

2020 GKS (Global Korea Scholarship) Application Guidelines for Graduate Degrees



1. About the Graduate School of Korean Studies

The Graduate School of Korean Studies(GSKS) is an affiliated institution of the Academy of Korean Studies(AKS), which operates under the Korean Ministry of Education. It was established in 1980 to nurture scholars contributing to the development and globalization of Korean studies, through a liaison between the AKS' research capacity and graduate education.

As a research-oriented institution in the fields of humanities and social sciences pertinent to Korea, the Graduate School of Korean Studies has maintained its commitment to the highest quality teaching and research through eminent professors' close mentoring of students for the past 40 years. Our graduates are playing pivotal role in the various educational and research organizations of Korean studies around the world with their academic excellence.

Currently, approximately 270 students, including about 140 international students from 38 different countries, are enrolled in the Master's and doctoral degree programs at the Graduate School of Korean Studies.

- A research-oriented, **government-funded** graduate school in the fields of humanities and social sciences pertinent to Korea
- A **4:1 student-faculty ratio**, enabling professors' close one-on-one guidance of students
- **Korean language courses** as well as various **cultural activities** available **free of charge**
- Diverse ways to obtain credits through
 - Interdisciplinary courses
 - Independent study with student's own topic and research plan
 - Field research classes
 - Publishing articles in accredited academic journals
- On-campus dormitory accommodations available at the reasonable rate of KRW543,000 per semester, double occupancy

2. 2020 Global Korea Scholarship

The Global Korea Scholarship(GKS) is a scholarship program supported by the Korean government and implemented by the National Institute for International Education(NIIED), an organization directly responsible to the Ministry of Education. By providing international students with opportunities to study at higher educational institutions in Korea for graduate-level degrees, GKS aims to enhance international education exchange and deepen mutual friendship between Korea and participating countries.

This year, the Graduate School of Korean Studies, the Academy of Korean Studies, was selected as one of the designated Korean universities which applicants can choose to study for their Master's or doctoral degree program with the support of GKS.

3. Programs Offered and Period of Scholarship

Program	Period of Scholarship	Remarks
Master's Degree	3 years (2020. 9. 1. ~ 2023. 8. 31.)	1 year of Korean language program + 2 years of degree program
Doctoral Degree	4 years (2020. 9. 1. ~ 2024. 8. 31.)	1 year of Korean language program + 3 years of degree program

- The scholarship period for the degree program cannot be extended once the scholarship is terminated.
- The period change during the Korean language program will not affect the scholarship period for the degree program. In other words, even if a scholar's language program shortens to 6 months instead of a year, the scholarship period that GKS supports for his or her degree program will remain the same (2 years for Master's degree and 3 years for doctoral degree program).

4. Available Fields of Study

Divisions	Majors
Humanities	Korean History, Diplomatics and Bibliography, Philosophy, Korean Linguistics·Korean Literature
Culture and Arts	Anthropology·Folklore, Religious Studies, Musicology, Art History, Cultural Informatics·Human Geography
Social Sciences	Political Science, Sociology, Education
Global Korean Studies	Korean Culture and Society (Only available for master's degree program), Korean Classics and Global Communication (An interdisciplinary program)
4 Divisions	MA : 14 Majors / PhD : 13 Majors

- For detailed information on the curriculum of each major, please see the Graduate School of Korean Studies' website (www.aks.ac.kr/univ) - Introduction of GSKS(대학원 소개) - Majors(전공안내).
- Depending on the field of study in which a doctoral degree program applicant majored for his/her Master's degree, admissions can be restricted. Please refer to the [Attachment 1](#) for the recognized similar fields of study for the applicants of doctoral degree program.

5. Number of Candidates to Be Recommended to NIIED

- Maximum 25 candidates in total can be selected by the Graduate School of Korean Studies and recommended to the NIIED as GKS grantees.
 - Number of recommended candidates from one country cannot exceed 4.
 - Up to 1 previous GKS grantee can be selected and recommended to the NIIED.
 - Number of recommended candidates who have studied in Korea as an exchange student or enrolled in a language course in Korea cannot exceed 50% of the GKS quota on each country reserved for the university track.
- ※ For the GKS quota on each country, please see the Attachment 2.

