: 4 years
 - 1 year of Korean language training + 3 years of degree program
- Research Program: 6 months or 1 year
- Important Notes regarding Scholarship Period
 - Research program scholars and scholars who obtained 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 (March 2026)

☐ Scholarship Benefits

- Scholarship Benefits

Scholarship	Airfare	Tuition	Korean Language Training Fee	Study Incentive
Recipient	All GKS Scholars	GKS Scholars in Degree Program	GKS Scholars in Korean language Program	All GKS Scholars
Benefits	Economy class flight ticket (actual expense)	NIIED: up to 5 million KRW University: amount that exceeds 5 million KRW, Admission fee	: 5.2 million KRW (four semesters)	Korean language program: 14,160,000 KRW per year
				Graduate Degree program: 15,720,000 KRW per year
				Research Program: 19,800,000 KRW per year

※ GKS Scholars who will be initially exempted from the Korean language program with TOPIK level 5 or 6 will be given Korean Proficiency Grants. However, this does not apply to GKS scholars in the Global Network Program, Research Program, current academic professors enrolled in a 100% English-taught program, or IRTS Korean Language Program scholars who achieve TOPIK/TOPIK IBT Level 3 or higher

- Important Notes regarding Scholarship Benefits
 - 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 (entry airfare, settlement allowance, monthly allowance, tuition, etc.)

- Even if 3 months have passed since entering Korea, if the scholarship status changes, part of the already paid scholarship can be refunded or can be deducted from the next payment
- Tuition, and Korean language training fees are not provided to GKS scholars in Research Program
- Korean language training fee are not provided to current academic professors who apply for an exemption from Korean language training in a 100% English-taught program

10. OTHER NOTES

- Applicants are responsible for any disadvantages caused by errors in the application or submitted documents, including mistakes in completing the application form or missing required documents.
- The reasons for passing or failing at each stage of the screening process will not be disclosed.
- The student is solely responsible for any visa rejection. If the visa is not issued within the designated entry period, the acceptance may be canceled.
- Announcements for each selection round will be posted on the GKS Notice board of the Study in Korea website and will not be communicated individually to applicants.
- However, recommending organizations (embassies or universities), NIIED, or other relevant parties may contact applicants directly for confirmation or guidance. Therefore, please check your email regularly.

11. CONTACT INFORMATION

- Global Korea Scholarship Center, NIIED
Email: gksniied@korea.kr
Address: GKS Center, NIIED (Selection department of 2025 GKS-G)
191, Jeongjail-ro, Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do (13557) Republic of Korea
- Chungnam National University Office of International Affairs
Email: cnugks@cnu.ac.kr
Address: Zip code(34134)
Daehak-ro 99, Yuseong-gu, Daejeon, Republic of Korea
International Affairs Office(E1-1) #206 Chungnam National University
- Other useful websites

Chungnam National University	www.cnu.ac.kr
Learning Korean	www.sejonghakdang.org
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. G.P.A. 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. DAC List of ODA Recipients on 2024 and 2025 flows

	Least Developed Countries (LDC)	Low income countries which are not LDCs (per capita GNI ≤ \$1,135 in 2022)	Lower middle income countries and territories which are not LDCs (per capita GNI \$1,136 - \$4,465 in 2022)	Upper middle income countries and territories which are not LDCs (per capita GNI \$4,466 - \$13,845 in 2022)
Asia	Afghanistan Bangladesh Cambodia Laos Myanmar Nepal Timor-Leste	North Korea	Bhutan India Mongolia Pakistan Philippines Sri Lanka Vietnam	China (People's Republic of) Indonesia Maldives Malaysia Thailand
Africa	Angola Benin Burkina Faso Burundi Central African Republic Chad Comoros DR Congo Djibouti Eritrea Ethiopia Gambia Guinea Guinea-Bissau Lesotho Liberia Madagascar Malawi Mali Mauritania Mozambique Niger Rwanda Sao Tome and Principe Senegal Sierra Leone Somalia South Sudan Sudan Tanzania Togo Uganda Zambia		Algeria Cabo Verde Cameroon Congo Cote d'Ivoire Egypt Eswatini Ghana Kenya Morocco Nigeria Tunisia Zimbabwe	Botswana Equatorial Guinea Gabon Libya Mauritius Namibia Saint Helena South Africa
Latin America	Haiti		Bolivia Honduras Nicaragua	Argentina Belize Brazil Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Dominica Dominican Republic Ecuador El Salvador Grenada Guatemala Guyana Jamaica Mexico Montserrat Panama

