



KGSP Guideline

Korean Government Scholarship Program



아주대학교
AJOU UNIVERSITY

2014 KGSP Graduate Students Admission Guideline

Program Objective:

The Korean Government Scholarship Program is designed to provide higher education in Korea for international students, with the aim of promoting international educational exchanges as well as mutual friendship amongst the participating countries. Students graduated from a renowned college with good academic qualifications will have a higher possibility to be selected for the KGSP.

About Ajou University

Ajou University, established in 1973 under the motto of "Asia's best university for the 21st century", is a leading research university with 10 colleges in Korea. Located in Suwon, about 30km south of Seoul, Ajou has 14,328 students(10,148 undergraduate, 4,180 graduate).

The strength in Ajou's academic programs and research lies in Engineering, IT, BT, NT, Medical Science, Business and International Studies. Ajou is widely recognized for its innovative international programs and strong support for international students and has collaborative partnership with about 246 universities in 59 countries as of July 2012. There are wide ranges of international programs at Ajou including student and faculty exchanges, international summer school and Korean language program, etc. International students are taking courses offered in English by various majors. Today, Ajou is welcoming about 750 international students every semester.

1. Program

- **Master's** : 3 yrs. (1 yr. Korean language + 2 yrs. Master's program)
- **Doctoral**: 4 yrs. (1 yr. Korean language + 3 yrs doctoral program)

2. Number of Students to be Selected

- **Master's** : To be announced at the end of every January, 2014
- **Doctoral** : To be announced at the end of every January, 2014
- KGSP scholarship for Graduate Students was provided with total of around 760 candidates from 135 countries. 2~5 candidates are selected from each country.
- Ajou accepts over 5 students every year

3. Qualifications

Prospective applicant must meet the following qualification criteria

- 1) The applicant and his/her parents must have foreign citizenships.
 - * Applicants who hold Korean citizenship are not permitted to apply for this program.
 - 2) Applicants should be in good health, both mentally and physically, to stay in Korea for an extended period of time.
 - * Applicants must submit the Personal Medical Assessment (included in the application form) when he/she apply for this program, and when it's orientation, an Official Medical Examination will be done by NIIED. A serious illness (For example, HIV, Drug, etc) will be the main cause of disqualification from the scholarship.
 - ※ The handicapped who satisfy the above are also eligible for the program
 - ※ NOT Eligible: those who are pregnant
 - 3) Applicants must be under 40 years of age as of Sep. 1st
 - 4) Applicants must hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree as of September 1st
 - * **(Important) Applicants who have ever enrolled in a university in Korea will be disqualified from applying to the KGSP program. Specifically, an applicant who has previously enrolled in an undergraduate program, a master's program, a doctoral program or an exchange program in Korea cannot apply for this program.** However, a KGSP scholar who has graduated or will graduate from a Korean university as of August 31st can apply for this program again only via the embassy if only he/she holds at least TOPIK Level 4 and obtain another recommendation within the allotment from the Korean Embassy of his/her respective country of origin (re-application is limited to one instance).
 - * Applicants who apply for the Master's program must hold a Bachelor's degree or a diploma that is equivalent to or higher than a Bachelor's degree.
 - * Applicants who apply for the Doctoral program must hold a Master's degree or a diploma that is equivalent to or higher than a Master's degree.
 - * Applicants who are expecting to obtain the relevant required degree or diploma by August 31st, -must submit a certificate of degree or diploma expectation, and submit the official certificate of degree or diploma to NIIED by August 31st,
- o Applicants must maintain a grade point average (G.P.A.) of at least 2.64 on a 4.0 scale, 2.80 on a 4.3 scale, 2.91 on a 4.5 scale, or grades/marks/score of 80% or higher from the previously attended institution.
- If an applicant does not satisfy the above GPA criteria, he/she will be disqualified from applying to this program.**
- * If the transcript is not indicated in grades/marks/scores format, or is difficult to convert into percentages, attachment of official explanation from the attended institution is required.
 - o Applicants who have Korean proficiency or English proficiency may be given preference.
 - o Applicants who apply for natural science and technology program may be given preference.

