

2024 GKS GUIDELINES FOR **GRADUATE** [UNIVERSITY TRACK, **REGIONAL UNIVERSITY**] [R&D, GlobalNetwork]

1. Application Schedule

Time(Korean Standard)	Classification(University Track)	Remark
2024. 7 Mar. (Thu) 9:00 ~ 6 May. (Mon) 17:00	Application and Submission of the required documents	Express mail, Courier or in person
7 May. (Tue) ~ 14 May. (Tue) (Tentative)	Screening of documents / Evaluation (Documents and Interview)	PNU International / by Department
16 May. (Thu) (Tentative)	Final Evaluation (Nomination to NIIED)	PNU International
17 May. (Fri)	Announcement of Successful Applicants(1st round)	PNU International ※ Individual Notice via E-mail
May	Evaluation (2nd round)	NIIED
June	Announcement of Successful Applicants (3rd round)	NIIED

2. PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Degree programs

Program	Master's Degree	Doctoral Degree
R&D	1 year of Korean language program + 2 years of degree program	1 year of Korean language program + 3 years of degree program
Global Network	1~2 years of degree program (Degree program only)	-

- SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- Scholarship Period

- R&D Master's Degree Program: 3 years
(1 year of Korean language program + 2 years of degree program)
- R&D Doctoral Degree Program: 4 years
(1 year of Korean language program + 3 years of degree program)
- Global Network Program: within 2 years (Master's degree program within 2 years)

○ **Important Notes regarding Scholarship Period**

- Global Network program scholars and 2. R&D program scholars who obtained TOPIK level 5 or 6 will be exempt from a Korean language program
- Those who receive TOPIK level 5 or 6 within the first 6 months of the Korean language program will be exempt from the remaining 6-month language program and must start their degree program in the following semester (March 2025)

○ **Scholarship Benefits**

Scholarship	Airfare	Tuition	Korean Language Training Fee	Study incentive
Recipient	All GKS Scholars	GKS Scholars in Degree Program	GKS Scholars in Korean language Program	All GKS Scholars
Benefits	Economy class flight ticket (actual expense)	NIIED: up to 5 million KRW University: amount that exceeds 5 million KRW, (Admission fee)	5.2 million KRW (four quarters)	Korean language program: 14,100,000 KRW per year Graduate Degree program: 15,700,000 KRW per year Research Program: 19,800,000 KRW per year

Study Incentive : All-inclusive subsidy of Settlement Allowance, Monthly Allowance, Research Allowance, Korean Proficiency Grants, TOPIK Application Fee, Degree Completion Grants, Medical Insurance, and Publication Printing Fee

GKS Scholars who will be initially exempted the Korean language program with TOPIK level 5 or 6 will be given Korean Proficiency Grants automatically. (except for GKS scholars in Global Network program and Japanese applicants)

○ **Important Notes regarding Scholarship Benefits**

If a GKS scholar withdraws from the scholarship within the first 3 months after the enrollment to their university, one MUST return the full scholarship amount that he or she has received after being selected as a GKS scholar (entry airfare, settlement allowance, monthly allowance, tuition, etc.)

Even if 3 months have passed since entering Korea, if the scholarship status changes, part of the already paid scholarship can be refunded or can be deducted from the next payment

Korean Language Training Fee and Korean Proficiency Grants are not provided to GKS

scholars in Research program

Korean Language Training Fee is not provided to GKS scholars in Global Network program

3. Application Tracks

- University Track – Specialization Program
 - R&D: 300 scholars from all countries around the world
 - Global Network: 80 scholars from all countries around the world

Quota												
Embassy Track				University Track							Total	
				General			Specialization			Sub Total		
General	IRT*	Overseas Korean	Sub Total	General	R-G KS	IRT*	R&D	Research	Global Network			
737	44	19	800	368	627	10	300	15	80	1,400	2,200	

※ R&D Preference: Recommendation from the international organizations or the Export-Import Bank of Korea

Global Network Preference: Recommendation from the international organizations and international education bodies

4. Available Fields of Study

- R&D and Global Network academic fields established by the GKS participating universities
- Academic programs offered during evenings (night school), short-term programs, online and distant-learning programs are not applicable in this scholarship program.
- Applicants can only apply to the universities and departments that are listed in the 'University Information' file attached under the GKS Notice post in Study in Korea website. (www.studyinkorea.go.kr > K Scholarship > GKS Notice)

*Refer to 'R&D+GlobalNetwork_UniversityInformation' attached file for details

5. PROGRAM QUOTA

- R&D: 300 scholars (Pusan National University quota: 15)

※ No limit on the number of invited countries (available to all countries around the world)

University	Department	Quota
Pusan National University	School of Mechanical Engineering	15
	Dept. of Electrical & Electronics Engineering	
	Dept. of Cogno-Mechatronics Engineering	

※ The quota may be partially changed due to the number of applicants recommended by university

- Global Network: 80 scholars (Pusan National University quota: 20)

※ No limit on the number of invited countries (available to all countries around the world)

University	Department	Quota
Pusan National University	International Trade	10
	International Logistics & Port Management	10
Total		20

※ The quota may be partially changed due to the number of applicants recommended by university

6. 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 Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Electrical Energy System)	
	—	Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Semiconductor, Integrated Circuits, Photonics)	
	—	Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Robot, Intelligent, Control)	
	—	Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Communications, Electromagnetic Wave, Signal Processing)	
Dept. of Cogno-Mechatronics Engineering	Dept. of Cogno-Mechatronics Engineering	Dept. of Cogno-Mechatronics Engineering (Cogno-Mechatronics Engineering)	

7. 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 Trade	
	International Logistics & Port Management	

8. Eligibility

○ Nationality

- Applicants from all countries around the world can apply to R&D and Global Network program

- Applicants' parents (or legal guardians) must hold citizenship from another country other than Korea. If applicants or their parent hold dual citizenship (one who has both Korean citizenship and citizenship of another country), such applicants are NOT eligible to apply
- Applicants and their parents who had previously held Korean citizenship must submit documentation issued by the Korean government that proves their renunciation of Korean citizenship

○ **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, 2024

Program		Minimum Level of Education	Notes
Degree	Master's	Bachelor's Degree	R&D, Global Network
	Doctoral	Master's Degree	R&D

. Applicants who are expected to graduate by July 31st, 2024 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, 2024. 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, 1984)

- Academic professors in one of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) recipients* who are under 45 years of age (born after September 1, 1979) are eligible to apply.

