

2026 GKS GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATE [UNIVERSITY TRACK]

(General/ R-GKS/ Research/ R&D/ Global Network/ International Organization)

1. Application Schedule

Time(KST)	Classification(University Track)	Remark
February 9 (Mon) - March 31 (Tue)	Application and Submission of the required documents	Express mail Courier or in person
April 1 (Wed) - April 17 (Fri) (Tentative)	Screening of documents / Evaluation	PNU International / by Department
April 24, 2026 (Thu)	Final Evaluation	PNU International
April 30 (Thu), 2026 (Tentative)	Announcement of Successful Applicants(1st round)	PNU International ※ Individual Notice via E-mail
Early June 2026	Evaluation (2nd round)	NIIED
Late June 2026	Announcement of Successful Applicants (3rd round)	NIIED

2. Quota by Country/Region

○ General: 160 scholars from 54 countries / R-GKS: 480 scholars from 56 countries or regions

No.	Country /Region	Quota			No.	Country /Region	Quota		
		General	R-GKS	Total			General	R-GKS	Total
1	Algeria	1	3	4	32	Mexico	2	14	16
2	Armenia	1	1	2	33	Moldova	1	1	2
3	Azerbaijan	2	1	3	34	Mongolia	6	37	43
4	Bangladesh	3	17	20	35	Morocco	-	2	2
5	Belarus	1	1	2	36	Myanmar	7	36	43
6	Brazil	1	5	6	37	Nepal	4	2	6
7	Brunei	1	2	3	38	Nigeria	2	5	7
8	Cambodia	5	21	26	39	Pakistan	2	15	17
9	Cameroon	1	8	9	40	Peru	3	1	4
10	Central African Republic	1	-	1	41	Philippines	16	44	60
11	Colombia	1	7	8	42	Poland	1	3	4
12	Costa Rica	1	1	2	43	Romania	1	1	2
13	Egypt	3	5	8	44	Russia	5	17	22
14	Ethiopia	3	10	13	45	Rwanda	1	4	5
15	Georgia	1	1	2	46	Singapore	2	4	6
16	Germany	1	1	2	47	Slovakia	1	-	1
17	Ghana	-	5	5	48	Sri Lanka	3	7	10
18	Hungary	1	1	2	49	Sudan	1	1	2
19	India	5	42	47	50	Taiwan	-	1	1
20	Indonesia	10	61	71	51	Tajikistan	2	2	4
21	Iran	2	6	8	52	Tanzania	1	4	5
22	Italy	1	1	2	53	Thailand	6	11	17
23	Kazakhstan	5	18	23	54	Turkiye	2	5	7
24	Kenya	1	1	2	55	Turkmenistan	-	3	3
25	Kuwait	1	-	1	56	UAE	-	1	1
26	Kyrgyzstan	7	3	10	57	Uganda	1	1	2
27	Laos	4	3	7	58	USA	-	4	4
28	Liberia	1	-	1	59	Uzbekistan	6	6	12
29	Lithuania	1	1	2	60	Vietnam	10	12	22
30	Malaysia	7	9	16					
31	Mauritania	1	1	2					
						Total	160	480	640

○ **Research: 5 scholars from 149 countries or regions**

※ Applications are available from 149 inviting countries and regions for the embassy and university tracks.

○ **R&D: 403 scholars from all countries around the world**

○ **Global Network: 80 scholars from all countries around the world**

3. The available Fields and Majors

※ Visit the PNU official website for more information on each department and major:
<https://www.pusan.ac.kr/eng/CMS/OrganizationMgr/Undergraduate.do?mCode=MN020>

○ **General/R-GKS Track**

Field	Dept.	Field of Study(Specific major)		Remarks
		Master's	Doctoral	
Humanities Social Sciences	Korean Language and Literature	Korean Language and Literature	Korean Language and Literature (Korean Classical Literature)	Busan campus
		-	Korean Language and Literature (Korean Modern Literature)	
		-	Korean Language and Literature (Korean Linguistics)	
	Chinese Language and Literature	Chinese Language and Literature	Chinese Language and Literature (Chinese Literature)	
		-	Chinese Language and Literature (Chinese Linguistics)	
	Japanese Language and Literature	Japanese Language and Literature	Japanese Language and Literature (Japanese Literature)	
		-	Japanese Language and Literature (Japanese Linguistics)	
	English Language and Literature	English Language and Literature(English Language and Literature)	English Language and Literature (English Literature)	
		-	English Language and Literature (English Linguistics)	
	German Language and Literature	German Language and Literature	German Language and Literature (German Literature)	
		-	German Language and Literature (German Linguistics)	
	Russian Language and Literature	Russian Language and Literature	Russian Language and Literature (Russian Literature)	
		-	Russian Language and Literature (Russian Linguistics)	
	Korean Literature in Chinese Characters	Korean Literature in Chinese Characters	Korean Literature in Chinese Characters	

