

# 2019 Global Korea Scholarship for Graduate Degrees: FAQ

<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	
<b>Q1</b>	I am currently enrolled at a university in Korea pursuing Master's degree. Am I eligible to apply for the Master's degree program under GKS?
<b>A1</b>	Yes, you are eligible to apply for our scholarship program as long as you have not attained the degree. Those who have taken classes at universities in Korea or have participated in exchange student programs in Korea may apply for GKS. However, if you are selected as our GKS scholar, you must drop out of the university you are currently enrolled at and start the degree program under GKS as a first year. The transfer of credits from your previous university is not possible.
<b>Q2</b>	I am in the last semester at one of the Korean universities for a Bachelor's (Master's) degree program and am expected to attain degree soon. Am I eligible to apply for a Master's (Doctoral) degree under GKS?
<b>A2</b>	No, you are not. If you are classified as a student who is expected to attain your Bachelor's (Master's) degree in Korea, you are not eligible to apply for a Master's (Doctoral) degree program under GKS. However, there is an exception for Korean adoptees and previous GKS scholars. If you are a Korean adoptee or a previous GKS scholar who is expected to or have already attained a degree in Korea, you may apply to GKS for Graduate degrees. Previous GKS scholars can reapply for a higher degree only once.
<b>Q3</b>	I am expected to complete my Bachelor's (Master's) degree in August 2019. Am I eligible to apply for a Master's (Doctoral) degree program under this scholarship?
<b>A3</b>	If you submit an official certificate of expected graduation or a provisional degree certificate issued by the university, you may apply for the 2019 GKS. However, it is only permitted under the condition that you will submit your final degree certificate and final academic transcript to NIIED by August 31, 2019. The failure of doing so will result in the cancelation of the scholarship.

Q4	My parents and I hold different citizenships. I am an Italian citizen while my parents each hold French and Polish citizenship. Am I eligible to apply for the program?
A4	Yes you may. If you and your parents are citizens of the countries that are invited to take part in our Global Korea Scholarship program, you are eligible to apply to our program. Since Italy, France, and Poland are all countries participating in our GKS program, you are eligible to apply for our program.
Q5	I meet all the application requirements listed in the GKS-G application guidelines. This means I am qualified to apply to all GKS partner universities, right?
A5	<p>Not really. The application requirements we have indicated in our GKS-G application guidelines are the minimum requirements to apply to our Global Korea Scholarship. However, some universities and departments may require a certain level of language proficiency, research experience and other qualifications. Thus, we ask all prospective applicants to go through “University information” file uploaded along with our application guidelines to check if they should meet further requirements.</p> <p>If a university you intend to apply asks for supplementary document, you submit those materials along with our GKS application documents.</p>
<b>APPLICATION SUBMISSION</b>	
Q6	May I apply for the program by submitting my application to NIIED directly?
A6	<p>No you may not. All applications must be submitted either to the Korean Embassy where you hold the citizenship or to one of our partner universities in Korea. Make sure to refer to the information on the application guidelines on how to submit your application.</p> <p>Even if you are currently living in Korea or a different country, if you are to apply via embassy track, you must submit your application documents to the Korean embassy in the country where you hold the citizenship.</p>



Q7	When is the deadline for the application?
A7	<p>The calls for 2019 GKS-G application starts in early February and lasts till mid-March. Each Korean embassy and university decides its own deadline within that period. Most deadlines fall in March, but in order to know the exact deadline, we highly recommend you to contact the Korean Embassy in your home country or your desired university.</p>
Q8	Where can I submit my application? Is online submission available?
A8	<p>No, we do not have online application system.</p> <p>All applicants must submit GKS applications in hard copies to the institutions that conduct the 1st round of selection. For GKS-Graduate degrees, you can submit the applications either to the Korean Embassies or Korean universities.</p> <p>Before submitting your application, you must carefully read through the 2019 GKS-G Application Guidelines, available on Study in Korea website (<a href="http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr">www.studyinkorea.go.kr</a> &lt; Scholarships &lt;GKS Notice).</p> <p>Please be noted that you cannot apply via both embassy and university tracks. You can only apply via either one of the two tracks.</p>
Q9	Must I submit the certificates of language proficiency (English or Korean) when I apply for GKS?
A9	<p>The certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL or IELTS) or Korean proficiency (TOPIK) is an optional document, which means you may apply for GKS without it. However, if you are an applicant of highly competitive country, Korean embassy or Korean university may require a certain level of language proficiency. Moreover, in some cases, those with high language proficiency may be given preferences during the selection.</p>



