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**UNIVERSIDAD DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS**  
En Su Despacho.-

De mi consideración:

Reciba usted un cordial saludo y mis mayores deseos de éxito en el desempeño de sus altas funciones.

El motivo de esta misiva es de poner a conocimiento suyo y de la prestigiosa institución educativa a la que usted dirige el *Programa de Becas del Gobierno Coreano para Cursos de Postgrado 2017*.

A través de este programa, el gobierno coreano ofrece becas totales a estudiantes ecuatorianos interesados en realizar estudios de maestría y doctorado en las mejores universidades de la República de Corea.

Conocedora del prestigio y alto nivel académico de la Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas, me permito solicitarle se difunda la información acerca de estas becas, por medio del material enviado adjunto, donde se especifica las particularidades de este programa, las fechas y requisitos de aplicación, y la información de contacto para los interesados. Las aplicaciones deben ser remitidas a la Embajada a más tardar el 10 de marzo de 2017.



Esperando que más estudiantes ecuatorianos puedan beneficiarse de este programa, agradezco de antemano su gentil atención a la presente y aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterarle los sentimientos de mi mayor consideración y estima.

Atentamente,



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Adj: Los documentos mencionados.

	
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# 2017 Korean Government Scholarship Program For Graduate Degrees Application Guidelines

## I. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

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.

## II. TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES: 670

### 1. 2017 KGSP Quota Reserved for the Embassy Track: 400 Candidates (General + Korean Adoptees)

#### (1) Embassy Track Quota for General Applicants: 386 Candidates from 145 Countries

No.	Country & Region	Quota	No.	Country & Region	Quota	No.	Country & Region	Quota
1	Afghanistan	2	26	Canada	2	51	Georgia	2
2	Albania	1	27	Chile	2	52	Germany	3
3	Algeria	1	28	China	38	53	Ghana	4
4	Angola	1	29	Colombia	4	54	Greece	2
5	Argentina	2	30	Comoros	1	55	Guatemala	1
6	Armenia	2	31	Congo, Democratic Republic of	2	56	Guyana	1
7	Australia	1	32	Congo, Republic of	1	57	Haiti	1
8	Austria	1	33	Costa Rica	1	58	Honduras	1
9	Azerbaijan	3	34	Cote d'Ivoire	3	59	Hong Kong	1
10	Bahamas, The	1	35	Croatia	1	60	Hungary	2
11	Bahrain	1	36	Czech Republic	2	61	India	8
12	Bangladesh	4	37	Denmark	1	62	Indonesia	8
13	Barbados	1	38	Djibouti	1	63	Iran	1
14	Belarus	1	39	Dominican Republic	1	64	Iraq	2
15	Belgium	1	40	Ecuador	5	65	Ireland	1
16	Benin	1	41	Egypt	3	66	Israel	3
17	Bolivia	1	42	El Salvador	2	67	Italy	3
18	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	43	Equatorial Guinea	1	68	Jamaica	1
19	Botswana	1	44	Estonia	1	69	Japan	8
20	Brazil	6	45	Ethiopia	6	70	Jordan	2
21	Brunei	2	46	Fiji	1	71	Kazakhstan	4
22	Bulgaria	5	47	Finland	2	72	Kenya	3
23	Burkina Faso	1	48	France	2	73	Kuwait	1
24	Burundi	1	49	Gabon	2	74	Kyrgyz Republic	5
25	Cambodia	3	50	Gambia, The	1	75	Laos	6