Field	Dept.	Field of Study(Specific major)		Remarks
		Master's	Doctoral	
			(Korean Literature in Chinese Characters)	
	Linguistics	Linguistics	Linguistics(Linguistics)	
	Philosophy	Philosophy	Philosophy (Western Philosophy)	
		-	Philosophy (Social Philosophy)	
		-	Philosophy (Oriental Philosophy)	
	History	History	History (Korean History)	
		-	History (Asian History)	
		-	History (Western History)	
	Archaeology	Archaeology	Archaeology (Archaeology)	
	Public Administration	Public Administration	Public Administration (Public Administration)	
	Political Science and Diplomacy	Political Science and Diplomacy	Political Science and Diplomacy (Political Science and Diplomacy)	
	Social Welfare	Social Welfare	Social Welfare (Social Welfare)	
	Sociology	Sociology	Sociology (Sociology)	
	Psychology	Psychology	Psychology(Psychology)	
	Library, Archives & Information Studies	Library, Archives & Information Studies (Library, Archives & Information Studies)	Library, Archives & Information Studies (Library, Archives & Information Studies)	
		Library, Archives & Information Studies (Archival Studies)	Library, Archives & Information Studies (Archival Studies)	
	Media & Communication	Media & Communication	Media & Communication (Communication)	
	Law	Law	Law	
	Korean Language Education	Korean Language Education	Korean Language Education (Korean Language Education)	
	Special Education	Special Education	Special Education (Special Education)	
	Early Childhood Education	Early Childhood Education	Early Childhood Education (Early Childhood Education)	
	Education	Education	Education (History of Education and Educational Philosophy)	
		-	Education (Curriculum and Educational Method)	
		-	Education (Educational Psychology and Counseling Psychology)	

Field	Dept.	Field of Study(Specific major)		Remarks	
		Master's	Doctoral		
		-	Education (Educational Administration, Educational Sociology & Lifelong Education)		
	Social studies Education	Social studies Education (Geography Education)	Social studies Education (Geography Education)		
	Foreign Language Education	Foreign Language Education(English Education Major)	Foreign Language Education(English Education Major)		
	Business Administration		Business Administration (Management Information Systems)	Business Administration (Management Information Systems)	
			Business Administration (International Business)	Business Administration (International Business)	
			Business Administration(Marketing)	Business Administration(Marketing)	
			Business Administration (OM(Operations Management))	Business Administration (OM(Operations Management))	
			Business Administration (Personnel& Organizational Management)	Business Administration (Personnel& Organizational Management)	
			Business Administration (Financial Management)	Business Administration (Financial Management)	
			Business Administration (Accounting)	Business Administration (Accounting)	
			Business Administration (Digital Finance)	Business Administration (Digital Finance)	
			Business Administration (Digital Marketing)	Business Administration (Digital Marketing)	
	International Trade		International Trade	International Trade (International Economics)	
			-	International Trade (International Trade Management)	
	Economics		Economics	Economics (Economics)	
			-	Economics (Regional Economics)	
	Public Policy & Management	Public Policy & Management	Public Policy & Management (Public Policy & Management)		
	Tourism and Convention	-	Tourism and Convention(Tourism)		
	Child Development and Family Studies	Child Development and Family Studies	Child Development and Family Studies(Child Development and Family Studies)		
	Food and Resource Economics	Food and Resource Economics	-	Miryang campus	
Natural Sciences	Mathematics	Mathematics(Mathematics)	Mathematics(Mathematics)		
		Mathematics(Industrial Mathematics)	-		
	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics(Statistics)		