Q10	What should put in the section of GPA on the Application Form?
A10	Please put your GPA or scores for each semester. If you have completed your undergraduate program with 8 semesters for 4 years, write your GPA or scores for each semester in the blank. Make sure to the slash (/) between the GPA or scores you have received and the full GPA or scores. For example, if your GPA is 3.5 out of 4.5, you must indicate it as 3.5/ 4.5. If your percentage is 85 out of 100, indicate it as 85/100
Q11	How many recommendation letters should I submit? For embassy track applicants, we must submit one original and three copies. How do we handle sealed recommendation letters?
A11	<p>NIIED requires applicants to get recommendation letters from TWO different recommenders.</p> <p>For embassy track applicants, as recommendation letters cannot be opened by the applicant, you should ask each of your recommender to first write one original recommendation letter. Each recommender should make three identical copies of the original recommendation letter, sign each letter, and seal all together in an envelope and sign across the back flap of the envelope. Thus, a sealed envelope containing 4 identical recommendation letters should be submitted per recommender.</p> <p>For university track applicants, each recommender can just provide one recommendation letter and a total of two sets of recommendation letter should be submitted.</p>
Q12	I am planning to apply for 2019 GKS-G. However, as I have already received a recommendation letter from my university's professor in March 2018. Can I submit this recommendation letter?
A12	<p>The recommendation letter should be dated within a year from the very last date of the application registration.</p> <p>Thus, if your recommendation letter was issued within a 1 year from the 2019 GKS-G application registration deadline (set by the Korean embassy or university), then you may submit that recommendation letter.</p> <p>However, if the recommendation letter was issued more than a year from the 2019 GKS-G application registration deadline, then you cannot submit that letter.</p>



Q13	Should I include a detailed research proposal in the Statement of Purpose?
A13	Yes. You must at least describe the general direction and outlines of your study plans, if not in full detail. Please elaborate on your study objectives in Korea, tangible plans during and after you complete the degree program.
Q14	I will apply through the embassy track. According to the guidelines, I have to submit 4 sets of application documents: 1 original and 3 photocopies. Then, how can I submit the sealed documents, such as transcripts, graduation certificates or recommendation letters?
A14	<p>For transcripts or graduation certificates, please submit FOUR identical documents, each sealed in a separate envelope. For example, ask your university to issue you 4 sets of transcripts and certificates.</p> <p>For applicants who cannot get academic documents issued multiple times from their institutions, please make 3 photocopies of the original academic document you have.</p> <p>For recommendation letter, please refer to Q&amp;A 11 in this FAQ.</p>
Q15	Can I submit the documents that are in languages other than Korean or English?
A15	No. GKS requires that all documents be translated into Korean or English, and then be authenticated by the issuing institution or by a notary public. If your country has joined the apostille convention, you can get your document apostilled.
Q16	I am a Japanese citizen, currently living in Vietnam. May I apply for the program through the Korean Embassy in Vietnam?
A16	<p>No, you may not. If you choose to apply through the embassy track, you must submit your application to the Korean Embassy in Japan.</p> <p>All embassy track applicants must submit your application to the Korean embassy in the country where you hold the citizenship.</p> <p>In addition, if you hold the citizenship of a country that is not invited to take part in GKS-G, you are not eligible to apply for GKS.</p>