	Least Developed Countries (LDC)	Low income countries which are not LDCs (per capita GNI ≤ \$1,135 in 2022)	Lower middle income countries and territories which are not LDCs (per capita GNI \$1,136 - \$4,465 in 2022)	Upper middle income countries and territories which are not LDCs (per capita GNI \$4,466 - \$13,845 in 2022)
				Paraguay Peru Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname Venezuela
Middle East / CIS	Yemen	Syrian Arab Republic	Iran Jordan Kyrgyzstan Lebanon Tajikistan Ukraine Uzbekistan	Albania Armenia Azerbaijan Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina Georgia Iraq Kazakhstan Kosovo Moldova Montenegro North Macedonia Serbia Turkiye Turkmenistan West Bank and Gaza Strip (Palestine)
Oceania	Kiribati Solomon Islands Tuvalu		Micronesia Papua New Guinea Samoa Tokelau Vanuatu	Fiji Marshall Islands Nauru Niue Palau Tonga Wallis and Futuna
Total	140 countries			

APPENDIX E. 2025 GKS-G Application FAQs

<Eligibility>

Nationality

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. Please note that a birth place or ethnic group information on a birth certificate or current residency in the submitted documents will not be accepted as a proof of citizenship.

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).

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.

Q. My country is not listed in the 2025 GSK-G program. Can I apply for the program?

A. The quota allocation is decided based on mutual agreements on cultural and educational cooperation between Korea and the participating countries. All applicants must hold a citizenship of the GKS partner country except for the R&D, Global Network and International Organization programs. These programs are open to all countries around the world. Applicants for R&D, Global Network or International Organization programs must directly apply to their designated universities since the program is only available under a university track.

Degree

Q. I am expected to graduate from my degree program in March 2025. Am I eligible to apply for this program?

A. Yes. Applicants who are expected to graduate by July 31, 2025, can also apply for the program with a certificate of expected graduation. Such applicants must submit their official graduation certificate (or diploma) and final academic transcript to GKS Center, NIIED by July 31, 2025. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your acceptance.

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. No. Only an official (final) graduation certificate, degree certificate or diploma is acceptable. The graduation certificate must clearly indicate the date (or at least the month) of official graduation. Provisional certificate is not accepted as a graduation certificate in the GKS degree program even if it is acknowledged as an official graduation certificate in your own country.

Q. I have a master's degree. Can I apply for a master's degree program in a different major? Which degree certificate should I submit?

A. You can apply for a master's program while holding another master's degree. If you are applying to a master's degree program, you should submit a degree certificate and academic transcript of your bachelor's degree. In this case, your CGPA of your bachelor's degree should meet the grade requirement in the application guidelines. Providing your master's degree certificate and academic transcript is optional.

Q. I am currently in my master's degree program at a university in Korea. Am I eligible to apply for the master's degree program at another university?

A. If you have graduated from a Korean high school or a Korean university, or if are currently enrolled in the final year of your degree curriculum (or if you are about to obtain a degree) at a Korean University, you cannot apply for the GKS degree program. If you are not near the graduation, you may apply for the program. However, if you are selected as our GKS scholar, you must drop out of the Korean university you are currently enrolled at and start the degree program under GKS as a first year. Transfer credits from your previous university will not be accepted. Applicants who are residing in Korea may need to return to their own country in order to issue a new visa for their Korean language program/degree program. In this case, their entry airfare will not be provided.

Grades

Q. The grades in my transcript 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?

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), you must submit a converted grade confirmed by the 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 university. Please submit an official certificate or at least a testimonial issued by your university that confirms the converted CGPA. This supplementary document does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed but must be submitted in an original document with the university's authentication. The screening committee will determine whether your CGPA is eligible for the program or not based on the information you provide.

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 university that your grade stands within the top 20% of your class.

Q. My academic transcript 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 AND a score percentile of the entire degree curriculum. If your transcript does not provide a score percentile, refer to Appendix "GPA Conversion Table" to convert your CGPA into a 100 point scale.

