

**2024 GKS (Global Korea Scholarship)
Application Guidelines for Graduate Degrees**
**- The Graduate School of Korean Studies,
The Academy of Korean Studies -**



1. About the Graduate School of Korean Studies

The Graduate School of Korean Studies is an affiliated institution of the Academy of Korean Studies(AKS), which is funded and administered by the Korean government. 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 45 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 200 students are enrolled in the Master's and doctoral degree programs at the institution, including about 100 international students from 25 countries.

- A research-oriented, **government-funded** graduate school in the fields of humanities and social sciences pertinent to Korea
- **IEQAS(International Education Quality Assurance System)-certified** graduate school, recognized by the Ministry of Education for its international-student-friendly and supportive environments
- A **5:1 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**
- Various programs such as tutoring and writing clinic, supporting student's academic performance

2. Recruitment of 2024 GKS(Global Korea Scholarship) Grantees

The Global Korea Scholarship(GKS) is a scholarship program supported by the Korean government and implemented by the National Institute for International Education(NIIED). 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 friendship between Korea and participating countries.

The Graduate School of Korean Studies, the Academy of Korean Studies, has been 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 (2024. 9. 1. ~ 2027. 8. 31.)	1 year of Korean language program + 2 years of degree program
Doctoral Degree	4 years (2024. 9. 1. ~ 2028. 8. 31.)	1 year of Korean language program + 3 years of degree program

4. Available Fields of Study

Divisions	Majors
Humanities	Korean History, Diplomats 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 Cultural Studies (Only available for a Master's degree program)
4 Divisions	13 Majors for Master's Degree / 12 Majors for Doctoral Degree

- For detailed information on the curriculum of each major, please visit grad.aks.ac.kr, click *대학원 소개(Introduction to the Graduate School of Korean Studies)*, *전공 안내(Majors)*, and select a division and a major of interest.

- An academic year consists of two semesters and courses are provided for 15 weeks per semester. A spring semester begins in March, a fall semester in September.
- Most courses are taught in Korean, while courses in Korean Cultural Studies **major** are provided in English.
- 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] for the recognized similar fields of study for the applicants of doctoral degree program.

5. Number of Candidates to Be Recommended to the NIIED

- Maximum 15 candidates (Maximum 4 candidates from one country)

6. Selection Timeline

Selection Procedure	Steps	Dates (Korean Standard Time)	Remarks
University Track	Application Deadline	Wed 3 Apr 17:00	Application documents should be sent by registered mail .
	Announcement of the Interviewees List	Tue 16 Apr 17:00	
	Video Interview	Fri 19 Apr	Via zoom
	Announcement of Selection Result	Wed 1 May	
Embassy Track	Video Interview	Fri 24 May	To be conducted via Zoom for successful candidates of 2 nd round of the Embassy Track
	Announcement of Selection Result	Fri 7 Jun	

※ The above schedule may change under the unforeseen circumstances.

7. Important Notes for Applicants

A. For general application guidelines, please see [Appendix 1] ‘Application Guidelines for Graduate Degrees’ offered by the NIIED. It is also essential that applicants additionally meet the **language requirements** as follows:

Time	Language Requirement Depending on Majors		Remarks
	Korean Cultural Studies	All Majors <i>Except</i> Korean Cultural Studies	
When applying	TOEFL 80, IELTS 6.5, or TEPS 301	-	Applicants with a valid TOPIK certificate of level 5 or 6 are exempt from the mandatory Korean language program and will begin the degree program in Sep 2024.
Before GKS grantees complete the Korean language program	TOPIK level 3	TOPIK level 4	Korean language program will be taught at Pai Chai University (www.pcu.ac.kr/eckfi), an AKS’ commissioned institution.
If GKS grantees fail to meet the above requirement	Those who have scored 70% or higher of the requirement to attain TOPIK level 3 can be given one-time-only six-month extension of Korean language program, provided that they have been granted admission from their Korean language institute and obtained approval from the NIIED.	Their admission to the Graduate School of Korean Studies as well as the scholarship is revoked.	
In order to graduate from the degree program	TOPIK level 4	TOPIK level 6	Students who fail to reach the required TOPIK level are not eligible to graduate.

1) **Applicants for Korean Cultural Studies** must have English language proficiency equivalent to or higher than **TOEFL* 80, IELTS 6.5 or TEPS 301** which is valid as of 1 Mar 2024.