Field	Dept.	Field of Study(Specific major)		Remarks
		Master's	Doctoral	
	Physics	Physics	Physics(Physics)	
	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry(Chemistry)	
	Integrated Biological Sciences	Integrated Biological Sciences	Integrated Biological Sciences(Integrated Biological Sciences)	
	Earth and Environmental Systems	Earth and Environmental Systems(Geological Environment Science)	Earth and Environmental Systems(Geological Environment Science)	
		Earth and Environmental Systems(Oceanography)	Earth and Environmental Systems(Oceanography)	
		Earth and Environmental Systems(Atmospheric Science)	Earth and Environmental Systems(Atmospheric Science)	
	Earth Science	Earth Science	Earth Science (Earth Science)	
	Chemical Materials	Chemical Materials	Chemical Materials(Chemical Materials)	
	Pharmacy	Pharmacy	Pharmacy(Pharmacy)	
	Manufacturing Pharmacy	Manufacturing Pharmacy	Manufacturing Pharmacy(Manufacturing Pharmacy)	
	Clothing and Textiles	Clothing and Textiles	Clothing and Textiles(Clothing and Textiles)	
	Food Science and Nutrition	Food Science and Nutrition(Food Science and Nutrition)	Food Science and Nutrition(Food Science and Nutrition)	
	Housing and Interior Design	Housing and Interior Design	Housing and Interior Design(Housing and Interior Design)	
	Plant Bioscience	Plant Bioscience	Plant Bioscience(Plant Bioscience)	
	Horticultural Bioscience	Horticultural Bioscience	Horticultural Bioscience(Horticultural Bioscience)	
	Life Science & Environmental Biochemistry	Life Science & Environmental Biochemistry	-	
	Applied Bioresources and Life Science	-	Applied Bioresources and Life Science(Animal Science)	Miryang campus
		-	Applied Bioresources and Life Science(Life Science & Environmental Biochemistry)	
	Biomaterial Science	Biomaterial Science	Biomaterial Science (Biomaterial Science)	
	Food Science & Technology	Food Science & Technology	Food Science & Technology(Food Science & Technology)	
	Animal Science	Animal Science	-	
	Nursing	Nursing	Nursing(Nursing)	
	Convergence Medical Sciences	Convergence Medical Sciences	Convergence Medical Sciences(Convergence Medical Sciences)	
	Dentistry	Dentistry	Dentistry(Oral Medicine)	Yangsan campus
			Dentistry(Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)	
			Dentistry(Pediatric Dentistry)	

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		Master's	Doctoral	
			Dentistry(Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology)	
			Dentistry(Orthodontics)	
			Dentistry(Conservative Dentistry)	
			Dentistry(Dental Anesthesia and Pain Medicine)	
			Dentistry(Prosthodontics)	
			Dentistry(Periodontics)	
			Dentistry(Oral Microbiology)	
			Dentistry(Oral Pathology)	
			Dentistry(Oral Physiology)	
			Dentistry(Oral Biochemistry)	
			Dentistry(Oral Anatomy)	
			Dentistry(Pharmacology and Dental Therapeutics)	
			Dentistry(Dental Biomaterials Science)	
Korean Medicine	Korean Medicine	Korean Medicine		
Convergence Korean Medical Science	Convergence Korean Medical Science	Convergence Korean Medical Science		
Engineering	Architecture	Architecture	Architecture(Architecture)	
	Architectural Engineering	Architectural Engineering	Architectural Engineering(Architectural Engineering)	
	Civil and Environmental Engineering	Civil and Environmental Engineering(Civil Engineering)	Civil and Environmental Engineering(Structural Engineering)	
		Civil and Environmental Engineering(Environmental Engineering)	Civil and Environmental Engineering(Water Engineering)	
		-	Civil and Environmental Engineering(Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering)	
		-	Civil and Environmental Engineering(GSIS and Construction Management System)	
		-	Civil and Environmental Engineering(Environmental Engineering)	
		-		
	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	
	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering(Electrical Energy System)	
		-	Electrical and Electronics Engineering(Semiconductor, Integrated Circuits, Photonics)	
		-	Electrical and Electronics Engineering(Robot, Intelligent, Control)	
		-	Electrical and Electronics Engineering(Communications, Electromagnetic Wave, Signal Processing)	

Field	Dept.	Field of Study(Specific major)		Remarks	
		Master's	Doctoral		
	Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering	Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering	Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering(Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering)		
	Materials Science Engineering	Materials Science Engineering	Materials Science Engineering(Metal Materials)		
		-	Materials Science Engineering(Ceramic Materials)		
	Industrial Engineering	Industrial Engineering(Industrial Engineering)	Industrial Engineering(Industrial Engineering)		
		Industrial Engineering(Industrial Data Science and Engineering)	Industrial Engineering(Industrial Data Science and Engineering)		
	Aerospace Engineering	Aerospace Engineering	Aerospace Engineering(Aerospace Engineering)		
	Urban Engineering	Urban Engineering	Urban Engineering(Urban Engineering)		
	Convergence Science	Convergence Science(Applied Hybrid Materials)	Convergence Science(Applied Hybrid Materials)		
		Convergence Science(Green Transportation System Design)	Convergence Science(Green Transportation System Design)		
		Convergence Science(Science and Technology Innovation)	Convergence Science(Science and Technology Innovation)		
	Nano Fusion Technology	Nano Fusion Technology	Nano Fusion Technology(Nano Fusion Technology)		
	Nanomechatronics Engineering	Nanomechatronics Engineering	Nanomechatronics Engineering (Nanomechatronics Engineering)		
	Bio-industrial Machinery Engineering	Bio-industrial Machinery Engineering	Bio-industrial Machinery Engineering(Bio-industrial Machinery Engineering)		
	Bio-environmental Energy	Bio-environmental Energy	Bio-environmental Energy(Bio-environmental Energy)		Miryang campus
	Applied IT and Engineering	Applied IT and Engineering	Applied IT and Engineering(Applied IT and Engineering)		
Landscape	Landscape	Landscape(Landscape)			
Arts	Music	Music(Vocal)	-		
		Music(Composition)			
	Korean Traditional Music	Korean Traditional Music(String·Vocal)	Korean Traditional Music(Korean Musicology)		
		Korean Traditional Music(Wind·Percussion)	Korean Traditional Music(Korean Applied Music)		
		Korean Traditional Music	-		