Q17	I am a Chinese citizen. In the application guidelines, there is quota only assigned in the embassy track for the Chinese citizens. Does that mean that I must apply to the Korean Embassy in China?
A17	<p>No, if you are a Chinese citizen, you should not submit your application to the Korean Embassy in China. According to the mutual agreement between Korea and China, Chinese applicants must submit their applications to China Scholarship Council (CSC) under the Ministry of Education in China.</p> <p>※Likewise, a Czech citizen must also submit his or her application to the Ministry of Education in Czech Republic, in accordance with the mutual agreement between the governments of Korea and Czech Republic.</p>
Q18	I am American living in Los Angeles, United States. I am going to apply for the program via the Korea Embassy. How should I submit my application to the Embassy in Washington D.C.?
A18	You can submit your application to your nearest Korean Consulate. In your case, you can submit your application to the Korea Consulate in LA. Korean embassy in Washington and several Korean consulates in the United States will cooperate to select the prospective candidates. This arrangement is available only for the United States.
<b>CHOICE OF UNIVERSITY &amp; MAJOR</b>	
Q19	May I choose any fields of study for a Master's (or Doctoral) degree program?
A19	You may only choose the majors and programs listed in the "University Information" file attached along with our 2019 GKS-G Application Guidelines, on our website, <a href="http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr">www.studyinkorea.go.kr</a> . NIIED strongly recommends that you contact the universities to consult on the majors and degree programs you are interested in.



Q20	How many majors and universities can I apply for admission?
A20	If you apply through the university track, you may choose only ONE university and ONE major offered for GKS. If you apply through the embassy track, you may choose THREE universities and the majors offered for GKS. Note that you may NOT choose three different majors from a single university. Please refer to the application guidelines and the university information.
Q21	I am planning to apply via university track. May I apply for a major in the field of liberal arts and social science at one of the regional universities?
A21	<p>Yes, you may as long as the university of your choice offers a degree program and your intended majors for GKS scholars. Please department/majors listed in the “University Information”. Therefore, you are free to choose to apply to any one of the designated universities, whether it is classified as regional university or non-regional university.</p> <p>Moreover, within the university track quota, for some countries, there are reserved quota for natural science and engineering majors applying to regional universities. Please refer to the application guidelines for more information.</p>
Q22	I am going to apply for the program via embassy track. The application guidelines say that applicants should choose up to 3 preferred universities and departments (or majors). Do you have any useful tips on choosing those universities and majors?
A22	<p>First, make sure to carefully study the application guidelines and “University Information” file. Feel free to do your own search and contact the university of your interest for further inquiries. You have to bear in mind that passing the 2nd round of selection will not guarantee an admission to the university that you have chosen.</p> <p>In Korea, each university has recognition for variety of fields and has its own strength. You may want to check which university is the leading institution in the field of study you would like to pursue for your graduate degrees.</p>



## KOREAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Q23

Is it mandatory for all GKS scholars to pass at least Level 3 in TOPIK after one year of Korean Language Course?

A23

Yes, it is. Every GKS scholar must get at least Level 3 on TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean) within the 1-year Korean language program in order to proceed to his or her degree program.  
Please note that NIIED assigns Korean language institution for each GKS scholar with various factors in consideration. The scholars cannot change their assigned language institutions. During the language program, scholars are required to live on-campus and accompanying family members is not allowed.

Q24

May I be exempt from the Korean Language Program?

A24

If you have already attained advanced level (Level 5 or 6) on TOPIK when applying for the program, you are exempt from Korean language program and you must directly start your degree program from September, 2019.  
If you attain advanced level (Level 5 or 6) during the first 6 months of Korean language program, you can start your degree program in the following semester (Spring 2020).

## DEGREE PROGRAM

Q25

May I change my final choice of a university for a graduate degree during the preliminary Korean language course?

A25

No, you may not. Changing the university or transferring to another university is NOT PERMITTED under any circumstances. Changing a major, however, may be allowed under restricted conditions, upon approval from the related departments of the university and NIIED. However, the procedure for changing major is extremely complicated so we ask all applicants to obtain sufficient information about your desired university and major and make choices.