No.	Country & Region	Quota	No.	Country & Region	Quota	No.	Country & Region	Quota
76	Latvia	1	101	Panama	3	126	Taiwan	3
77	Lebanon	1	102	Paraguay	2	127	Tajikistan	4
78	Lesotho	1	103	Peru	5	128	Tanzania	2
79	Libya	1	104	Philippines	4	129	Thailand	4
80	Madagascar	1	105	Poland	1	130	Timor-Leste	2
81	Malawi	1	106	Portugal	1	131	Togo	1
82	Malaysia	4	107	Quebec	2	132	Trinidad and Tobago	1
83	Mauritania	1	108	Romania	2	133	Tunisia	3
84	Mauritius	1	109	Russia	9	134	Turkey	5
85	Mexico	5	110	Rwanda	2	135	Turkmenistan	4
86	Mongolia	6	111	Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	136	U.S.A.	13
87	Montenegro	1	112	Saudi Arabia	1	137	Uganda	5
88	Morocco	3	113	Senegal	4	138	Ukraine	1
89	Mozambique	2	114	Serbia	3	139	United Kingdom	3
90	Myanmar	5	115	Singapore	2	140	Uruguay	1
91	Namibia	1	116	Slovakia	1	141	Uzbekistan	4
92	Nepal	2	117	Slovenia	1	142	Venezuela	2
93	Netherlands	1	118	Somalia	1	143	Vietnam	11
94	New Zealand	1	119	South Africa	2	144	Zambia	1
95	Nicaragua	1	120	Spain	2	145	Zimbabwe	1
96	Nigeria	3	121	Sri Lanka	4			
97	Norway	1	122	Sudan	3			
98	Oman	2	123	Sweden	1			
99	Pakistan	4	124	Switzerland	1			
100	Palestine	1	125	Syria	1			

- The Embassy Track applicants must submit their application documents to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in their respective home countries. Please see Appendix B for the list of Korean Embassies.
- Refer to the section VI for the details on the application procedure.
- The quota allocation is decided based on the mutual agreements between Korea and the countries above.
- Among the assigned 400 candidates, 14 are reserved for the overseas Korean adoptees from 12 countries, separate from the quota assigned for the general applicants. (See below for more information.)

(2) Embassy Track Quota for Overseas Korean Adoptees: 14 Candidates from 12 Countries

No.	Country & Region	Quota	No.	Country & Region	Quota	No.	Country & Region	Quota
1	Australia	1	5	France	1	9	Norway	1
2	Belgium	1	6	Germany	1	10	Sweden	1
3	Canada	1	7	Italy	1	11	Switzerland	1
4	Denmark	1	8	Netherlands	1	12	U.S.A.	3

- Overseas Korean adoptees who graduated or are expected to graduate from Korean universities are eligible to apply.

2. 2017 KGSP Quota Reserved for the University Track: 260 Candidates from 78 Countries

No.	Country & Region	Quota			No.	Country & Region	Quota		
		General	Regional & Science	Total			General	Regional & Science	Total
1	Algeria	1	-	1	40	Malaysia	4	3	7
2	Austria	1	-	1	41	Maldives	1	-	1
3	Azerbaijan	2	-	2	42	Mauritania	1	-	1
4	Bangladesh	4	2	6	43	Mexico	5	2	7
5	Belize	1	-	1	44	Moldova	1	-	1
6	Bhutan	1	-	1	45	Mongolia	4	6	10
7	Bolivia	1	-	1	46	Morocco	1	-	1
8	Brazil	5	2	7	47	Myanmar	4	3	7
9	Bulgaria	1	-	1	48	Nepal	4	2	6
10	Cambodia	5	3	8	49	Netherlands	1	-	1
11	Cameroon	3	1	4	50	Nigeria	4	2	6
12	Canada	1	-	1	51	Pakistan	4	3	7
13	Chile	1	-	1	52	Peru	4	-	4
14	Colombia	3	-	3	53	Philippines	5	3	8
15	Congo, Democratic Republic of	1	-	1	54	Poland	3	-	3
16	Congo, Republic of	1	-	1	55	Romania	3	-	3
17	Costa Rica	1	-	1	56	Russia	4	3	7
18	Dominican Republic	1	-	1	57	Rwanda	3	1	4
19	Egypt	3	-	3	58	Senegal	3	-	3
20	Ethiopia	5	3	8	59	Sierra Leone	1	-	1
21	France	1	-	1	60	Singapore	1	-	1
22	Gabon	1	-	1	61	Slovakia	1	-	1
23	Germany	1	-	1	62	Spain	1	-	1
24	Ghana	4	1	5	63	Sri Lanka	3	1	4
25	Guinea	2	-	2	64	Sudan	1	-	1
26	Hungary	2	-	2	65	Taiwan	3	1	4
27	India	4	2	6	66	Tajikistan	2	-	2
28	Indonesia	7	4	11	67	Tanzania	3	1	4
29	Iran	1	-	1	68	Thailand	6	2	8
30	Israel	1	-	1	69	Timor-Leste	1	-	1
31	Italy	1	-	1	70	Turkey	3	1	4
32	Japan	1	-	1	71	Turkmenistan	2	-	2
33	Jordan	1	-	1	72	U.S.A.	3	-	3
34	Kazakhstan	5	3	8	73	Uganda	4	-	4
35	Kenya	2	-	2	74	Ukraine	1	-	1
36	Kyrgyz Republic	4	1	5	75	United Kingdom	1	-	1
37	Laos	3	-	3	76	Uzbekistan	6	3	9
38	Liberia	2	-	2	77	Vietnam	6	6	12
39	Lithuania	1	-	1	78	Zambia	1	-	1