Field	Dept.	Field of Study(Specific major)		Remarks
		Master's	Doctoral	
		(Composition-Conduction)		
		Korean Traditional Music(Theory)	-	
	Dance	Dance	-	
	Fine Arts	Fine Arts(Korean Painting)	Fine Arts(Korean Painting)	
		Fine Arts(Western Painting)	Fine Arts(Western Painting)	
		Fine Arts(Carving and Modeling)	Fine Arts(Carving and Modeling)	
	Plastic Arts	Plastic Arts(Furniture Wood Lacquer)	Plastic Arts(Plastic Arts)	
		Plastic Arts(Ceramic Arts)	-	
		Plastic Arts(Fiber Arts)	-	
		Plastic Arts(Metal Arts)	-	
	Art Culture and Image	Art Culture and Image	Art Culture and Image(Art Culture and Image)	
	Design	Design(Visual Design)	Design(Design)	
		Design(Animation)	-	
	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education(Humanities Science)	
		-	Physical Education(Natural Science)	
Graduate School of International Studies	International & Area Studies	International & Area Studies		
	Korean Studies	-		
	International Trade	International Trade		

○ **R&D Track** ※ Visit PNU official website for more information regarding each department and major

- School of Mechanical Engineering: <https://me.pusan.ac.kr/>
- Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engineering: <https://ee.pusan.ac.kr/>
- Dept. of Cogno-Mechatronics Engineering: <https://globalcogno.pusan.ac.kr/>

Field	Field of Study(Specific major)		Remarks
	Master's	Doctoral	
School of Mechanical Engineering	School of Mechanical Engineering (Energy Systems)	School of Mechanical Engineering (Energy Systems)	
	School of Mechanical Engineering (Mechanical Systems Design)	School of Mechanical Engineering (Mechanical Systems Design)	
	School of Mechanical Engineering (Precision Manufacturing Systems)	School of Mechanical Engineering (Precision Manufacturing Systems)	
	School of Mechanical Engineering (Intelligent Control and Automation Systems)	School of Mechanical Engineering (Intelligent Control and Automation Systems)	
	School of Mechanical Engineering (Nuclear Systems)	School of Mechanical Engineering (Nuclear Systems)	
Dept. of Cogno-Mechatronics Engineering	Dept. of Cogno-Mechatronics Engineering	Dept. of Cogno-Mechatronics Engineering (Cogno-Mechatronics Engineering)	
Dept. of Information Convergence Engineering	Dept. of Information Convergence Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)	Dept. of Information Convergence Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)	Busan/ Yangsan campus

Field	Field of Study(Specific major)		Remarks
	Master's	Doctoral	
	Dept. of Information Convergence Engineering (Computer Engineering)	Dept. of Information Convergence Engineering (Computer Engineering)	
	Dept. of Information Convergence Engineering (Biomedical Convergence Engineering)	Dept. of Information Convergence Engineering (Biomedical Convergence Engineering)	Yongsan campus

- **Global Network Track** ※ Visit PNU official website for more information regarding each department and major
 - Graduate School of International Studies: <https://gsis.pusan.ac.kr/>

Field	Field of Study(Specific major)	Remarks
	Master's	
Graduate School of International Studies	International Logistics & Port Management	

4. Eligibility

○ Nationality

- All applicants must hold citizenship of NIIED designated countries that are invited to take part in the GKS program.

1. The applicant's parents (or legal guardians) must be foreign nationals. Applicants or their parents who hold dual nationality, including Korean nationality, are not eligible to apply.
2. If the applicant or their parents previously held Korean nationality, they must submit an official document issued by the Korean government proving the renunciation or loss of Korean nationality.
3. If the applicant's nationality changes during the evaluation process, they will be disqualified (R&D and Global Network programs are not exempt).

※ Applicants for research programs may apply from 157 designated countries and regions through embassy and university selection.

※ Applicants for R&D and Global Network programs are eligible regardless of nationality.