Q26	What if I do not attain degree within the scholarship period? Can I extend my scholarship period until I graduate?
A26	Even if you do not attain degree within the scholarship period NIIED has designated, once your initial scholarship period is over, your scholarship benefits will come to an end. The extension of scholarship period is strictly forbidden.

THANK YOU  
for your interest in  
Global Korea Scholarship  
Korean Government Scholarship Program  
for Graduate Degree.

In case you need further assistance, we recommend you take the following steps:

1. Carefully read and study the Application Guidelines, which contains detailed information (pretty much all you need to know) on the application procedure.
2. If you still have difficulty finding information, please contact GKS Team at NIIED.



# 2019 GKS 有關政府邀請外國人研究生獎學金項目

## 選拔問答

### 申請資格

我是在韓國讀研究生的學生。 能報考 GKS 碩士嗎？

可以的。 如果在韓國沒有畢業或者沒有取得學位，可以申請 GKS 學位課程。  
在韓國，有學位課程或交換生經歷的人，也可以申請的。  
但是，在 2019 年 被選為 GKS 獎學金獲得者的情況，必須放棄現有的所有學位課程，  
從一年級重新開始新的學位課程。

我是在韓國學士（碩士）課程的最後一學期的學生。 可以申請 GKS 碩士（博士）課程嗎？

不可以的。 想要申請 GKS 碩士（博士）課程，至少需要提交學士（碩士）學位，  
在韓國將要取得學位或者已經取得學位時，不能申請。但，海外領養人或現有政府邀請獎學金學生的情況下，可以申請。現有的政府邀請獎學金學生，一年一次，可以重新申請上位學位課程。

學士（碩士）課程將在 2019 年 8 月結束，可以申請 2019 年 GKS 碩士（博士）課程嗎？

現在在學中的大學，在獎學金學生申請期限內，拿到並提交學士（碩士）預備畢業證明書，  
可以申請。



我和父母的國籍不同。我是意大利國際 我的父母分別是法國和波蘭國籍， 可以申請嗎？

可以的。 本人的國籍和父母的國籍如果都符合我國政府邀請外國人獎學金研究生項目的話，  
可以申請。意大利，法國，波蘭都是現在政府邀請獎學金研究生項目的邀請國家對象，所以  
可以申請。

在 GKS-G 募集要求里， 如果具備基本的報名資格條件， 是否可以申請 GKS 所有的受學大學？

也不一定是這樣的。我們的 GKS 申請資格條件是我校助學項目選拔時要求的申請資格條件。  
特定的大學和學科的情況，可能會對於語言能力或研究業績等另外要求，請務必在于招募  
大綱一起登載的“University Information”文件中，確認本人想要申請的大學的申請資格  
條件后，進行申請。 另外，如果您想申請的大學有要求追殲提交的文件時，請務必于我們  
的 GKS 文件一起提交。

## 申請材料

申請者是否可以直接向國立國際教育學院直接提交申請資料？

不可以的。 申請材料必須提交給作為第一的選拔機關（韓國大使館或 GKS 受學大學）。  
關於提交方法，請參照招募大綱。居住在韓國或者居住在他國的申請者，申請公共機關選拔  
的情況，必須通過本人擁有國籍的國家的韓國大使館進行申請。



提交申請資料的截止日期是什麼時候呢？

2019 GKS-G 募集是在 2 月初到 3 月中旬進行的。準確的申請截止期限，是由第一次選拔機構（韓國大使館或 GKS 受學大學）在 2019 年 3 月中確定的。所以，為了解準確的截止期限，請直接向提交申請書的相應 1 次先把機關諮詢。

