

# 2025 Global Korea Scholarship (GKS) by the National Institute for International Education (NIIED), Ministry of Education

## 1. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Global Korea Scholarship is designed to provide international students with opportunities to study at higher educational institutions in Korea to pursue academic degrees, which will enhance international education exchange and deepen friendship between Korea and participating countries.

\* As Korean Government Scholarship Programs have been integrated and branded as Global Korea Scholarship in 2010, the name has been changed to GKS (Global Korea Scholarship).

## 2. PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

- **Program Title: (University Track) Global Network Program**
- Degree: Master of Public Administration (MPA)
- Duration: August 2025 ~ December 31, 2026 (17 months)
- Number of Participants: 10 current/prospective officials, professionals from international organizations and international education bodies, or students in the field of global affairs (e.g., working for Diplomatic Strategy in G7 or ODA countries)
- **17-month Master's degree program only without Korean language program**

### ■ Eligibility

#### ❖ Nationality:

All applicants must hold citizenship of NIIED designated countries that are invited to take part in the GKS program (please refer to the application guidelines of 2025 GKS)

\* Applicants from all countries can apply to the Global Network program.

#### ❖ Level of Education: Bachelor's Degree

❖ Grades:

- Cumulative Grade Points Average (CGPA) of the entire curriculum from the previous degree program must meet one of the conditions below:
  - 1) Score percentile should be 80% or above on a 100-point scale or be ranked in the top 20% of one's class.
  - 2) CGPA must be equal to or above 2.64/4.0, 2.80/4.3, 2.91/4.5 or 3.23/5.0
- Applicants must submit an academic transcript with CGPA or ranking information.
- If a transcript does not provide CGPA in any one of the accepted GPA scales (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0, or 100 point scale), then the applicant must submit a transcript converted into one of the above CPA scales as a supplementary document.

❖ Age

- Must be under 40 years of age (born after September 1, 1985)
- Academic professors in one of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) recipients\* who are under 45 years of age (born after September 1, 1980) are eligible to apply,
- DAC list of ODA Recipients on 2025 flows ([www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org))

❖ Health

- All applicants must be in good health, both mentally and physically, to study in Korea for the full duration of the program.

❖ Additional Requirements for Global Network Program

- University track applicants of the Global Network Program must meet the following additional requirements to apply for the program
  - Applicants from all countries around the world
  - Current/Prospective officials, professionals, or students in the field of global affairs (e.g., working for Diplomatic Strategy in G7 or ODA countries.
  - No age limitations with Global Network Program's practice concentration

## ■ Restriction

- ❖ A person who has graduated from a Korean high school (including international schools) or a Korean university (undergraduate) is NOT eligible to apply.
  - A person who has graduated from an online curriculum from a Korean university cannot apply.
  - A person who is currently in his/her final year at a Korean university cannot apply.
- ❖ A person who has previously received scholarship for a degree program from the Korean government is NOT eligible to apply.
  - A person who had previously enrolled at a degree program through a Korean government sponsored scholarship program other than the NIIED administered scholarship program cannot apply.
  - A previous GKS scholar whose scholarship was cancelled after their enrollment cannot apply.
- ❖ Final successful candidates of the GKS degree program from the past three years who have withdrawn from the program or was disqualified from the program prior to enrollment cannot apply.

## 3. DOCUMENTS to SUBMIT

Please refer to the application guidelines of 2025 GKS Global Network Program (to be announced).

#### 4. SELECTION PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE

Please refer to the application guidelines of 2025 GKS Global Network Program (to be announced).

1) Application submission: Mid- March 2025

2) Essay Test and Interview: Mid-April 2025

\*Essay Test and Interview will be conducted only for successful applicants from SNU-GMPA documents review

3) Recommendation to NIIED: April 26 (Fri) 2025

4) Final Selection by NIIED: June 2025

- Application documents can ONLY be submitted via POST.

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Please click the link below to find out more:

[Admission Guideline for 2025 KGSP \(GKS\) Graduate Program](#)

<https://en.snu.ac.kr/admission/overview/notice?md=v&bbsidx=145985>