

# 2025 GKS Global Network Scholarship by the National Institute for International Education (NIIED), Ministry of Education

## 1. Program Objectives

**GKS (Global Korea Scholarship) Global Network Program** is designed to provide international students to study at higher educational institutions in Korea to pursue academic degrees, enhance international education exchange, and deepen friendships between Korea and participating countries.

## 2. Program Overview

- Program Title: **2025 GKS Global Network Master's Degree Program**
- Degree: Master of Public Administration (MPA)
- Duration: September 1, 2025 ~ December 31, 2026 (16 months)
- Number of Participants: 11 current/prospective officials, professionals from international organizations and international education bodies, or students in the field of global affairs (e.g., working for Diplomatic Strategy in G7 or ODA countries)
- **16-month Master's degree program only without a Korean language program**

## 3. Admission Quota: Up to 11 people

## 4. Applicant Eligibility

### (1) Nationality

- All applicants must hold citizenship in NIIED-designated countries that are invited to take part in the GKS program (please refer to the application guidelines of 2025 GKS).

\* Applicants from all countries can apply to the Global Network program.

### (2) Level of Education: Bachelor's Degree

- All applicants must have obtained a bachelor's degree or must be expected to graduate by July 31, 2025.

### **(3) Grades:**

■ Cumulative Grade Points Average (CGPA) of the entire curriculum from the previous degree program must meet one of the conditions below:

- 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 a CGPA in any 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.
- If an applicant's transcript does not include information on grade point average or cannot convert his or her grades into any of the GPA criteria mentioned above, the applicant must submit an official document issued by the applicant's university describing the university's grade system.
- Disqualified if not submitted.
- Applicants expected to graduate must submit their grades for all completed semesters at the time of application.

### **(4) Age**

■ Must be under 40 years of age (born after September 1, 1985)

■ Current academic professors in one of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) recipients\* who are under 45 years of age (born after September 1, 1980) are eligible to apply,

\* DAC list of ODA Recipients on 2025 flows ([www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org))

### **(5) Health**

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

### **(6) Restriction**

■ **A person who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean university (undergraduate) is NOT eligible to apply.**

\*In accordance with Article 29 of the Higher Education Act, both undergraduate and graduate programs are included

- A person who has graduated from an online curriculum from 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 in 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 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 a scholarship from the GKS Non-degree program for exchange students and the IRTS language program CAN apply.

■ **Final successful candidates of the GKS degree program from the past three years who have withdrawn or were disqualified from the program before enrollment cannot apply.**

## **5. Documents to Submit**

- **The application documents must be submitted as a single scanned file to the office of the Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University, via email at [snugmpa@gmail.com](mailto:snugmpa@gmail.com).**
- **Only the final selected candidates must submit the original application documents by mail to the office of GMPA, Seoul National University.**

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- 1) [SNU Form1] Application for Admission
- 2) [SNU Form2] Personal Statement and Study Plan
- 3) [SNU Form3] TWO Letter of Recommendation

- 4) Certificate of English Score★: TOEFL iBT 80, IELTS 6.0, or TEPS 269
- 5) Bachelor's Graduation Certificate (or Diploma) ★
- 6) Bachelor's Degree Transcript (in English) ★

★ Documents 4), 5) & 6

When applying, scan and submit a scanned copy of the transcript.

The original document must be submitted after final acceptance, with an apostille or verification from the Korean consulate for applicants who graduated from overseas.

- 7) Applicant's Proof of Citizenship:
  - \* Submit a copy of your passport that is within the validity period.
- 8) Parent(s)' Proof of Citizenship (Required for both parents):
  - \* Submit a copy of the parent(s)' passport within the validity period.
- 9) Proof of relationship between the applicant and parents:
  - \* Submit the applicant's birth certificate or family relation certificate, which verifies both the applicant's and the parents' names.
- 10) Resume

## 6. Selection Procedure and Schedule

### ■ Application Timeline (in Korean Standard Time)

- 1) **Application submission: April 25 (Fri) by 18:00, 2025**
- 2) **Essay Test and Interview: May 8 (Thu) ~ 13 (Tue), 2025**
  - \*Essay Test and Interview will be conducted only for successful applicants from SNU-GMPA documents review
- 3) **Recommendation to NIIED: May 16 (Fri), 2025**
- 4) **Final Selection by NIIED: late June, 2025**

**Attachment: SNU Application Forms**