申請書可以網絡提交嗎？ 提交到哪裡呢？

現在 GKS 網絡申請是不支持的。  
所有報名者，均需將報名材料打印之後，郵寄至“第一批選拔機構”，或者直接提交。  
“第一批選拔機構”，有駐外公館，和國內大學。申請者在決定提交給第一批選拔機構材料之前，必須仔細閱讀募集大綱。募集大綱刊登在 Study in Korea 網站的 GKS 公告事項里。

一定要提交國家認證的語言能力證書（英語，韓語）嗎？

公認認證英語能力考試證書（TOEFL,IELTS）和韓國語能力考試（TOPIK）證書，不是 GKS 募集時，必須要提交的材料。因此，沒有語言能力證書的情況下，也是可以申請的。但是，在競爭率很高的國家的申請者中，韓國大使館或者大學，會向申請者提出提交語言能力證書的要求。或者，韓國語能力成績，或英語能力成績獲得者，在選拔時可能會受到優待。



在申請書(Application Form)的成績欄里(GPA)，要寫什麼呢？

寫各個學期本人的 GPA 或成績就可以。如果本科課程在 4 年內以 8 個學期畢業的話，  
可以將各個學期的 GPA 或分數記在表格的空格上。

空格/前面是本人的 GPA 或分數，後面是總分或評價分數。

例如： 3.5/4.5 또는 85/100

需要提交多少份推薦書？

申請公共機關選拔的考生，在提交材料時還需要提交原件一份和複印件三份。被封存的  
推薦信如何複印並提交？

申請者基本都是從 2 名推薦人手中拿到推薦信。如申請公館選拔  
的考生，由各保薦人先填寫推薦信，然後複印其推薦信 3 份，分別簽字，  
然後將共 4 份相同內容的推薦信同封於一個信封內提交。

申請大學選拔時，每名推薦人提交一份推薦書即可。一共提交兩份推薦書就可以了。

我想報考 2019 年的 GKS-G, 2018 年 3 月提前收到了大學教授的推薦書。

相關推薦書 2019 GKS-G 報名時可以提交嗎？

如果該推薦書是在第一次文件提交截止日期 1 年內製作的推薦書，則可以提交。

如果推薦書的製作時間是從提交材料截止日期 1 年以上，則不能提交，請務必  
確認後提交。





學業計劃書(Statement of Purpose)是否應包括具體的學業計劃(proposal)?

是的,即使不是具體的學業計劃,也要提出整體的學業計劃。  
即,提出在韓國的學業目標和計劃,學業後計劃等即可。

我想通過駐外公館(韓國大使館)擇優錄取來報名。從徵集志願的大綱來看,  
申請公共機關選拔的考生需提交四份志願:原件一份,副本三份,但密封的學位證書或各種證書  
及推薦信如何提供?

成績證明書或各種證明書時,可提交 4 份密封的文件。  
比如,從學校拿到四份成績證明或學位證明後直接提交即可。  
如不能多次領取學位證書或成績證明書,請將 1 份《持有啓事》原件複印為應聘者本人的 3 份。  
如推薦書,請參考現 FAQ 的 Q&A11。

提交的學位證書或成績證明書未用英語或韓語的情況下,如何提交?

學位文件未使用英語或韓語時,必須進行翻譯,通過韓國公共機關  
或公證事務所獲得證明翻譯本與原件相同內容的公證。  
如果有關國家是"阿波斯蒂尤(apostille)"的加入國,可以接受阿波斯蒂尤的確認。



我雖然是日本國籍,但目前在越南居住。 可以把申請書送到越南大使館嗎?

不可以的。 如果通過公共機關進行申請,請向在日本的韓國大使館提交材料。  
申請公館遴選的人員,不論目前居住地如何,都必須向本人具有國籍的韓國大使館提交材料。 另外,如果沒有將獎學金名額分配給本人持有國籍的國家,就不能進行支援。

我是中國國籍的申請人。 中國的情況是,有公共機關推薦,那麼是向駐中國的韓國大使館申請嗎?