- **Level of Education - Applicants who have met the degree requirements below for each course at the time of application or are expected to obtain a degree as of July 31, 2026**

	Program	Minimum Level of Education	Notes
Degree	Master's	Bachelor's Degree	
	Doctoral	Master's Degree	
Research	Post-Doctorate	Doctoral Degree	
	Exchange Professor	Master's Degree	Must be currently teaching at a university as a professor
	Program for Education, Science, Culture, or International Cooperation Professionals	Master's Degree	Must be a professional in a field of Education, Science, Culture, or International Cooperation

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

○ **Grades**

- Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of the entire curriculum from the previous degree program* must meet one of the conditions below;

* For example, previous degree for a doctoral degree program applicant is a master's degree program.

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 GPA scales as a supplementary document.

○ **Age**

- Must be under 40 years of age (born after September 1, 1986)

- Academic professors in one of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) recipients* who are under 45 years of age (born after September 1, 1981) are eligible to apply.

* DAC List of ODA Recipients on 2024 and 2026 flows (www.oecd.org)

	Least Developed Countries (LDC)	Low income countries which are not LDCs (per capita GNI <= \$1,135 in 2022)	Lower middle income countries and territories which are not LDCs (per capita GNI \$1,136 - \$4,465 in 2022)	Upper middle income countries and territories which are not LDCs (per capita GNI \$4,466 - \$13,845 in 2022)
Asia	Afghanistan Bangladesh Cambodia Laos Myanmar Nepal Timor-Leste	North Korea	Bhutan India Mongolia Pakistan Philippines Sri Lanka Vietnam	China(People's Republic of) Indonesia Maldives Malaysia Thailand
Africa	Angola Benin Burkina Faso Burundi Central African Republic Chad Comoros DR Congo Djibouti Eritrea Ethiopia Gambia Guinea Guinea-Bissau Lesotho Liberia Madagascar Malawi Mali Mauritania Mozambique		Algeria Cabo Verde Cameroon Congo Cote d'Ivoire Egypt Eswatini Ghana Kenya Morocco Nigeria Sao Tome and Principe Tunisia Zimbabwe	Botswana Equatorial Guinea Gabon Libya Mauritius Namibia Saint Helena South Africa

	Least Developed Countries (LDC)	Low income countries which are not LDCs (per capita GNI <= \$1,135 in 2022)	Lower middle income countries and territories which are not LDCs (per capita GNI \$1,136 - \$4,465 in 2022)	Upper middle income countries and territories which are not LDCs (per capita GNI \$4,466 - \$13,845 in 2022)
	Niger Rwanda Senegal Sierra Leone Somalia South Sudan Sudan Tanzania Togo Uganda Zambia			
Latin America	Haiti		Bolivia Honduras Nicaragua	Argentina Belize Brazil Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Dominica Dominican Republic Ecuador El Salvador Grenada Guatemala Guyana Jamaica Mexico Montserrat Panama Paraguay Peru Saint Lucia Saint Vincent & the Grenadines Suriname Venezuela
Middle East / CIS	Yemen	Syrian Arab Republic	Iran Jordan Kyrgyzstan Lebanon Tajikistan Ukraine Uzbekistan	Albania Armenia Azerbaijan Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina Georgia Iraq Kazakhstan Kosovo Moldova Montenegro North Macedonia Serbia Turkiye Turkmenistan West Bank and Gaza Strip (Palestine)
Oceania	Kiribati Solomon Islands Tuvalu		Micronesia Papua New Guinea Samoa Tokelau Vanuatu	Fiji Marshall Islands Nauru Niue Palau Tonga Wallis and Futuna
Total	140 Countries			

○ **Health**

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

5. Restriction

- A person who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean high school (including international schools) or a Korean university(Undergraduate or Graduate) is NOT eligible to apply.

- . A person who has graduated from an online curriculum from a Korean high school or 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 a scholarship 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 GKS scholar whose scholarship was canceled after beginning a degree program (including the one-year Korean language course) or the IRTS Korean language program.
 - A former GKS scholar from a degree or research program whose scholarship was canceled after their enrollment.

- . 'Cancellation of Scholarship' means a GKS scholar either withdrew from the program or his/her scholarship was forfeited due to cumulative warnings, etc. during their scholarship period.
- . A former GKS scholar who had received scholarships from GKS Non-degree program for exchange students and IRTS Korean language program CAN 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.

○ Duplicate Submission

- Embassy track candidates (including reserve candidates) who passed the first round of selection cannot apply again through a university track
- Embassy track applicants must apply to only one program among General, IRTS, and Overseas Korean program
- University track applicants must apply to only one program among General, R-GKS, Research, R&D or Global Network program
- ※ However, applicants recommended by International Organization may apply to only one program General, R-GKS, Research, R&D, or Global Network under the University track, excluding the research program
- University track applicants (including a recommender from the International Organization) must apply to one university and one department

* Duplicate submissions will be disregarded in the evaluation. If found afterwards, scholarship will be cancelled even after the evaluation is completed.