Q. I am applying for a doctoral degree program. Should I also submit a CGPA of my bachelor's degree?

A. Applicants for a doctoral degree program should put a CGPA of their previous degree (master's degree) on the application form. Doctoral degree program applicants should submit the graduation certificate and official academic transcript of both bachelor's and master's degree. The CGPA required in the application is of the master's degree.

Q. I transferred to my university, but the official academic transcript issued by my university does not indicate the GPA of my previous university. How should I submit my academic record?

A. Please submit an official academic transcript issued by the university you graduated from. If the transcript does not indicate your grades of the entire degree curriculum, please submit your academic records of the previous university as a supplementary document as a reference material. The CGPA required in the application should be the one shown on the official academic transcript from the university you have graduated from.

Other Eligibility

Q. I meet all the application requirements listed in the application guideline. 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 guideline are the minimum requirements to apply for the 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” files posted with the application guideline to find required qualifications set by each university/department. If a university requests additional material (e.g., portfolio) beyond NIIED’s required documents, you should submit those materials directly to the university.

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 different country. Applicants must apply either through a Korean embassy where they hold citizenship (embassy track) or through a Korean university (university track). Embassy track applicants who are applying from a third country must check the method of application submission or interview process with the embassy.

Successful candidates who are currently residing in Korea or enter Korea from a third country will not be provided with the entry airfare. Please be noted that it may take more time and effort to obtain necessary authentications (apostille, consular confirmation, certified translation, etc.) on required documents from abroad.

<Application Submission>

Submission Method and Deadline

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. Any documents mistakenly sent to NIIED will be excluded from the screening and will not be returned.

Q. When is the deadline for the application?

A. Each embassy/university has different application period. Please check the website of each institution to find out the application deadline. Embassies and universities that conduct the first round of selection have different application submission guidelines, so please check with the embassy/university regarding any submission related inquiries such as application deadline, submission method, etc.

Q. I am a citizen of China/Czech Republic. In the application guidelines, there is quota only assigned in the embassy track for the Chinese/Czech citizens. Does that mean that I must apply to the Korean Embassy in my country?

A. If you are a Chinese citizen, you should submit your applications to China Scholarship Council (CSC) under the Ministry of Education in China instead of the Korean Embassy in China. This is based on the mutual agreement between Korean and China. Likewise, a Czech citizen must also submit the application to the Ministry of Education in Czech Republic, in accordance with the mutual agreement between the governments of Korea and Czech Republic.

Q. I am a U.S. citizen living in Los Angeles. I am going to apply through an embassy track. Can I submit my application to the Korean Consulate in L.A. instead of the Korean Embassy in Washington D.C.?

A. Applicants from the United States of America and Vietnam can submit their application to the nearby Korean consulate. Korean embassy in Washington and Korean consulate in L.A. will cooperate to conduct the first round of selection. Please contact the Korean embassy for further information.

Embassy track applicants in Vietnam can also submit their application documents to embassy/consulate in Hanoi, Danang, or Ho Chi Minh.

Apostille or Consular Confirmation

Q. For the legalization on “Required certificates”, 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 confirmation from the Korean embassy /consulate.

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 without additional authentication, notarized documents certified by only a notary public, or certified documents confirmed by the other government agencies will not be accepted. (Exception: certificate issued by Korean government or institutions should be submitted in their original version without additional authentication.)

Q. [Embassy track applicant] Should I apostille my birth certificate four times?

A. Embassy track applicants should submit ONE set of original application documents (that includes apostilled/consular-confirmed documents) and THREE sets of photocopied application documents. Therefore, embassy track applicants do not need to have their certificates authenticated four times.

Q. I obtained an apostille on my graduation certificate in the past. Can I submit a copy of this document?

A. It will not be accepted as the document will be considered as a simple photocopy. It does not matter whether it is photocopied in color or black and white. Your document will be accepted only if the government agency that initially issued the apostille issues a certified true copy or if you obtain a certified true copy (등본인증) of your document from a Korean embassy.

Q. How should I submit the 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. If the document is written in both languages (original language and English), it does not need to be translated again.

Q. I will submit my original graduation certificate with an apostille but it cannot be re-issued any more. Can it be returned?

A. All application materials submitted to NIIED WILL NOT BE RETURNED IN ANY CASE. Please obtain an apostille or consular confirmation on a certified copy. If you do not pass the first round of selection, the embassy/university may (or may not) return your documents based on their policy.