- Applicants who decide to apply for the scholarship through the university track must submit their applications to the designated Korean universities, listed in the section III.
- Refer to the section VI for the details on the application procedure.
- Among the total of 260 candidates, 195 will be selected from all eligible fields of study.
- All applicants in the University Track must choose “General” as the type of application on the application form. (Refer to Form 1.)
- Additional 65 are reserved for the regional university applicants in the field of Natural Science and Engineering from selected countries. Refer to the table above for the available countries. Refer to the table in the section III for the list of available regional universities

### 3. 2017 KGSP Research Program: 10 Candidates

- Applicants for the Research Program must apply through the designated Korean universities, listed in the section III.
- Refer to the section VI for details about the application procedure.
- For the Research Program, there is no reserved quota by country.



### III. AVAILABLE UNIVERSITIES AND FIELDS OF STUDY

#### 1. Available Universities: 65 universities or institutions designated by NIIED

	Available Universities (or Institutions)	No. of Universities	Total
Non-Regional	Academy of Korean Studies, Chung-Ang University, Dankook University, Dongguk University (Seoul Campus), Duksung Women's University, Ewha Womans University, Gachon University, GIST, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Hanyang University, Inha University, KAIST, KDI School, Konkuk University, Kookmin University, Korea University, Kyunghee University, Myongji University, POSTECH, Sangmyung University, Seoul National University, Seoul Tech, Sogang University, Sookmyung Women's University, Soongsil University, Sungkyunkwan University, UNIST, University of Seoul, Yonsei University	29	65
Regional	Chonbuk National University, Chonnam National University, Chosun University, Chungbuk National University, Chungnam National University, Daegu University, Dong-a University, Dongguk University (Gyeongju Campus), Dongseo University, Gangneung-Wonju National University, Gyeongsang National University, Hallym University, Handong Global University, Hannam University, Hoseo University, Jeju National University, Jeonju University, Keimyung University, Kongju National University, Konyang University, Korea Tech, Kumoh National Institute of Technology, Kyungpook National University, Kyungsung University, Namseoul University, Pai Chai University, Pukyong National University, Pusan National University, Semyung University, Silla University, Soonchunhyang University, Suncheon National University, Sunmoon University, University of Ulsan, Wonkwang University, Yeungnam University	36	

#### 2. Available Fields of Study

- Detailed information about the fields and majors offered by the universities listed above is available under the University Information section on the website, [www.studyinkorea.go.kr](http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr).
- Applicants must choose their desired fields of study from the listed programs.
- Night schools, seasonal programs, online and distant-learning programs are not included.

#### 3. Available Degree Programs

- Master's Degrees
- Doctoral Degrees
- Research Program
  - Postdoctoral Research Program
  - Professor Exchange Program





## IV. ELIGIBILITY

### 1. Nationality

- Applicants and their parents must hold foreign citizenship.
- Korean citizens, including those who hold dual citizenship, are NOT eligible to apply.
- Applicants and their parents who had previously held Korean citizenship must submit the document of the renunciation of their Korean citizenship.

