

# Notice for the 2022 Global Korea Scholarship

## GKS-G Scholars & GKS-UIC Scholars

Dear 2022 GKS Graduate and Undergraduate (UIC) Scholars!

Congratulations! We are happy to inform you that you have been selected as a 2022 GKS Graduate Scholar and 2022 GKS UIC Undergraduate Scholar. What follows below are important information you should know before you enter Korea. **Please read ALL information thoroughly** and take necessary actions accordingly. **Additional notice on entry procedure will be soon uploaded on the GKS Notice board (studyinkorea.go.kr).**

### A. KOREAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

#### **Period: September 1, 2022 ~ August 31, 2023 (1 year)**

NIIED has assigned you a Korean language institution based on one's country of origin and Korean language proficiency so that diversity is represented in each institution. Please refer to the [list of 2022 GKS-G final successful candidates](#) for your assigned institution. Korean language institutions are located in a different region from your degree university and scholars cannot change their assigned language institutions. Your language institution will be also indicated on the invitation letter that you will receive from NIIED in early July.

- ✕ Scholars in GKS-G R&D and GKS-U UIC program will take their Korean language program at the same university of their degree program.

#### **Minimum language proficiency: TOPIK level 3**

During a year-long mandatory Korean language program, [scholars must achieve at least TOPIK level 3 to enroll in their degree program.](#) If a scholar fails to reach TOPIK level 3 after one year of Korean language program, he or she will not be allowed to proceed with their degree program.

Scholars who achieve TOPIK level 5 or 6 within the first 6 months of Korean language program must start their degree program in the following semester (March 2023). In this case, even though a scholar's language program period reduces to 6 months, the degree program period will remain the same.

### Accommodation

GKS scholars are required to live on-campus in the dormitory in most cases with other roommates during their Korean language program. To live off-campus, scholars should obtain approval from the Korean language institution with a valid TOPIK level 3.

Scholarship does not cover dormitory fee, so scholars are responsible to pay for their accommodation. Most scholars pay for their accommodation within the stipend they receive each month. Please be noted that scholarship money including monthly stipend will be provided only after a scholar opens a bank account in Korea. One can open a bank account after an issuance of ID card (alien registration card). This procedure may take up to 1~3 months depending on the individual's circumstances. Therefore, **it is recommended that scholars bring additional funds that could cover their initial stay in Korea for a month or two.**

## B. DEGREE PROGRAM

**Program period including one-year mandatory Korean language program:**

Degree	Scholarship Period	Note
Korean language Program	September 1, 2022 ~ August 31, 2023	1 year
UIC Associate Degree	September 1, 2023 ~ August 31, 2025	2 years
UIC Bachelor's Degree	September 1, 2023 ~ August 31, 2027	4 years
Master's Degree	September 1, 2023 ~ August 31, 2025	2 years
Doctoral Degree	September 1, 2023 ~ August 31, 2026	3 years
Research Program	September 1, 2022 ~ August 31, 2023 (Korean language program not included)	6 months ~ 1 year

※ Scholars who were accepted to departments of different program duration (3 or 5 years) will have a different scholarship period. Their scholarship period will be indicated on their invitation letter.

### Accommodation

On-campus housing is generally available for degree program scholars who apply for one at their respective universities. Make sure to check the accommodation details with the universities.

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## C. CONDITIONAL SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

In the final successful candidates list, scholars who were **expected to graduate at the time of application** are listed as a “**Conditional Successful Candidates**” unless they submitted their official graduation certificate by June 15th (embassy track) or 17<sup>th</sup> (university track), 2022 through the embassy or university. If conditional successful candidates fail to submit their authenticated official graduation certificate (or diploma) by August 31, 2022, their scholarship will be cancelled. A return airfare will not be provided, and any additional scholarship provided should be paid back.

※ *The submission deadline may be extended depending on the individual's circumstances. However, if he or she fails to submit the document until the renewed due date, his or her scholarship will be canceled and any scholarship provided should be returned.*

Conditional Successful Candidates will receive NIIED's invitation letter and **may enter Korea, but at their own expense**. Entry airfare will be reimbursed only when the submission is completed.