Please note that the graduation certificate submitted at the time of application will only be used for the selection procedure. Therefore, selected GKS scholars should prepare additional graduation certificates with an apostille/consular confirmation so they can submit it to different institutions to apply for a visa (embassy), to apply for a standard admission letter (university), or to change visa type (Korean immigration office) in the future.

Q. I am curious about the validity of the authenticated documents. 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.

Q. I have graduated from another country. Therefore, I cannot obtain an apostille on my certificates from my government or apply for a consular confirmation from the Korean embassy in my country. How should I submit my graduation certificate and academic transcript that were issued from another country?

A. If your documents were issued from the university or from a government abroad, you should obtain an apostille if the relevant country is a member of the Apostille Convention. If you are not able to obtain an apostille from abroad, please check if you can obtain a consular confirmation from the embassy/consulate of the relevant country.

Selection of University/Departments

Q. How many departments and universities can I apply for admission?

A. If you apply through a university track, you may choose only ONE university and ONE department.

If you apply through an embassy track, you may choose up to THREE universities under Type A and B. Please remember that at least one of your choices must be from Type B universities.

Please note that you may choose the same department for all three universities, but cannot choose three different departments from a single university.

Q. Are there tips on choosing three universities?

A. Embassy track applicants should understand that passing the second round of selection will not guarantee an admission to the university that you have chosen. Embassy track applicants who only choose highly competitive universities can fail from all three universities in the third round of selection.

Each Korean university has recognition for variety of fields and has its own strength. Please conduct your own research to find out which university is the leading institution in the field of study you would like to pursue.

Please also consider the fact that the cost of living for students at universities in the metropolitan area is higher than those in non-metropolitan universities. For your reference, GKS scholars pay for their accommodation within the stipend they receive each month.

Recommendation Letter

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 professor or a dean of the department at your previous university. For applicants recommended by the International Organization program must submit a recommendation letter from a partner university affiliated with the International Organization. The recommendation letter should be dated within a year from the last date of the application deadline. Applicants who prepared their recommendation letter in advance may use the previous year's (2024) recommendation letter form. Only one recommendation letter is required, but applicants may submit up to two recommendation letters if necessary.

Certificate of Language Proficiency

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.

A proof that English was used as a medium of instruction cannot be a substitute for an English proficiency test certificate.

Other Document Submission Inquiries

Q. Should I include a detailed research proposal in the Study Plan?

A. Yes. You must at least describe the general direction and outlines of your study plans, if not in full detail. Please elaborate on your study objectives in Korea, tangible plans during and after you complete the degree program.

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 canceled.

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.

Q. My name on my birth certificate is different from the one on my graduation certificate. What should I do when the names are different on the documents?

A. Applicant must apply with the name on their passport. If the name on your passport is different from other documents, please provide a supplementary document issued by your government that explains the discrepancy.

<Selection Results>

Q. How will I know if I have passed each assessment?

A. Result of the first round of selection will be announced by each embassy and university. Result of the second round and the list of final successful candidates will be announced on the GKS Notice board at studyinkorea.go.kr website. Important notices for all applicants will be released on the GKS Notice board, so all applicants must check the website during the selection period.

<Korean Language Program>

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 (except scholars in a research program, global network program, current academic professors enrolled in a 100% English-taught program, or IRTS Korean Language Program scholars who achieve TOPIK/TOPIK IBT Level 3 or higher).

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.

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. No. From 2023, all GKS scholars will take their Korean language program at the same university where they will conduct their degree program.

※ Exception: KAIST, UNIST, GIST, KDI School of Public Policy and Management, POSTECH will designate another university for a Korean language program.

During the language program, scholars are required to live on-campus. In general, scholars are assigned to a dormitory with roommate(s). Each institution has different facilities. If an independent kitchen or a bathroom is mandatory for religious reasons, etc., please check with the university of your interest.

Q. The degree program I applied to is taught in English only. 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 September 2025.

Applicants who attained TOPIK level 5 or 6 after the initial application deadline must submit the valid TOPIK certificate to NIIED by June 13, 2025. (*Acceptable TOPIK certificates from the 87th to the 99th and TOPIK IBT certificate from 1st to 6th)

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 (March, 2026).

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

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