### 2. Age

- Applicants must be under 40 years of age as of September 1, 2017 (born after September 1, 1977).
- An applicant who qualifies ALL conditions below is eligible to apply as long as he or she is under 45 years of age as of September 1, 2017 (born after September 1, 1972):
  - He or she must be working as a professor at the time of applying; and
  - He or she is a citizen of one of the countries below.

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, The Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

### 3. Degree Requirements

- Applicants must hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree as of August 31, 2017.
  - A Bachelor's degree, or a diploma equivalent to a Bachelor's degree, is required for a Master's program applicant.
  - A Master's degree, or a diploma equivalent to a Master's degree, is required for a Doctoral program applicant.
- The Research Program applicants must hold a degree, or a diploma equivalent to or higher than a Master's degree as of August 31, 2017.
  - **Postdoctoral Research Program:** A Doctoral degree, or a diploma equivalent to a Doctoral degree, is required.
  - **Professor Exchange Program:** A Master's degree, or a diploma equivalent to or higher than a Master's degree, is required.
- An Applicant who is expected to obtain the official diploma by August 31, 2017 must submit a certificate of expected degree at the time of applying. The official diploma must be submitted as soon as it is issued.
- Applicants who have completed a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree in Korea are NOT eligible to apply. This restriction does not apply for Overseas Korean Adoptee applicants.



- Applicants who have been enrolled at Korean universities as exchange students are eligible to apply.
- A former KGSP scholar who graduated or are expected to graduate as of August 31, 2017 is eligible to apply under the following conditions:
  - He/ she is allowed to apply only via Embassy Track; and
  - The re-application is allowed only once.

#### 4. Grades

- Applicants must maintain a grade point average (GPA) higher than any ONE of the followings:
  - 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
  - Score percentile: 80%
- Please refer to the Appendix A for the GPA conversion table.
- Any applications with a GPA below the threshold above will be automatically disqualified and discarded.
- It is required to submit an official document issued by the applicant's *alma mater* describing the university's evaluation system as well as the applicant's academic achievement in any ONE of the following cases:
  - An applicant's transcript does not include information on GPA, marks or score percentile; or
  - The grades on an applicant's transcript are difficult to be converted into any one of the GPA criteria mentioned above.

#### 5. Health

- Applicants must be in good health, both mentally and physically, to stay in Korea for an extended period of time.
- Applicants must submit the Personal Medical Assessment, or Form 6, at the time of applying.
- All applicants who pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of selection must submit the results of the Comprehensive Medical Examination conducted by a licensed physician or a doctor.
- All of the following persons will be disqualified and their scholarships will be canceled:
  - Applicants who are tested positive on drugs; and
  - Applicants with serious health concerns to an extent that they are unable to pursue their studies for an extended period of time in Korea.
- Applicants with disability who meet the above criteria are eligible to apply.

#### 6. Restrictions

- Those who had withdrew from the scholarship after being selected as KGSP scholars in previous years are NOT eligible to apply.

#### 7. Preferred Qualities

- Applicants with certified scores on their proficiency in Korean or in English might be given preference. Some examples include the following:



- Proficiency in Korean: TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean)
- Proficiency in English: TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS Academic (TOEFL ITPs are not acceptable.)
- Applicants in the field of natural science, technology, and engineering might be given preference.
- Applicants for the majors under the *Industrial Professionals Training Project* of the government of Korea might be given preference.
- The faculty members at a higher education institution from countries that receive Korea's Official Development Assistance (ODA) might be given preference.
- Descendants of the Korean War veterans receive additional 5% of the total marks during the selection reviews.



