

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

Dear Selected Candidates of the 2026 Global Korea Scholarship Graduate Degree Program,

Huge congratulations to all who passed the second round of 2026 GKS-G!

We kindly ask all 2nd round candidates whose names appear in the attached results to carefully review the following information and take the necessary steps for the final round of the selection process.

1. Exemption from Korean Language Program – Due June 19

All 2026 GKS-G scholars who pass the final round will take one-year mandatory Korean language program from early September 2026, except for Research and Global Network program applicants. **From 2023, the Korean language program and the degree program will be conducted at the same university, except for seven universities*.**

** GIST (Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology),
KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology),
KDI School (KDI School of Public Policy and Management),
NCC-GCSP (National Cancer Center Graduate School of Cancer Science and Policy),
POSTECH (Pohang University of Science and Technology),
The Graduate School of Korean Studies, The Academy of Korean Studies,
UNIST (Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology)
Above mentioned institutions will operate Korean language programs for GKS scholars at separate institutions. Please contact the relevant institution for further information.*

<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 September 2026. If you have attained TOPIK level 5 or 6 after you have submitted your applications or if you have already received 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 **TOPIK 105th** and **TOPIK IBT 12th** are the final test scores that can be submitted to NIIED for exemption from the Korean language program. Applicants who achieved TOPIK level 5 or 6 after the application deadline must submit the valid TOPIK certificate to NIIED **by June 19**. If you already submitted your TOPIK certificate at the time of application and if there is no change to your TOPIK level, you do not have to re-send the certificate.

○ How to submit

- Save a scanned copy of your TOPIK certificate as a PDF file named **[Your Candidate Number]-TOPIK** (The file size must be less than 5MB.)
- **Attach the PDF file to a single email with a subject line, [Your Candidate Number]-TOPIK** (Please do not include any other text.)
For example, a candidate should attach [2026G-UNI600]-TOPIK (if any) file to his/her email with the subject line [2026G-UNI600]-TOPIK.

○ Where to submit: gksselection@korea.kr

○ Submission Deadline: **Friday, June 19, 2026 (Korea Standard Time)**

Important Notes on gksselection@korea.kr email 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

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. Important Note

We will announce the final results in late June or early July. 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.

※ Applicants who are expected to graduate by July 31, must submit their official graduation certificate (or diploma) and final academic transcript to GKS Center, NIIED by July 31, 2026. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your acceptance.

※ For Iranian applicants affected by conflict in the Middle East, the submission of apostilled or consular-confirmed original documents must be submitted to the university after the announcement of the final successful candidates and before the university issues the Certificate of Admission.

※ 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 (gksselection@korea.kr)

We thank you in advance for your full cooperation.

Sincerely,

GKS Team, NIIED

June 11, 2026