As soon as your documents are issued from your school/university,

1. Have your official graduation certificate (or diploma) apostilled or consular-confirmed.
2. Send your authenticated certificate to the Korean embassy or university you initially applied to. Korean embassy or university should send NIIED a pdf file as an official document by August 31, 2022. Please contact the embassy or university before submission.
3. Candidate should also send the hard copy of the document via international mail to GKS Center, NIIED within a month from the date of your submission to the embassy/university.

**GKS Center (Selection Dept. of 2022 GKS-G or GKS-UIC)  
191 Jeongjail-ro, Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do,  
13557, Rep. of Korea**

*\*Please indicate your GKS Scholar Number next to your name.*

*\*Please use 우체국 등기 if you are sending your documents in Korea.*

4. When your submission is completed, your scholarship status will be changed to “final successful candidate” and **your entry airfare will be reimbursed after you are enrolled at your Korean language institution.**

*\* The reimbursement will be made after you open your bank account in Korea, and it may take up to 1~3 months depending on the individual's circumstances.*

**(Attention!)** Candidates who already graduated but applied with a provisional graduation certificate must contact their degree university and make sure they can issue you an admission letter with your provisional certificate. Even if you passed the second or third round of the selection process with your provisional certificate, you must be equipped with your official graduation certificate to receive an admission letter from Korean universities. Korean embassy or Korean immigration office will also request international students to submit their official graduation certificate (or diploma) to issue a visa. Therefore, **even if your provisional graduation certificate is considered official in your country, you must check with the degree university if additional documents are required for admission.**

#### D. SCHOLARSHIP DEFERRAL (Only applicable among conditional successful candidates)

Scholarship Deferral is a temporary measure NIIED is operating under COVID-19 pandemic around the world. If a conditional successful candidate cannot submit their certificate of graduation by August 31 due to circumstances beyond one's control, such candidate will be given a grace period for six months (until February 28, 2023) for their document submission instead of being disqualified from the scholarship.

If you belong to this case, you must contact the embassy or university you initially applied to and file your scholarship deferral BEFORE YOUR ENTRY TO KOREA with supporting documents that explain reasons of your late submission. You should enter Korea and start your GKS program when your scholarship status is restored. No scholarship will be provided until then.

Once you enter Korea and if you do not submit your official graduation certificate by August 31, 2022, your scholarship may be subject to cancellation. Your return airfare will not be provided, and any additional scholarship provided until that time should be paid back.

- **Conditional Successful Candidate with TOPIK level 5 or 6**

Those who are exempt from their Korean language program and have not submitted their graduation certificate by June 15<sup>th</sup> (through the embassy) or by June 17<sup>th</sup> (through the university) **will NOT receive an invitation letter** and their scholarship will be **automatically deferred for six months**.

- **Conditional Successful Candidate who are assigned to a Korean language institution**

If you cannot submit your official graduation certificate because your school is either closed, postponed the issuance of the certificate due to circumstances beyond your control (e.g., city lockdown due to COVID-19, war broke out, etc.), **you can also apply for a scholarship deferral** with supporting documents that explain reasons of your late submission before you enter Korea.

As soon as your documents are issued from your school/university,

1. Have your official graduation certificate (or diploma) apostilled or consular-confirmed.
2. Send your authenticated certificate to the Korean embassy or university you initially applied to. Korean embassy or university should send NIIED a pdf file in an official document by **November 30, 2022** and request NIIED to restore your scholarship status. Please contact the embassy or university before submission.
3. Candidate should also send the hard copy of the document via international mail to GKS Center, NIIED within a month but no later than **December 15, 2022** from the date of your submission to the embassy/university.

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4. When your submission is completed, your scholarship status will be changed to “final successful candidate”. NIIED will notify the embassy and the university that your scholarship is restored and send you an invitation letter for your visa processing.

**(Attention!)** Scholars whose scholarship was restored from a deferral should start their GKS program from March 2023 in principle. The invitation letter will be sent to those scholars in 2023.