## V. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

### I. List of Required Documents for Master's and Doctoral Applicants

REQUIRED DOCUMENT CHECKLIST		MASTER'S	DOCTORAL	RESEARCH
1	Application Form (Form 1)	MUST	MUST	MUST
2	Letter of Self-Introduction (Form 2)	MUST	MUST	MUST
3	Statement of Purpose (Form 3)	MUST	MUST	
4	Research Proposal (Form 4)			MUST
5	TWO Letters of Recommendation (Form 5)	MUST	MUST	MUST
6	Letter of Invitation (Form 6) <i>* Research Program applicants ONLY</i>			MUST
7	KGSP Applicant Pledge (Form 7)	MUST	MUST	MUST
8	Personal Medical Assessment (Form 8)	MUST	MUST	MUST
9	Bachelor's Diploma or Certificate of Degree: original copy	MUST	MUST	
10	Bachelor's Transcript: original copy	MUST	MUST	
11	Master's Diploma or Certificate of Degree: original copy		MUST	MUST
12	Master's Transcript: original copy		MUST	MUST
13	Doctoral Diploma or Certificate of Degree: original copy <i>* Post-Doctoral Research Program applicants ONLY</i>			MUST
14	Doctoral Transcript: original copy <i>* Post-Doctoral Research Program applicants ONLY</i>			MUST
15	Certificate of Employment: original copy <i>* Research Program applicants ONLY</i>			MUST
16	Applicant's Proof of Citizenship	MUST	MUST	MUST
17	Parents' Proof of Citizenship	MUST	MUST	MUST
18	Certificate of Korean Citizenship Renunciation <i>* Previous Korean citizenship holders ONLY</i>	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
19	Adoption Documents <i>* Overseas Korean Adoptees ONLY</i>	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
20	Certificate of Valid TOPIK	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
21	Certificate of Valid English Proficiency Test	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
22	Published Papers	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
23	Awards	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
24	Applicant's Passport Copy	Successful candidates of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round ONLY		
25	Comprehensive Medical Examination Results			



## 2. Notes for All Applicants

- All application documents must be either in Korean or in English.
- Documents in any other languages must be accompanied by a complete Korean or English translation, authenticated by the issuing institution or notarized by a notary public.
- Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants.
- Application documents must be presented in their original forms.
- The application documents must be submitted in the order of the checklist on the first page of the application form. Each required document must be numbered and labeled on the top right corner as the following.
  - Example: 9. Bachelor's Diploma
- In case of submitting photocopied documents, applicants **MUST** have the copies notarized or apostilled and then submit the notarized or apostilled copies.
- For any documents that cannot be reissued, applicants are advised to submit notarized or apostilled copies of the original.
- Applications that contain incomplete or forged documents will be disqualified and discarded.
- An applicant who is expected to graduate by August 31, 2017 must submit a certificate of expected degree in place of the diploma at the time of applying. The official diploma must be submitted by August 31, 2017.
- The recommendation letters must be written by two different recommenders, who can give assessment on the applicant's academic abilities.
- Applicants must get sealed recommendation letters from their recommenders. Letters with broken seals at the time of applying will be considered invalid.
- As for the submission of the published papers and awards, applicants are allowed to submit photocopies.
- The proof of citizenship must be the government-issued documents. Examples include, but are not limited to, the followings:
  - A birth certificate issued by the government of the applicant's country;
  - A certificate of family registration issued by the government of the applicant's country; or
  - Passport copies of the applicant and parents.
- The scores of the language proficiency test must be valid at the time of applying.

## 3. Embassy Track Application

- Applicants must submit ONE set of original application and THREE sets of photocopies, identical to the original set.
- For sealed documents, such as official transcripts and recommendation letters, applicants must submit 4 identical documents, each sealed in a separate envelope.

## 4. University Track Application

- Applicants must submit ONE original application documents.

## 5. Research Program Application

- Applicants must submit ONE original application documents.



## VI. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### 1. How to Apply

- Applicants must apply for the Korean Government Scholarship Program either through the Korean Embassy in their home country or one of the selected universities.
- Offices accepting applications
  - **116 Embassies of the Republic of Korea:** At some embassies, the Korean Education Center or the Korean Cultural Center is the department in charge of accepting and reviewing the KGSP applications. Contacting the embassy to inquire on the department in charge is strongly recommended.
  - **65 Universities in Korea**
- The application submitted to more than ONE office above, will be automatically disqualified and discarded.
- Those who apply as overseas Korean adoptees must apply through the Korean Embassy in their home countries. Only those from the selected 12 countries are eligible to apply under this option.
- KGSP alumni are eligible to apply through the Embassy Track only.
- Applicants from China must submit their applications to the China Scholarship Council, in accordance with the agreement between the government of Korea and the government of China.
- Applicants from the Czech Republic must submit their applications to the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic, in accordance with the agreement between the government of Korea and the government of the Czech Republic.