6. Selection Timeline

Selection Procedure	Institution in Charge	Steps	Dates	Remarks
1st Round of Selection	GSKS	Application Submission	Fri 21 Feb ~ Fri 13 Mar 17:00	Application documents should be sent by post or delivered in person.
		Announcement of the Interviewees List	Mon 23 Mar 18:00	intl.aks.ac.kr/english
		A Face-to-face or a Skype Interview	Wed 25 Mar	
		Notification of Selection Result to NIIED	Fri 3 Apr	
2nd Round of Selection	NIIED	Evaluation by the Selection Committee	Late April to Early May	
		Announcement of Selection Result	Fri 22 May	www.studyinkorea.go.kr
-	Candidates who pass the 2 nd round	Submission of Medical Examination Result to NIIED	Fri 22 May ~ Fri 12 Jun	
-	NIIED	Announcement of 2020 GKS Graduate Degrees Scholars	Fri 26 Jun	www.studyinkorea.go.kr

※ The above schedule may change under the unforeseen circumstances.

7. Other Important Notes

- Please see the **Attachment 3** for **eligibility, required documents, selection procedures, scholarship information, period of scholarship, Korean language program, and other important notes provided by NIIED.**
- This NIIED's graduate recruitment for Global Korea Scholarship is held separately from the upcoming graduate recruitment of the Graduate School of Korean Studies for 2020 fall semester. Hence **applicants for Global Korea Scholarship are allowed to apply for the graduate recruitment of the Graduate School of Korean Studies for 2020 fall semester.** In this case, applicants are required to **submit required documents additionally** by the application deadline (3 April 2020) set by the Graduate School of Korean Studies.
- Recruitment announcement for 2020 fall semester will be published at intl.aks.ac.kr/english in early March.

8. Documents Submission

- Completed application form and other required documents should be sent by post or delivered in person no later than 17:00 Fri 13 March to the following address:

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- For the directions to the AKS, please see <http://intl.aks.ac.kr/english/viewforum.php?f=5>.
- For the AKS campus map, please see the [Attachment 4](#).

9. Contact Information

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[Attachments]

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Recognized Similar Fields of Study
for the Applicants of Doctoral Degree Program

Division	Major	Recognized Master's Degree Majors Which Each Major Accepts for its Doctoral Degree Programs Applicants
Humanities	Korean History	History, Korean History, History Education, Korean History Education, Archaeology, Archaeological Anthropology, Archaeology and Art History, Oriental History, Western History, Korean Studies(History, North Korean Studies)
	Diplomatics and Bibliography	Paleography, Library Science, Bibliography, Library and Information Science, Records Management, Korean History
	Philosophy	Any majors are acceptable.
	Korean Linguistics·Korean Literature	Korean Language and Literature, Korean Language Education, Linguistics, Chinese Literature, Chinese Classics Education, Creative Writing, Korean Studies(Korean Linguistics and Korean Literature), Korean Language Education (as a Foreign Language)
Culture and Arts	Anthropology ·Folklore	Any majors are acceptable.
	Religious Studies	Any majors are acceptable.
	Musicology	Musicology, Korean Classical Music, Music Education, Korean Studies(Musicology), Korean Music
	Art History	Archaeology and Art History, Korean Art History, Oriental Art History, Science of Arts, Arts Education
	Cultural Informatics·Human Geography	Any majors are acceptable.
Social Sciences	Political Science	Any majors are acceptable.
	Sociology	Any majors are acceptable.
	Education	Any majors are acceptable.
Global Korean Studies	Korean Classics and Global Communication	Any majors are acceptable.

※ Depending on the field of study in which a doctoral degree program applicant majored for his/her master's degree, admissions can be restricted. The final decision on the acceptability of the applicant's master's degree major will be made on the basis of the courses taken for the master's degree program as well as the master's degree thesis topic. The acceptability of applicants who majored in Korean Culture and Society at the GSKS for their master's degree will be also decided according to the topic of their master's degree thesis.

[Attachment 4]

AKS Campus Map

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