<Applicants must check additional restrictions or eligibility set by each university>

- Please check if there is any additional eligibility set by each university/department
- All GKS scholars should achieve TOPIK level 3 to proceed to their degree program. However, some department of degree universities may have additional requirements (e.g., TOPIK level 4) for enrollment. Please be mindful about these requirements set by each university/department. If you do not meet these requirements and fail to enroll in the university, your scholarship will be canceled.
- Please check the enrollment period set by each degree university/ department
- Scholars whose Korean language program is delayed (e.g., return after a leave of absence) must check if their degree program is only available to start at a certain period of time. For example, if a specific department or major only allows students to start their first semester in September, relevant scholars may not be able to enroll in the degree program in March.

6. Additional materials required by each university/department

- List of required documents
 - Required documents for all applicants: Same as NIIED's requirement
 - . [Submit 1 set of original documents with additional 2 sets of copied documents \(3 sets in total, no need notarization for copies\)](#)
 - Required documents for relevant applicants: Portfolio
 - . Applicants of below departments are required to submit portfolio in free format.

Departments Requiring Portfolio Submission	
College of Fine Arts (minimum 10 works required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Korean Painting (M.A./Ph.D.) - Western Painting (M.A./Ph.D.) - Sculpture (M.A./Ph.D.)
Department of Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visual Design (M.A.) - Animation ((M.A.)
Department of Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vocal Music (M.A.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Korean Art Song • 2 Art Songs (Italian, German, French, etc. / language optional) • 2 Arias (Italian, German, French, etc. / language optional) ⇒ Submit recordings of the above 5 pieces on USB - Composition (M.A.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Submit 3 original scores (PDF) on USB
Department of Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Submit a USB containing a video of the performance (within 2 minutes, music and costume are optional).

- Submission Method: Express mail, courier or in person.

○ **Departments applying additional language proficiency requirements**

※ Please be aware the following departments require TOPIK level of 4 or higher (if not, The scholar will be not able to enter the dept., PNU)

College and Department		Language Proficiency Requirement
College of Humanities	Korean Language and Literature Chinese Language and Literature Japanese Language and Literature English Language and Literature German Language and Literature Literature in Chinese Characters Philosophy, History, Archaeology	TOPIK Level 4 or higher
College of Social Sciences	Political Science and Diplomacy	
College of Education	Special Education, Social Science Education (Geography Education)	
College of Economics and International Trade	Tourism of Convention Public Policy & Management	
College of Human Ecology	Housing and Interior Design, Child Development & Family Studies	
College of Arts	Design, Art Culture & Image Fine arts, Korean Traditional Music	
College of Humanities	Russian Language and Literature, Linguistics	TOPIK Level 5 or higher
College of Social Sciences	Social Welfare, Sociology, Media & Communication	
College of Education	Korean Language Education, Early Childhood Education, Foreign Language Education	
College of Business	Business Administration	
College of Economics and International Trade	International Trade, Economics	
College of Law	Law	
College of Natural Resources & Life Sciences	Animal Science	
College of Nursing	Nursing	

7. List of Documents to Submit

One set of original documents and two sets of photocopies (simple copies).

Type	No.	Application Documents	Master's	Doctoral	Research
Documents to complete (Required)	1	(Form 1) Application Form	Required	Required	Required
	2	(Form 2) Personal Statement	Required	Required	Required
	3	(Form 3) Study Plan	Required	Required	N/A
	4	(Form 4) Research Proposal - only applicable for research program applicants	N/A	N/A	Required
	5	(Form 5) ONE Letter of Recommendation	Required	Required	Required
	6	(Form 6) Letter of Invitation (issued by the research program university)	N/A	N/A	Required
	7	(Form 7) Korean Language Program Exemption Application - only applicable for current academic professor applicants	Optional	Optional	N/A
	8	(Form 8) GKS Applicant Agreement	Required	Required	Required
	9	(Form 9) Personal Medical Assessment	Required	Required	Required
	10	(Form 10) Consent to Collect and Use Personal Information	Required	Required	Required
Certificates (Required) Must be Apostilled or Consular confirmed	11	Applicant's/Parent(s) Proof of Citizenship and family relationship Document	Required	Required	Required
	12	Bachelor's Graduation Certificate (or Diploma)	Required	Required	Required
	12'	Bachelor's Degree Transcript	Required	Required	Required
	13	Master's Graduation Certificate (or Diploma)	N/A	Required	Required
	13'	Master's Degree Transcript	N/A	Required	Required
	14	Doctoral Graduation Certificate (or Diploma) - only applicable for postdoctoral research program applicants	N/A	N/A	Required
	14'	Doctoral Degree Transcript - only applicable for postdoctoral research program applicants	N/A	N/A	Required
	15	Certificate of Employment - only applicable for professional under research program	N/A	N/A	Required
	16*	Proof of Overseas Korean Document/Proof of Korean Adoptee Document	Optional	Optional	Optional
Required for relevant applicants	17	Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation Document - applicant and his/her parent(s)	Optional	Optional	Optional
	18*	Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	Optional	Optional	Optional
	19*	Certificate of Employment or certificate of Experience (e.g., faculty members of the International Organization partner university)	Optional	Optional	N/A
	20	Score report of valid TOPIK/TOPIK IBT (Original) or English Proficiency Test (copy)	Optional	Optional	Optional
Other documents (Optional)	21	Awards and other certificates, etc. (copy)	Optional	Optional	Optional
	22	Applicant's Passport (copy)	Optional	Optional	Optional