### 2. Deadline of Application Submission

- The deadlines are set by the Korean Embassies and universities that accept applications.
- Applicants must check the deadline of the embassy or of the university by contacting them directly.
- Please refer to the following:
  - Contact information for embassies: See Appendix B.
  - Contact information for universities: See Appendix C or the University Information file, announced along with the current application guidelines.

### 3. Fields of Study and University Choice

#### (1) Embassy Track

- Applicants must choose **THREE** desired universities as well as fields of study out of the 66 universities listed above in section III.
- Applications that pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of selection will be reviewed by the universities for admission. (Please refer to “4. Selection Procedure” below.)

#### (2) University Track

- Applicants must choose **ONE** desired university out of the 66 universities listed above in section III.

- (3) For the list of available universities and degree programs, please refer to the “University Information” file, announced along with the guidelines.



#### 4. Selection Procedure

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Selection

Applications are submitted either to the Korean Embassies or to the designated universities in Korea. The embassies and universities select the successful candidates among the applicants in the 1st round of selection. The applications of the successful candidates will then be forwarded to NIIED.

- Embassies and Universities will forward the successful applications to NIIED by April 7, 2017.
- **Attention!** Applications arriving at NIIED after the above date will not be considered for review in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of selection, and the quotas will be substituted by the applications from other countries or universities.

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Selection

The NIIED Selection Committee selects the successful candidates among those who pass the 1st round.

- The University Track applicants who pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of selection will automatically be granted admission to the university. The University Track applicants will be selected as the final successful candidates ONLY after they submit their medical examination results.
- Comprehensive Medical Examination
  - All candidates who pass the 2nd round must get comprehensive medical exams as required by NIIED, and submit the results to NIIED.
  - The medical exams must be conducted by a licensed physician or a doctor.
  - The medical forms will be emailed to the successful candidates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of selection.
  - If the results show that the applicant is unfit to study and live overseas for an extended period of time, he/she will be disqualified.

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of Selection (Embassy Track ONLY)

Among the successful candidates who have passed the 2nd round, the applications of those who applied through the Korean Embassies will be reviewed by universities for admission. Successful candidates must get admission from at least one of the universities.

#### 5. Selection Criteria: Comprehensive Evaluation

- The applications will be reviewed by a selection committee at each round.
- The selection committees will consider many elements in selecting successful candidates. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - transcript;
  - the letter of self-introduction;
  - the statement of purpose;
  - the letter of recommendation; and
  - certificates of language proficiency (Korean and English), publications, awards, etc.



## 6. Estimated Timeline of Application Procedure

February – March	<b>Application Submission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The deadlines vary for each Korean embassy and university.</li> <li>• Applicants must contact the embassy or the university to check the deadlines.</li> </ul>
March	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Round of Selection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Korean Embassies</li> <li>• Universities</li> </ul>
April 7	Embassies and Universities forward successful applications to NIIED.
April 20 – 21	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Selection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection Committee at NIIED</li> </ul>
May 2	<b>Announcement of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Selection Results</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GKS Notice on the website, <a href="http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr">www.studyinkorea.go.kr</a></li> </ul>
May 4 – June 2	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Round of Selection (Embassy Track ONLY)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For university admissions</li> <li>• Universities will contact applicants individually regarding the admission results.</li> <li>• Universities will notify NIIED regarding the admission results.</li> </ul>
June 2 – 8	<b>Applicants' Notice of the Final University/ Major Choice to NIIED</b>
	<b>Submission of Comprehensive Medical Examination Results</b>
June 20	<b>Announcement of the final results</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GKS Notice on the website, <a href="http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr">www.studyinkorea.go.kr</a></li> <li>• Official notice will be sent to each Korean Embassy and Korean university</li> </ul>
June 20 – 30	<b>Invitation Letters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIIED will issue invitation letters to the KGSP scholars via email.</li> <li>• Universities will issue the certificates of admission to those who start their degree programs without the language program.</li> </ul>
July 3 – 31	<b>Korean Visa Application</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where to apply: Korean embassies and consulates</li> <li>• D-4 for those who start with the language program</li> <li>• D-2 for those who start with the degree program</li> </ul>
July 10 – August 11	<b>Reservation of the Flight Tickets to Korea</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared and offered by NIIED</li> <li>• Further guides regarding the entry to Korea will be announced.</li> </ul>
August 21 – 23	<b>Entry to Korea</b>
August 28 – 30	<b>NIIED Orientation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The KGSP scholars will be divided into three groups.</li> <li>• The orientation for each group will last for 6 hours.</li> </ul>





