



## I. 2013 AKS Research Grant

The Graduate School of Korean Studies in the Academy of Korean Studies is a research-oriented graduate institute established in 1980. We specialize in the fields of humanities and social sciences relevant to Korea with the aim of nurturing eminent scholars of Korean studies who would search for the essence of Korean culture and contribute to the advancement and globalization of Korean studies. About 240 students including 120 international students from 30 countries are currently enrolled in our master's and doctoral degree programs, enjoying close one-to-one guidance by professors which our 1:4 faculty-student ratio enables.

The AKS(Academy of Korean Studies) Research Grant is one of our non-degree programs which invites and supports international students for six months, providing them with a momentum to grow to be a next generation of promising scholars in Korean studies and to play a leading role in the field abroad. Applications for the AKS Research Grant for the period from 1 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 are now being sought. Those who aspire to widen and deepen their knowledge of Korea by conducting research at our graduate school in one of the most dynamic countries in the world are very welcome to apply.

### 1. Grant Benefits

- A. Monthly allowance of KRW900,000 is provided.
- B. A round trip airfare at actual expense is provided.
- C. Grant Period : 6 months (1 September 2013 ~ 28 February 2014)
  - ※ The period can be extended for selected recipients within the AKS' budget.
- D. Access to the AKS facilities including the library and Jangseogak Archives is given.
- E. On-campus dormitory is available at the rate of KRW477,400 per 6 months, double occupancy.
- F. Korean language courses are offered free of charge.
- G. The Certificate of Award of the AKS Research Grant is issued.

**2. Number of Grant Recipients Sought :** ○○

**3. Recruitment Schedule**

A. Application Deadline : 6:00PM 31st May 2013

B. Selection Result Announcement : Mid-July

**4. Eligibility**

|                        | Qualifications   |
|------------------------|--|
| Nationality            | <p>Applicants must meet one of the following conditions :</p> <p>① Both the applicant and his/her parents are foreign nationals.</p> <p>② The applicant, either a foreign national or a Korean national who obtained permanent residency in a foreign country or who resides overseas, has completed education outside of Korea which is compatible with Korea's elementary, middle, high school and college education.</p>  |
| Residence              | <p>Applicants must reside in a foreign country outside of Korea at the time of application.</p>  |
| Educational Background | <p>Applicants must meet one of the following conditions :</p> <p>① Applicants are currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program in the field of Korean studies at an overseas university.</p> <p>② Applicants completed coursework and are in the status of ABD (All But Dissertation) in a master's or doctoral degree program in the field of Korean studies at an overseas university.</p> <p>③ Applicants were conferred a master's degree in the field of Korean studies at an overseas university.</p> |

## 5. Required Documents

- A. Application Form (Prescribed form downloadable at [intl.aks.ac.kr/english](http://intl.aks.ac.kr/english))
- ※ On the application form, applicants must designate one of the AKS professors whose specialty is most relevant to their research topic as their academic advisor, referring to the list of the AKS' faculty members at [http://www.aks.ac.kr/aks/sub/sub\\_grad\\_faculty.aspx](http://www.aks.ac.kr/aks/sub/sub_grad_faculty.aspx).
- B. Certificate of Graduation and official transcripts for a bachelor's degree
- C. Certificate of Enrollment (or Coursework Completion or Graduation) and official transcripts for a master's degree
- D. Certificate of Enrollment (or Coursework Completion) and official transcripts for a doctoral degree (if applicable)
- E. Research Plan
- It must be at least 3 pages long on A4- or letter-sized paper.
- F. Personal Statement
- It must be at least 2 pages long on A4- or letter-sized paper.
- G. A Letter of Recommendation
- The recommender must be either an applicant's academic advisor or dean of the department in his/her undergraduate/graduate school.
  - After completing the letter, the recommender must seal the envelope and sign across the envelope seal.
  - The letter of recommendation should be sent by post either directly from the recommender to the Director of Academic and Student Affairs at GSKS, or being included in the application package.
- H. Official transcripts for the Korean language proficiency test (TOPIK) or English language proficiency test (TOEFL, IELTS or TEPS) (if applicable)
- I. A copy of the first two pages of the applicant's passport
- ※ All the above documents must be written in Korean or in English.
  - ※ If documents are written in a language other than Korean or English, they must be translated into and then notarized either in Korean or in English.

