

2014 AKS International Programs

Established in 1980, the Graduate School of Korean Studies (“GSKS”) is a research-oriented graduate school in the fields of humanities and social sciences pertinent to Korea with the aim of nurturing scholars who will contribute to the development and globalization of Korean studies. Currently, 240 students including 110 international students from 32 different countries are studying at the GSKS, aspiring to widen and deepen their knowledge of Korea and promote Korean studies all over the world.

The **AKS** welcomes prospective students who will lead next generation

Master’s and Doctoral Degree Programs

Fields of Study

Divisions	Majors
Humanities	Korean History, Paleography, Philosophy, Korean Linguistics-Korean Literature
Culture and Arts	Anthropology-Folklore, Religious Studies, Musicology, Art History, Cultural Informatics
Social Sciences	Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Ethics, Education
International Korean Studies	Korean Culture and History (Only available for a master’s degree program)

- Coursework period is 2 years for master’s degree programs and 3 years for doctoral degree programs.
- An academic year consists of two semesters and courses are provided for 15 weeks per semester.
- All the courses are taught in Korean except those for the Korean Culture and History major which are taught in English.

Benefits for International Students

- **Tuition fees are fully waived.**
- **The Government Grant of KRW750,000 per month** is provided for selected students.
- **Korean language courses are offered free of charge.**
- On-campus dormitory accommodations are available at the rate of KRW477,400 per semester, double occupancy.
- A 4:1 student-faculty ratio enables close one-to-one guidance of students by professors.

Eligibility

Classification	Qualifications
Nationality	Applicants must meet one of the following conditions: Both the applicant and his/her parents are foreign nationals. 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.
Educational Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order to be qualified for master’s degree programs: - Applicants who satisfy the above qualification in relation to their nationality must hold a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) conferred by a Korean or an overseas university at the start of the desired semester.- Applicants who satisfy the above qualification in relation to their nationality must hold a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) conferred by an overseas university at the start of the desired semester.• It is acceptable that applicants apply for a major which is not directly related to his/her undergraduate major. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order to be qualified for doctoral degree programs, applicants must hold a master’s degree (or equivalent) at the start of the desired semester.• Applicants are requested to apply for a major which is the same as or closely related to their master’s degree major.• Applicants who already have a doctoral degree are not allowed to apply for a doctoral degree program in the same or a similar field.

Admission Schedule

Steps	Schedule	
	Admission for 2014 Fall Semester	Admission for 2015 Spring Semester
Application Deadline	30 April 2014	31 October 2014
Results Announcement	27 June 2014	24 December 2014
Beginning of the Semester	1 September 2014	2 March 2015

AKS Research Grant

The AKS Research Grant is one of our non-degree programs which invites international students at overseas universities in the fields of Korean studies to the AKS and supports them for six months in order for them to grow to be a next generation of promising scholars in Korean studies.

Grant Benefits

- A. **Monthly allowance of KRW900,000**
- B. **An economy-class round trip airfare**
- C. **Grant Period : 6 months (1 September 2014 ~ 28 February 2015)**
- D. Grantees are allowed to take major-specific courses and Korean language courses free of charge.
- E. Access to the AKS facilities including the library and Jangseogak Archives is given.
- F. On-campus dormitory is available at the rate of KRW716,100 for 6 months, double occupancy.

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Educational Background	As of the application deadline, applicants must meet one of the following conditions : Applicants are enrolled in a master’s or a doctoral degree program at an overseas university. Applicants completed coursework and are in the status of ABD (All But Dissertation) in a master’s or a doctoral degree program at an overseas university. Applicants were conferred a master’s degree at an overseas university.
Residence	As of the application deadline, applicants must reside in a foreign country outside of Korea.
Research Topic	An applicant’s research topic should pertain to Korea/Korean studies.

Recruitment Schedule

- A. Application Deadline: **5:00PM 10 April 2014**
- B. Selection Result Announcement: In early June

Grantees’ Obligations

- A. Grantees must designate one of the AKS professors whose specialty is most relevant to their research topic as their academic advisor.
- B. Grantees must take at least **one major-specific course** taught by their academic advisor or **an individual study** with their academic advisor and obtain “S(Successful)” for course(s) taken.
- C. Grantees must take at least **one Korean language course** allocated by the GSKS and obtain “S(Successful)” for course(s) taken.
- D. Completing their research, grantees must submit either **a thesis or a report** summarizing their research findings and **an evaluation report written by their academic advisor** before they leave the country.
- E. Towards the end of the research period, there will be a meeting for reading research papers where grantees must **present their research findings**.
- F. Grantees must stay in Korea and concentrate on their research during the grant period.
- G. During the grant period, grantees are not allowed to be engaged in other occupations for financial purposes.
- H. During the grant period, grantees are not permitted to register at another educational institutions in Korea.

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 by awarding prizes for theses of excellence in the fields of Korean studies.

Prize Money

Prize	Prize Money
First Prize	KRW3,000,000
Second Prize	KRW1,000,000

Eligibility of Applicant

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Educational Background	As of the application deadline, applicants must be enrolled in a master’s or a doctoral degree program at an overseas university.
Residence	As of the application deadline, applicants must reside in a foreign country outside of Korea.
Research Topic	An applicant’s research topic should pertain to Korea/Korean studies.

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 and sent in a Hangul(.hwp) or MS-Word(.doc) format.
- C. When written in Korean, the paper should be around 20,000 letters (including spaces) in length, while in English, around 6,000 words, excluding the bibliography.

Schedule

- A. Submission Deadline: **5:00PM 30th September 2014**
- B. The selection result will be announced in early December, and the prize money will be wired in mid-December.

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