## VII. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

### 1. Access to the Scholarship Information Available at the following:

- Global Korea Scholarship (GKS) Website: [www.studyinkorea.go.kr](http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr)
  - Application guidelines
  - Application forms
  - University information
- Embassies of the Republic of Korea: Refer to the Appendix B for contact information.
- Universities in Korea: Refer to the Appendix C for contact information.

### 2. Scholarship Benefits

	Airfare	Settlement Allowance	Monthly Allowance	Research Allowance	Language Training	Tuition	Thesis Printing Fee	Medical Insurance	Korean Proficiency Grants	Scholarship Completion Grants
Master's/ Doctoral	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Research Program	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓

- Airfare
  - Entry to Korea: an economy class flight ticket to Korea
  - Return flight: an economy class flight ticket from Korea to KGSP scholar's home country
  - The airfare for entry will NOT be provided to scholars who have resided in Korea from the time of applying and on.
  - The return flight is available only for the KGSP scholars who successfully complete their degree coursework.
  - The return flight is NOT offered for those who withdraw from the scholarship.
  - Any fees incurred in the domestic travel within a KGSP scholar's home country are NOT covered.
  - International travel insurance is NOT covered.
  - The flight tickets for the Chinese and Czech KGSP scholars will be prepared and provided by the Chinese and the Czech governments, according to the agreements with the Korean government.
- Settlement Allowance: 200,000 KRW
- Monthly Allowance
  - Degree Program (Master's or Doctoral): 900,000 KRW
  - Research Program: 1,500,000 KRW
- Research Allowance
  - Liberal Arts and Social Science Degrees: 210,000 KRW per semester
  - Science, Technology and Engineering Degrees: 240,000 KRW per semester
- Language Training Fees: Fully covered



- Degree Tuition: Fully covered
  - Tuition up to 5 million KRW is covered by NIIED, and the amount that exceeds 5 million is covered by the host university.
  - The KGSP scholars are waived from the admission fees of the universities.
- Dissertation Printing Fee Reimbursement
  - The actual cost of printing as written on the receipt will be reimbursed.
  - The maximum amount is 500,000 KRW for degrees in Liberal Arts and Social Science and 800,000 KRW for degrees in Science, Technology and Engineering.
- Medical Insurance: 20,000 KRW per month
- Korean Proficiency Grants: 100,000 KRW per month
  - This special funding is available for KGSP scholars with levels 5 and 6 on TOPIK.
- Scholarship Completion Grants: 200,000 KRW
  - It is offered for the KGSP scholars who return to their home countries after completing their degree coursework under the scholarship.
  - It is not offered for the KGSP scholars who decide to stay in Korea after the completion of their degree coursework.

## VIII. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

### 1. Master's Degree Program: 3 Years (September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2020)

- 1 Year Korean Language Program
- 2 Year Degree Program

### 2. Doctoral Degree Program: 4 Years (September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2021)

- 1 Year Korean Language Program
- 3 Year Degree Program

### 3. Research Program: 6 Months (September 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018)

### 4. Important Notes on the Scholarship Period.

- The scholarship period for the degree program cannot and will not be extended.
- The scholarship period for the language program will not affect the scholarship period for the degree program. For example, even if a scholar takes 6 months of the language program instead of 1 year, the period that the KGSP covers for his/her degree program will remain intact (2 years for Master's degree and 3 years for Doctoral degrees).
- KGSP scholars with advanced TOPIK levels (Levels 5 and 6)
  - Those who have the advanced levels at the time of applying will be exempt from the 1-year Korean language program. The exempt period will be deducted from the total scholarship period, down to 2 years for Master's degrees and to 3 years for Doctoral degrees.