## 6. Submission Guideline

- Send the required documents (soft copies or scanned documents) via email to [nylee@aks.ac.kr](mailto:nylee@aks.ac.kr) and their original copies (hard copies) by post to the following address no later than 31 May :

Office of Academic & Student Affairs  
The Graduate School of Korean Studies  
The Academy of Korean Studies  
323 Haogaero Bundang-gu Seongnam-si Gyeonggi-do  
Republic of Korea (Postcode: 463-791)

## 7. Grant Recipients' Obligations

- A. Grant recipients must either enroll in **at least one full-time course** at the AKS **or** attend **one-to-one private lessons** (i.e. individual tutorials) with their academic advisor whom they chose on their application form.
- B. At the end of their grant period, grant recipients must submit **a report summarizing their research findings** and an **evaluation report written by their academic advisor** before they leave the country.
- C. Grant recipients must **stay in Korea** and concentrate on their research during the grant period. However, exceptions to this rule can be made when grant recipients temporarily leave the country in order to attend an academic conference with a prior approval of the Dean of the Graduate School of Korean Studies.
- D. When publishing a thesis or a book with research findings of the grant period, grant recipients must state that it is an outcome of the research conducted with support of the Graduate School of Korean Studies in the Academy of Korean Studies.
- E. During the grant period, grant recipients are not allowed to be engaged in other occupations for financial purposes.
- F. During the grant period, grant recipients are not permitted to register at another educational institutions in Korea.
- G. When they finish their research, grant recipients are allowed to leave the AKS from one week before the final date of the research period. If they leave



earlier than that, the amount of monthly allowance in the final month is calculated based on the number of days for which they stay in Korea.

H. As for items not stipulated here, grant recipients must abide by the rules and regulations of the AKS and decisions of the Graduate School Committee.

## 8. Notes

- A. The monthly allowance is provided in the first week of each month.
- B. A round trip airfare at actual expense is provided in the final month of the grant period within the limit prescribed by the GSKS Travel Expenses Policy. However, only 50% of the round trip airfare is offered in the following cases :
  - 1) If grant recipients arrive in Korea before the notification of the selection result of the AKS Grant Research Program and reside in the country
  - 2) If grant recipients give up their research within 4 months after the grant period starts (or within 8 months after the first grant period starts for those who extend their grant period)
- C. If it turns out that provided information on the application form is false or that the applicant is not qualified even after the selection result is announced, the provision of the AKS Alumni Grant can be cancelled and the grant paid withdrawn. Also, the monthly allowance and the round trip airfare offered can be redeemed if the Graduate School Committee deems it appropriate, for example, when a grant recipient fails to meet the obligation as an AKS Alumni Grant. In particular, the round trip airfare is not provided for those who fail to submit a final report summarizing their research findings at the end of the grant period.

## 9. Contact Us

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## II. 2013 AKS Thesis Grant

The AKS Thesis Grant was designed to promote interests in Korean studies among international students and to give them momentum to further enhance their research in the field. We look forward to receiving many qualified research papers or theses.

### 1. Eligibility of Applicant

|                        | Qualifications   |
|------------------------|--|
| Nationality            | Applicants must meet one of the following conditions :<br>① Both the applicant and his/her parents are foreign nationals.<br>② The applicant, either a foreign national or a Korean national who obtained permanent residency in a foreign country or who resides overseas, has completed education outside of Korea which is compatible with Korea's elementary, middle, high school and college education. |
| Residence              | Applicants must reside in a foreign country outside of Korea at the time of application.   |
| Educational Background | Applicants must be currently enrolled in a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree program in the field of Korean studies at an overseas university.   |

### 2. Subject & Length of Thesis

- A. The paper should be an unpublished original work in any field of Korean studies.
- B. The thesis should be written in Korean or in English.
- C. When written in Korean, the paper should normally be no more than 20,000 letters (including spaces) in length, while in English, no more than 6,000 words.

### 3. Prize

| Prize        | Number of Winners Sought | Prize Money  | Remarks |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------|
| First Prize  | ○                        | KRW3,000,000 |         |
| Second Prize | ○                        | KRW1,000,000 |         |

### 4. Schedule

- A. Submission Deadline : 6:00PM 30th September 2013
- B. The selection result will be announced in mid-November, and the prize money will be wired in early December.

### 5. Required Documents

- A. Application Form (Prescribed form downloadable at [intl.aks.ac.kr/english](http://intl.aks.ac.kr/english))
- B. Thesis and its abstract
- C. Certificate of Enrollment
  - It should be an original copy.
  - If the document is written in a language other than Korean or English, it must be translated into and then notarized either in Korean or in English.
- D. A Letter of Recommendation
  - The recommender must be either an applicant's academic advisor or dean of the department in his/her undergraduate/graduate school.
  - The letter must be written in Korean or in English.
  - The recommender is advised to comment on the thesis to be submitted as well as the applicant's academic performance and potential.
  - After completing the letter, the recommender must seal the envelope and sign across the envelope seal.
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- E. A copy of the first two pages of the applicant's passport



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## 7. Notes

- A. The prize money will be wired to the bank accounts of successful applicants.
- B. Any costs incurred when transferring the money will be at the applicant's expense.
- C. Plagiarism or any kind of breach of research ethic may result in cancellation of the prize and the redemption of the prize money.

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