○ Important notes regarding application submission

- Applicants must submit any additional documents required by each university/department to the university directly.
- **Submitted documents will not be returned** and additional documents may be required if necessary.
- Total 3 sets of documents (1 set of the original documents and 2 sets of copied documents) must be arranged in the same order as written on the “Checklist” provided by NIIED. Avoid using staplers(use clips), and write the name of document on the right upper side of the document.
- Incomplete documents or non-submission of 2 sets of copied documents will result in the disqualification of an applicant
- **Original and copy documents can be submitted separately, but the use of clips, staples, plastic covers, or file binding for individual documents is prohibited.**
- **If only original documents are sent without copies, the admission application may be canceled.**
- Make sure to write down applying department and specific major on the application form (If incorrectly written, application will be automatically cancelled).
- If documents are not written in Korean or English, the applicant needs to submit their notarized translation in Korean or English as well.

○ Important notes for applicants

- 1) The applicant who submits documents that are incomplete or whose details are not true by forgery or translation errors, or who hires a substitute exam-taker or cheats will be disqualified.
- 2) If the applicant is found to be illegally admitted by such means as mentioned in 1) while at school or after graduation, admission will be canceled and all academic records will be deleted even if the applicant has graduated.
- 3) Matters that are not included in these guidelines will be dealt with the admission procedures and regulations of the NIIED and PNU. For more information, please contact PNU International.

○ Documentation Requirements

Documents to complete

- **Submission requirements:** All forms must be filled in English or Korean with applicant's original handwritten signature
 - ※ No need to be apostilled or consular confirmed
- **Number of documents to submit**
 - ONE set of original documents + TWO sets of additional simple photocopies

Required certificates

- **Submission requirements**
 - Documents written in English or Korean: must be apostilled or consular confirmed
 - Documents written in other languages: ① documents written in a language other than English or Korean must be submitted together with a certified translation ② obtain apostille or consular confirmation on either original document or certified translation
 - ※ If your country belongs to one of the member countries for the Apostille Convention, submit your 'required certificates' with apostille.
- **Number of documents to submit**
 - ONE set of original documents + TWO sets of additional simple photocopies

○ Requirements for each submitted document

Documents to Submit	Submission Requirement
Proof of Citizenship and Family relationship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Official certificates such as birth certificate or family register issued by a government that proves ① family relationship between an applicant and his/her parents and ② their citizenship • If one cannot submit necessary documents due to an absence of their parent(s) –e.g., divorced or deceased – please provide additional documents (e.g., divorce certificate or death certificate) that explains the reason for not submitting their proof of citizenship. ※ Chinese applicants must submit a household register or a certificate of kinship. If the document is in Chinese, it must be apostilled and accompanied by a certified translation. - If applicants' or their parents' citizenship information is not indicated in the above documents, then submit valid passport copies (do not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed) as supplementary documents. • Ethnic group, birth place, or current residency in the submitted documents are not accepted as a citizenship information. • If passport is not available, please submit another government issued document (needs to be apostilled or consular confirmed) or a copy of an ID card that clearly indicates citizenship information (does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed) as supplementary document. ※ If supplementary documents submitted in addition to a birth certificate or a family register are not reliable, such application may be put at a disadvantage during evaluation.

