

NOTICE FOR 2ND ROUND SELECTED CANDIDATES (2026 GKS-U University Track)

Dear Selected Candidates of the 2nd Round of the 2026 Global Korea Scholarship Undergraduate Degree Program,

Huge congratulations to you all for making it to the 2nd round of the 2026 GKS-U!

We ask all selected candidates of the 2nd round whose names are included in the attached result to carefully read the following information and take appropriate actions for the final round selection process.

1. Exemption from Korean Language Program – Due January 2, 2026

All 2026 GKS-U scholars who pass the final round will take a one-year mandatory Korean language program starting in early March 2026. **From 2024, the Korean language program and the degree program will be conducted at the same university.**

<Exception>

GKS scholars who have valid TOPIK level 5 or 6 will be exempt from the language training program and start their degree program in March 2026. If you have attained TOPIK level 5 or 6 after you have submitted your applications or if you have already obtained TOPIK level 5 or 6 but did not report us of your score, please inform us by submitting the scanned copy of your TOPIK certificate to NIIED.

* The 103rd TOPIK and 10th TOPIK IBT are the last TOPIK scores that report to NIIED for exemption from the Korean language program. Applicants who obtain TOPIK Level 5 or 6 after the application deadline must submit their valid TOPIK certificate to NIIED **by January 2, 2026**. If you have already submitted your TOPIK certificate at the time of application and there is no change to your TOPIK level, you do not need to re-submit the certificate.

○ How to submit

- Save a scanned file of your TOPIK certificate into a PDF file and name it in the following format: **[Your Candidate Number]-TOPIK**. Limit the size of the file to less than 5 MB.

For example, a candidate should attach [2026U-UNI567]-TOPIK (if any) file in an email with the subject line, [2026U-UNI567]-TOPIK.

○ Where to submit: gksselection@korea.kr

○ Submission Deadline: **Friday, January 2, 2026 (Korea Standard Time)**

Important Notes on gksselection@korea.kr account

This is a receive-only email account for document submission. You will not receive any response to your inquiries regarding the program or application. Should you have inquiries that require response, please send an email to gksniied@korea.kr

You will not receive confirmation email after your submission. If there is an issue with your submitted email or if we do not receive your email until the due date, then we will contact those candidates individually.

Due to security reasons, we cannot open files that are sent via Google Drive, Dropbox, One Drive or any internet-linked files. We only accept files that are attached in an email.

2. Additional Document Submission

Those of you who were **expected to graduate at the time of application** or applied with a **provisional graduation (or degree) certificate**, must submit your authenticated (apostilled or consular-confirmed) official graduation certificate **by December 31, 2025 (Korea Standard Time)** to NIIED through the university. Each university should send NIIED scanned copy of the documents by December 31, 2025. After that, please send hard copies to NIIED to the address below:

GKS Center (Selection Dept. of 2026 GKS-U)
191 Jeongjail-ro, Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do,
13557, Rep. of Korea

**Indicate your Candidate Number next to your name*

Your document should be authenticated (apostilled or consular-confirmed). If the document is written in a language other than Korean or English, you should submit a notarized translation along with your authenticated document. Please note that all documents submitted to NIIED will NOT be returned in any case.

Selected Candidates of the 2nd round who applied without a graduation certification.

Selected Candidates of the 2nd round who applied with a certificate of expected graduation or a provisional graduation (degree) certificate must submit their authenticated official graduation certificate or diploma to NIIED by December 31, 2025* through the university.

If Successful Candidates fail to submit their authenticated official graduation (degree) certificate or diploma by December 31, 2025 to NIIED through the university, their scholarship may be cancelled.

Note: We will announce the final results in early-January. However, even after a candidate was announced as a final successful scholar, we may cancel the scholarship at any time if a scholar is found to be disqualified or an application document of a scholar is discovered to be a fraud.

※ NIIED will contact GKS scholars to the email account submitted in their application. If scholars need to change their contact information before their enrollment to the university/Korean language institution, please let us know about the updates via email (both gksniied@korea.kr and gksselection@korea.kr)

We thank you in advance for your full cooperation.

Sincerely,
GKS Center, NIIED

December 26, 2025