- Those who achieve the advanced levels on TOPIK within the first 6 months of the language program will be exempt from the Korean language program and must start their degree programs in the following semester. The exempt period will be deducted from the total scholarship period, down to 2.5 years for Master's degrees and 3.5 years for Doctoral degrees.

## IX. KOREAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

- All scholars, unless exempt, must take the 1-year Korean language program at language institutions assigned by NIIED.
- Exemption of the Korean language program
  - The KGSP scholars with advanced levels (5 & 6) on TOPIK at the time of applying will be exempt from the language program and must start their degree programs upon arriving in Korea.
  - The KGSP scholars who achieve advanced levels on TOPIK within the first 6 months of their language program, will be exempt from it in the following semester and must start their degree programs.
  - A valid TOPIK certificate must be submitted to NIIED.
- When assigning the language institution, NIIED considers the following:
  - The language institution is not located in the same city as the scholar's degree university; and
  - The language institution offers a variety of opportunities for the scholars to learn different local cultures of Korea.
- The language institution for successful KGSP scholars will be announced along with the final results.
- Note that the assigned language institution cannot and will not be changed.
- The KGSP scholars in the Korean language program must live on-campus at the language institutions.
  - Most rooms of the university dormitories are shared with roommates.
  - Living with family members is strictly forbidden.
  - Scholars with TOPIK level 3 or higher are eligible to live off-campus.
- Prerequisites to complete the language program
  - The KGSP scholars must obtain at least level 3 on TOPIK by the end of the 1-year Korean language program, in order to be able to proceed to their degree programs.

## X. OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

### 1. Medical Insurance

- Universities and language institutions will purchase medical insurance plans on behalf of the KGSP scholars.
- The insurance plan will be effective after the designated dates of arrival.
- The medical fees incurred throughout the scholarship period will be reimbursed by the insurance company.
  - KGSP scholars must pay for the hospital fees first and submit the receipt to the insurance company
  - The insurance company will refund part of the fees. It is the KGSP scholars' responsibility to check the insurance terms and policies, which will be given through the universities and language institutions.



- The medical insurance will not cover the expenses for dental or chronic diseases.

## 2. Scholarship Withdrawal or Cancellation

- The KGSP scholars who forfeit and withdraw from the scholarship will NOT receive the returning flight tickets or the Scholarship Completion Grants.
- The KGSP scholars who forfeit and withdraw from the scholarship within the first 3 months after the entry to Korea MUST return the scholarship fees that they have received during the mentioned period. It will include the airfare of the entry ticket to Korea, the settlement allowance, monthly allowance, medical insurance fees, and tuition.

## 3. Restriction on Changing Universities and Degrees

- Transferring to a different university under this scholarship is NOT permitted in any case.
- Changing majors may be possible in limited situations only, including but not limited to the following:
  - with the approval of the applicant's university and concerned departments; or
  - with the scholarship period unchanged. (2 years for Master's and 3 years for Doctoral)

# XI. CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Embassies of the Republic of Korea: Please refer to the Appendix B.

2. Universities: Please refer to the Appendix C.

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  - [www.niied.go.kr](http://www.niied.go.kr)

4. Other Useful Websites

Learn Korean	<a href="http://www.kosnet.go.kr">www.kosnet.go.kr</a>
Korean Portal	<a href="http://www.korea.net">www.korea.net</a>
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	<a href="http://www.mofa.go.kr">www.mofa.go.kr</a>
Visa and Immigration	<a href="http://www.immigration.go.kr">www.immigration.go.kr</a>
	<a href="http://www.hikorea.go.kr">www.hikorea.go.kr</a>
Higher Education in Korea	<a href="http://heik.academyinfo.go.kr">heik.academyinfo.go.kr</a>