4. Fields of Study in Ajou University

a) Graduate School

Division	Department
College of Engineering	Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Architecture, Architecture Engineering, System Engineering, Civil & Transportation Engineering, Urban Development
College of Information Technology	Electrical and Computer Engineering, Computer Engineering Digital Media
College of Natural Sciences	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biological Science
School of Business	Business Administration, Management Information System, Global Management, Financial Engineering
School of Humanities	Korean Language and Literature
School of Social Sciences	Economics, Applied Sociology, Political Science and Diplomacy
College of Law	Law
School of Medicine	Medical Sciences, Biomedical Sciences
College of Nursing	Nursing Science
School of Pharmacy	Pharmacy
	Molecular Science and Technology, Energy System Research
Interdisciplinary Programs	Applied Bio Technology, Space Electronics and Information Engineering, Biomedical Engineering

b) Graduate School of International Studies

Division	Department
Graduate School of International Studies	International Business, International Trade, NGO Studies, International Development and Cooperation

5. Scholarship

- 1) Scholarship period: same as the period of invitation.
- 2) Scholarship Benefits

Airfare	Round-trip economy class ticket
Monthly Allowance	Graduate : 900,000 won/ month
Research Allowance	Human and Social Sciences: 210,000 won/semester Natural and Mechanic Sciences: 240,000 won/semester
Settlement Allowance	200,000 won (once) upon arrival
Korean Language training costs*	Full tuition fee for Korean language up to one year
Tuition	The tuition fee up to 5 million won is exempted by the Korean Government, and if any, the tuition fee exceeding 5 million won and the entrance fee for the first semester by the host university.
Dissertation Printing Costs	Costs: 500,000 or 800,000 KRW depending on the actual costs
Medical insurance	20,000 won / month (limited coverage)
Special fund for students proficient in the Korean language (TOPIK level 5 or 6)	100,000 won per month (commencing from the main program)

6. Selection Procedure

Quota	University	Embassy
Submission of Required documents	University in Korea Until middle of March	Embassy in your country Until middle of March or earlier
1 st Screen	Until early April	Until early April
2 nd Screen	NIIED -Until end of April	NIIED Until end of April
3 rd Screen	-	University Until end of May
Announcement of Final Successful Candidates	NIIED Until mid of June	
Visa Issue and Air ticket purchase	Until end of July	
Entry into Korea	Late August	
NIIED Orientation & Korean Language Course	1 year	
Enter University	September 1 st	

- Detailed schedule can be changed year by year
- The grantees with level 5 or higher in TOPIK shall begin to take degree courses without the preliminary Korean language course.

7. Selection Criterion

- All documents, including transcript, self-introduction, study plan, certificates of language proficiency (Korean and English), recommendation, published papers and awards etc., will be evaluated.

8. Required Documents

Check List for Application Documents	Master's	Doctoral
1. Complete Application form (Designated form)		
1. Personal Data (Designated form)	○	○
2. Self-Introduction or Personal Statement(Designated form)	○	○
3. Study Plan (Designated form)	○	○
4. Letter of Recommendation (Designated form) - 1 or more	○	○
5. Pledge (Designated form)	○	○
6. Personal Medical Assessment (Designated form)	○	○
7. Graduation Certificate of High School	-	-
8. High School Grade Transcripts	-	-
9. Copy of diploma or certificate of graduation from undergraduate institution	○	○
10. Official transcript of previously attended undergraduate institution(s)	○	○
11. Copy of diploma or certificate of graduation from graduate institution	-	○
12. Official transcript of previously attended graduate institution(s)	-	○
13. Certificate of TOPIK score (original copy), if available	△	△
14. Certificate of TOEFL or IELTS score (original copy)	△	△
15. Published papers, if available (one or two)	△	△
16. Awards, if available (one or two)	△	△
17. Copy of passport (possible to submit after selection)	○	○
18. Certificate of Citizenship (Applicant & Parents)	-	-

- Required documents can be changed year by year.

12. Contact Information

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13. Notes

Detailed qualifications , required documents , schedule and scholarship can be changed a little year by year so you should visit official website of KGSP (<http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr> or <http://www.nied.go.kr>) to get more detailed information before application.