* DAC List of ODA Recipients on 2024 and 2025 flows (www.oecd.org)

< ODA Recipients (105 countries) >

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Commonwealth of Dominica, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominican Republic, DR Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

○ 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 Global Network Program must meet the following additional requirements to apply for the program

< Additional Requirements for Global Network 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
 - ※ Course and Degree: 2-year Master's degree program only without Korean language program

9. 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 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

- . '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 previous GKS scholar who had received scholarships from GKS Non-degree program for exchange students CAN apply

- (Exception) Previous GKS scholars who meet all the additional criteria below are eligible to apply
- CGPA or a score percentile must be 90% or above on a 100-point scale or be ranked in the top 10% of one's class
- Must hold TOPIK level 5 or 6
 - ※ Previous GKS scholars can participate in the GKS program once more only in a higher degree program*

* Bachelor's → Master's / Master's → Doctoral or Research

(Prior Notice)

Starting from the 2025 GKS degree program, Previous GKS scholars can no longer reapply for the GKS degree program

- 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
- University track applicants must apply to only one program among General, R-GKS, International Reconstruction Talent, Global Network, R&D and Research program
- University track applicants must apply to only one department per university

※ 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 university departments 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 cancelled

10. Additional materials required for R&D and Global Network

- 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)
- Additional materials for R&D: ① Curriculum Vitae(C.V.) and ② Abstract of Thesis
- Additional materials for Global Network : NONE
- Submission Method : Express mail, courier or in person.
- 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
- For more information, please check the below **11. List of Documents to Submit**
- 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.

11. List of Documents to Submit

ONE for originals + TWO for photocopies (just simple copies, no need to be notarized.) (Total 3 set)

Type	Application Documents	Master's	Doctoral
Documents to complete (Required)	(form 1) Application Form	Required	Required
	(form 2) Personal Statement	Required	Required
	(form 3) Study Plan	Required	Required
	(form 5) ONE Letter of Recommendation	Required	Required
	(form 7) GKS Applicant Agreement	Required	Required
	(form 8) Personal Medical Assessment	Required	Required
	(form 9) Consent to Collect and Use Personal Information	Required	Required
Certificates (Required) Must be Apostilled or Consular confirmed	Applicant's/Parent(s)' Proof of Citizenship and family relationship Document	Required	Required
	Bachelor's Graduation Certificate (or Diploma)	Required	Required
	Bachelor's Degree Transcript	Required	Required
	Master's Graduation Certificate (or Diploma)		Required
	Master's Degree Transcript		Required
	Proof of Overseas Korean Document/Proof of Korean Adoptee Document	Optional	Optional
	Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation Document - applicant and his/her parent(s)	Optional	Optional
	Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	Optional	Optional
	Certificates of Employment or Working Experience - only applicable for Global Network program Applicants	Optional	
Other documents (Optional)	Score report of valid TOPIK (original) or English Proficiency Test (copy)	Optional	Optional
	Awards and other certificates, etc. (copy)	Optional	Optional
	Applicant's Passport (copy)	Optional	Optional

○ 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	- Official certificates such as birth certificate or family register issued by a government that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her parents and their citizenship status - 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 can submit a household register or a certificate of kinship. Consular confirmation is required. If the document is written in Chinese, submit a certified translation as well - 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 proof of citizenship - If passport is not available, please submit other government issued document (need 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
Certificate of Graduation	- 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 31st, 2024 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, 2024. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your acceptance. - Must submit a certificate officially issued by the university of previous degree program (latest degree certificate is mandatory and others are optional) ※ Applicants who graduated from a university in China are recommended to submit a degree certificate issued by CDGDC (www.cdgdc.edu.cn). If the document is written in Chinese, submit a certified translation as well
Academic Transcript	- Submit an academic transcript officially issued by the university of your previous degree - Applicants who are expected to graduate by July 31st, 2024 can also apply for the program with a certificate of expected graduation. Such

Documents to Submit	Submission Requirement
	applicants must submit their official graduation certificate (or diploma) and final academic transcript to GKS Center, NIIED by July 31st, 2024. Failure to do so 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 as the original copy 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 - For students who have transferred universities, If the transcript 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)
Proof of Overseas Korean or Adoptee	- Submit supporting documents such as family register or birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her lineal ascendant
Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation	- 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
Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	- 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
Score Report of	- Submit if necessary (optional)

Documents to Submit	Submission Requirement
Korean or English Proficiency Test	- Korean: TOPIK · TOPIK certificates from the 81st to the 93rd 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 29, 2024 or later) · Submit an original printed copy of the test score report from the official website
Other Materials	- 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)
Passport Copy	- 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 certified true copy issued by 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 Korean embassy of the relevant country for 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

☐ **Contact**

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Applicant must state that it is a GKS Graduate-University Track and write Dept., Nationality, name and contact information in the e-mail.