Documents to Submit	Submission Requirement
<p>Certificate of Graduation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit a graduation certificate, degree certificate or a diploma that indicates the date of graduation (or degree acquisition date). - Applicants who are expected to graduate by July 31, 2026 can also apply for the program with a certificate of expected graduation including a date of graduation. Such applicants must submit their official graduation certificate (or diploma) to GKS Center, NIIED by July 31, 2026. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your acceptance. (A certificate of attendance is not valid as proof of graduation.) - Temporary certificates (such as temporary graduation certificates, completion certificates, graduation examination records, or passing certificates) are not considered valid or accepted as official documents. ※ Applicants who graduated from a university in China must submit an English copy of the degree certification report issued by CHIS (www.chsi.com.cn) and an official graduation certificate or degree certificate. (Chinese documents must be translated and notarized and submitted with an apostille.)
<p>Academic Transcript</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit an academic transcript officially issued by the graduated university. - Applicants who are expected to graduate by July 31, 2026 must submit a transcript that includes all semester grades up to the time of application. In addition, they must submit their final academic transcript to the GKS Center, NIIED, by July 31, 2026, after acceptance. The final transcript must be apostilled or consular-confirmed. Failure to submit the final transcript by the required deadline will result in the cancellation of your acceptance. - If the CGPA is not indicated in one of the acknowledged GPA scales (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0 or 100 point scale), submit a transcript converted into one of the above GPA scales as a supplementary document. • A converted transcript is only valid when the relevant university officially confirmed the document (this supplementary document does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed, but should be submitted in an original document with university's authentication) • A transcript converted with a conversion tool such as scholaro.com or wes.org is only acceptable when the relevant university officially confirms the document (does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed, but should be authenticated by the university) ※ Application without converted transcript may be put at a disadvantage during evaluation. - Transcript indicated with a CGPA for the entire academic curriculum will be accepted even if it does not have GPA per semester/year. • In such case, please put CGPA only and leave the GPA section empty in the application form. ※ Academic transcript without a CGPA or without ranking information may be put at a disadvantage during evaluation. - If a transcript of a transferred student that does not include the grades of the previous semester(s), submit an academic record of the previous university as a supplementary document (need to be apostilled or consular confirmed)
<p>Letter of Recommendation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The recommendation should come from professors, department heads, or other relevant individuals at the applicant's university. (The recommendation letter should be dated within one year of the

Documents to Submit	Submission Requirement
	<p>application deadline.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants recommended by the International Organization program must submit a recommendation letter from a partner university affiliated with the International Organization.
<p>Proof of Overseas Korean or Adoptee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit supporting documents such as family register or birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her lineal ascendant.
<p>Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit supporting document issued by the Korean government that indicates details on the definite loss of Korean citizenship and its date. An application or a receipt for renunciation of Korean citizenship is not accepted.
<p>Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate that are officially issued by the government that certifies the lineal ascendant of an applicant was a veteran who participated in the Korean War as a foreign military. - Submit supporting documents such as family register or birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her lineal ascendant.
<p>Score Report of Korean or English Proficiency Test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit if necessary (optional) - Korean: TOPIK/ TOPIK IBT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOPIK certificates from the 87th to the 99th and TOPIK IBT certificate from 1st to 6th exam will be recognized as valid certificates. • Submit an original printed copy of TOPIK score report from the official website. (topik.go.kr) - English: TOEFL, IELTS (the expiration date of the certificate must be February 28, 2026 or later) • Submit an original printed copy of the test score report from the official website.
<p>Other Materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit if necessary (optional) - Submit materials such as an award that can prove the applicant's activities described in the personal statement and study plan. Submit in photocopied documents. (Do not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed)
<p>Passport Copy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit if necessary (optional) - Submit a passport copy as a supplementary document if the proof of citizenship (family register, birth certificate, etc.) does not clearly indicate citizenship information.

< Items to Note on Apostille (or Consular Confirmation) >

- Required Certificates (refer to 'List of Documents to Submit' section) must be apostilled. (or consular confirmed)
- If your document is unable to be re-issued, please keep the original and obtain an apostille (or consular confirmation) on a notarized copy.
- Simple photocopies or notarized copies of the apostilled (or consular confirmed) documents are NOT accepted. However, a certified true copy (등본 인증) issued by a Korean embassy or a government agency that initially issued the original apostille document are accepted.
 - ※ If the document cannot be apostilled or consular confirmed (e.g., because the type of document is not subject to apostille), applicants must obtain a certified true copy (등본 인증) from the apostille issuing government authority or from the Korean embassy on a notarized copy. If the authenticity of the submitted document is unclear, such application may be put at a disadvantage during evaluation.
- If an applicant graduated from a third country, he or she may obtain a consular confirmation from the embassy of the relevant country on the graduation certificate and academic transcript.
- Required certificates that are issued in digital format must also be apostilled.(or consular confirmed)
- If there is an expiration date on an apostilled or consular confirmed document, the validity of the document will be judged based on the date indicated on the authentication. If there is no specific date indicated, the document will be accepted if it was submitted within 2 years from the date of authentication.

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* Applicants must specify that they are applying for the GKS Graduate-U Track and include their program name, department, nationality, full name, and contact information in the email.