不是。 根據中國和韓國的協定,中國教育部接收文件,進行第一次選拔。 因此,中國申請人員必須向中國教育部國家留學基金管理委員會(China Scholarship Council)報名。  
※ 捷克也和中國一樣,在捷克教育部進行第一輪選拔,因此必須向捷克教育部提交材料。

我是居住在美國 LA 的美國申請人員。 想通過公共機關支援這個項目,但需要通過華盛頓的韓國大使館提交支援文件嗎?

在美國,由於地區間距離太遠,  
可以向本人地區較近的韓國大使館或韓國總領事館提交申請材料。  
在華盛頓的韓國大使館將與地區總領事館協商處理申請文件。



## 大學及專業選擇

申請碩士或博士時,哪些領域都可以申請?

只能在我們 **Study in Korea** 網頁(<http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr>)上登載的"**University Information**"提供的學科中進行報名。

對於專業選擇,希望您能與所報考的院校進行專業諮詢,填報志願。

爲了考上大學可以報考幾所大學和專業?

通過國內委託大學進行志願填報的,只能選擇提交志願的一所大學及其大學提供的一個專業。通過駐外使領館報名的報考者可在"**University Information**"檔案中的大學中報考三所大學,但各大學只能選擇一個專業。詳情請參閱招生大綱。

我是大學錄取志願者。不能報考屬於地方大學錄取大學的人文社會類專業嗎?

可以申請。報考者可在數學大學指導政府,小學和高中生報考的全部學問領域內報考。優秀的人文社會系列志願者在報考方面沒有限制,所以無論是首都圈還是地方,只要按照自己的意願報考就可以了。作爲參考,大學錄取時也有國家分配人員,其中一部分是爲地方大學理工科志願生分配人員。詳情請參閱招生簡章。



我想通過公共機關申請 GKS。這時候要選 3 所大學,怎麼做最好呢?

通過公共機關報名的報考者要注意選擇大學。

"並不是說通過 GKS 獎學金第 2 次錄取就能得到大學入學許可。 在選擇大學時,需要開闊視野,做出判斷的姿態。 韓國的所有大學都有各自的強項和特色領域。 瞭解一下感興趣的大學有哪些優勢領域,以及在本人想要報考的領域中取得優秀業績的大學,會有很多幫助。

## 韓國語研修

最後選出的所有 GKS 獎學金獲得者在韓國語研修後必須獲得 TOPIK3 級以上嗎?

是的,是必備事項。 如果在 1 年的韓國語研修後仍未能取得 TOPIK(Test of Proficiency inKorean)3 級學位時,將無法進入學位課程,並取消獎學金資格。 另外,獎學金獲得者的韓國語研修機構由 NIIED 分配,本人分配的韓國語研修機構絕對不能變更。 在韓國語研修期間,以宿舍生活為原則,不能攜家帶口。

可以免學韓語嗎?

報名時已取得有效 TOPIK5 級或 6 級成績者,可免學韓語,必須在 9 月學期進入學位課程。 另外,在韓國語研修的第一個 6 個月期間取得 TOPIK5 級以上學位時,次年 3 月即可進入學位課程。





## 學位課程

被選拔後,在韓國語研修或學位課程中是否可以變更大學和專業?

選拔時最終選擇的大學絕對不能變更。專業的情況,原則上不能變更。  
但是,在不得已的情況下,在同一所大學內,在遷移學科和新學科的相互同意下,  
經大學和國立國際教育院許可,可進行變更。但是,由於變更程序繁瑣,  
建議務必在最初報名時,對所報考的院校和專業領域充分收集信息,慎重填報志願。.

助學期內未完成學位課程的,能否延長助學期?

即使沒能在國立國際教育院指定的獎學金期限內取得學位,  
在選拔時確定的獎學金期限結束後獎學金獲得者的支援優惠也將終止。  
獎學金期限不可能延長。

感謝您對大韓民國政府邀請外國研究生獎學金項目的關心。

首先通過招募大綱確認所有程序支援相關細節後,如有疑問請諮詢我國國立國際教育院政府邀請獎學金組諮詢! 謝謝!

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