* MyBest Scores¹⁾ and Home Edition²⁾ are acceptable.

* TOEFL ITP(Institutional Testing Program) is not acceptable.

* The TOEFL Destination Code (Institution Code) for the AKS is 2067.

- In the following cases, however, applicants for Korean Cultural Studies are exempt from providing the above score report.
 - Applicants are from a country where English is an official language.
 - Applicants obtained a degree at a university or a graduate school whose medium of instruction was English.
- The above English requirement is only applicable to Korean Cultural Studies applicants.

2) Applicants are eligible to apply for any major without Korean language proficiency. However, once selected as GKS grantees, they should reach TOPIK level 3(students of Korean Cultural Studies) or **TOPIK level 4(all students other than those majoring in Korean Cultural Studies) during the Korean language program** in order to begin their degree program at the Graduate School of Korean Studies.

3) GKS grantees (**except those of Korean Cultural Studies**) who **fail to attain TOPIK level 4** during Korean language program are **not allowed to proceed to the degree program and their scholarship is revoked.**

1) MyBest Scores are the highest scores on each section (Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing) from all of the test taker's valid TOEFL iBT test scores from tests taken in the last two years, and a total score that is the sum of the MyBest section scores.

2) The TOEFL iBT Home Edition is the same TOEFL iBT test an applicant would take at a test center, just taken from the privacy of his/her own home and monitored online by a human proctor.

B. Required Documents and Certificates

- Applicants are required to submit the following documents and certificates by registered mail and **they must be received by the application deadline (3 April)**.

Type	Details	Submission Requirement	No. of Documents to be Submitted
Documents to be Completed	Application Form, Personal Statement, Study Plan, Recommendation Letter, Application Agreement, and Personal Medical Assessment	<p>All forms must be completed in English or Korean with applicant's signature.</p> <p>※ No need to be apostilled or consular-confirmed</p>	One original copy
Required Certificates	Graduation Certificates, Academic Transcripts, Proof of Nationality, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Documents written in English or Korean MUST be apostilled or consular-confirmed. ○ Documents written in other languages MUST obtain apostille or consular confirmation either on the original document or certified translation. Then the document written in original language and its certified translation must be submitted together. <p>※ Applicants from a member country of the Apostille Convention are required to have their documents apostilled. Applicants can submit a consular confirmation only when apostille is not possible.</p>	One apostilled or consular-confirmed certificate

- Addressee

(In English)

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- C. Letters of recommendation and application documents are acceptable **as long as they are received by the submission deadline.**
- D. Reasons for failure are not disclosed.
- E. Documents submitted are not returned.
- F. If it is discovered that applicants applied or were accepted through false information on the application form, falsification of documents, or other illegal methods, their admission may be cancelled.
- G. The NIIED's GKS(Global Korea Scholarship) recruitment is held separately from the general admission process of the Graduate School of Korean Studies for 2024 fall semester. Hence **it is acceptable that GKS applicants apply for the general admission of the Graduate School of Korean Studies for 2024 fall semester at the same time.** In this case, applicants are required to **apply separately at studyinkorea.go.kr** by 29 March 2024.

8. Contact Information : Graduate School Office

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[Attachment] Recognized Similar Fields of Study for the Applicants for Doctoral Degree Program

[Appendixes]

1. GKS Application Guidelines by NIIED
2. GKS Application Form

[Attachment]

**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 Program Applicants
Humanities	Korean History	Any majors are acceptable.
	Diplomatics and Bibliography	Paleography, Library Science, Bibliography, Library and Information Science, Records Management, Cultural Properties Studies(Ancient Writings), Korean Studies(Classical Literature, History, Bibliography, or Translation)
	Philosophy	Any majors are acceptable.
	Korean Linguistics· Korean Literature (Korean Linguistics)	Korean Linguistics, Korean Language and Literature, Korean Language Education, Linguistics, Korean Studies(Korean Linguistics or Korean Literature), Korean Language Education (as a Foreign Language)
	Korean Linguistics· Korean Literature (Korean Literature)	Korean Language and Literature, Korean Language Education, Chinese Literature, Classical Chinese Education, Creative Writing, Korean Studies(Korean Linguistics or 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.

※ Depending on the field of study in which a doctoral degree program applicant majored for his/her Master's degree, admission can be restricted. The final decision on the acceptability 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.