However, if their scholarship is restored at an early stage, they may begin their program in September 2022. Please be noted that it takes time to process to complete a scholarship deferral, receive an invitation letter from NIIED, receive an admission letter from a Korean language institution/degree university, process visa, and schedule your flight to Korea. You should also check if a room is still available at a dormitory, etc. Therefore, **scholars who would like to begin their program in September 2022 must consult with their Korean language institution/degree university and make sure there is enough time to process the above procedure before the semester begins on September 1, 2022 and your entry airfare will be reimbursed after you are enrolled at your Korean language institution or Degree University.**

*\* The reimbursement will be made after you open your bank account in Korea, and it may take up to 1~3 months depending on the individual's circumstances.*

If you do not have enough time to prepare your entry to Korea after your certificate is ready, you should start your program in March 2023.

• **Candidates who have not yet submitted their complete medical report**

Candidates who have not yet submitted their complete Official Medical Examination report will not receive an invitation letter and their scholarship will be automatically deferred for six months. Relevant candidates must submit their medical report to [gksselection@korea.kr](mailto:gksselection@korea.kr) account by **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

## E. LEARN ABOUT KOREA BEFORE YOU COME TO KOREA

Prior to arrival, scholars are strongly recommended to find sufficient information about Korean life, culture, language, climate, etc. Please click on the link below and download the e-guidebook for international students living in Korea.

- ✓ **Study in Korea Guidebook** (available in Korean, English, and Chinese)

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| ✓ Korean Universities   | <a href="https://www.iksi.or.kr/lms/main/main.do">https://www.iksi.or.kr/lms/main/main.do</a> |
| ✓ Korean Culture        | <a href="http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr">http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr</a>                     |
| ✓ Korean Embassies      | <a href="http://korea.net">http://korea.net</a>   |
| ✓ Visa & Immigration    | <a href="http://www.mofa.go.kr">http://www.mofa.go.kr</a>                                     |
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## F. OTHER INFORMATION

- **Final MEDICAL CHECK-UP** in Korea:  
All GKS scholars must get a final medical check-up after they arrive in Korea. Most universities have medical requirement in order to allow students to live in dormitories and university-subsidized housing. We ask for your cooperation in advance since this will be the final procedure that you go through.
- ✓ If a GKS Scholar is found to have a serious illness that was not stated in the previous medical report that was sent to NIIED in June 2022, he or she will be disqualified from their GKS scholarship. The airfare for the return flight will not be provided in this case.
- In case a GKS scholar decides to withdraw from their scholarship program before their entry to Korea or before their enrollment to the respective Korean language institution/university, he or she must contact the embassy (embassy track) or the university (university track) with a letter including the reason of withdrawing. The scholarship will be canceled only when NIIED receives an official letter from an embassy/university regarding the matter.

A scholar who withdraws from the scholarship program within the first three months must immediately refund the full amount of scholarship received during their stay. This includes airfare, settlement allowance, monthly allowance, Korean language training expenses, tuition, insurance, Korean proficiency grants, etc.

Scholars who withdraw from the GKS program after they are listed on the final successful candidates list will not be eligible to re-apply for the program in the future.

- Even after a candidate has been selected as a final successful candidate, if a scholar is found to be disqualified or an application document of a scholar is discovered to be a fraud, the scholarship will be canceled.
- **(Attention!!)** GKS scholars are advised to bring the documents listed below *(in original or in authenticated version.)* for future purposes. (e.g., visa renewal, change of visa type, etc.) The list is not all inclusive, and scholars are encouraged to bring any documents that are considered important to them during their studies in Korea.
  - ✓ Graduation certificate or Diploma (It is strongly recommended to have your certificates apostilled or consular-confirmed)
  - ✓ Academic Transcript
  - ✓ Proof of citizenship (e.g., birth certificate, family registration, passport copy)
  - ✓ Medical examination results
  - ✓ Printed copy of NIIED invitation letter

## G. FURTHER QUESTIONS

Should you have any further questions, please contact us at [kgspniiid@korea.kr](mailto:kgspniiid@korea.kr) with your GKS Scholar Number in the subject line. We greatly look forward to seeing you here in August!

Sincerely,  
GKS Center, NIIED

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022