**2022 KOICA Scholarship Program**

**Application Guideline**

**For Master’s Degrees**

**1. Purpose**

The KOICA Scholarship Program (SP) for master’s degrees is designed to nurture key leaders in developing countries who can contribute to the socio-economic development of their home countries.

**2. Target Countries**

- Countries selected by KOICA among the DAC List of ODA Recipients

- The list of target countries is subject to change annually to the policies of the Korean government or KOICA

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| **Region** | **Asia\*** | **Africa** | **Latin America** | **Middle East** | **Oceania\*** | **CIS\*** |
| **62**  **Countries** | **12**  **countries** | **24**  **countries** | **11**  **countries** | **3**  **countries** | **3**  **countries** | **9**  **countries** |
| **Name**  **of**  **countries** | Bangladesh  Cambodia  India  Indonesia  Lao PDR  Mongolia  Nepal  Pakistan  Sri Lanka  The Philippines  Timor-Leste  Vietnam | Algeria  Angola  Burundi  Cameroon  Côte d'Ivoire  DR Congo  Egypt  Gabon  Ghana  Kenya  Libya  Madagascar  Morocco  Mozambique  Nigeria  Rwanda  Senegal  Sudan  Tanzania  Tunisia  Uganda  Zambia  Zimbabwe  Malawi | Colombia  Dominican Republic  Ecuador  El Salvador  Guatemala  Haiti  Honduras  Jamaica  Paraguay  Peru  Bolivia | Jordan  Palestine  Iraq | Fiji  Papua New Guinea  Solomon Islands | Uzbekistan  Kyrgyzstan  Azerbaijan  Kazakhstan  Ukraine  Turkmenistan  Tajikistan  Belarus  Georgia |

**\*Note. The courses written ‘for 24 Asia countries’ are only eligible for applicants from Asia(12), Oceania(3) and CIS(9) countries above.**

**3. Available Universities and Fields of Study**

Master’s degree programs offered at the universities below.

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| **Field of Study** | **University** |
| Public Management and Public Sector Reforms | Seoul National Univ |
| Urban and Regional Development | Univ of Seoul |
| Finance and Tax Policy | Korea Univ |
| Local Administration | Sungkyunkwan Univ |
| Trade and Industrial Policy for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth | KDI (Korea Development Institute) |
| **Asian** Smart City **(for 24 Asia Countries)** | Sungkyunkwan Univ |
| **Asia** E-Government **(for 24 Asia Countries)** | Yonsei Univ |
| Economic Development | KDI (Korea Development Institute) |
| **Asian** Capacity Building for SDGs **(for 24 Asia Countries)** | Seoul National Univ |
| **Asian** Civil Society Leadership **(for 24 Asia Countries)** | Ajou Univ |
| Health Policy and Financing | Yonsei Univ |
| Agricultural Economics | Kangwon National Univ |
| Agricultural Productivity | Kyungpook National Univ |
| **Asian** High Value-added Agriculture **(for 24 Asia Countries)** | Kyungpook National Univ |
| Gender and Rural Community Development | Yonsei Univ |
| Global Fisheries Development | Pukyong National Univ |
| ICT Techno-policy | Soongsil Univ |
| Techno-Entrepreneurship Competency Based on ICT Convergence | Handong Global Univ |
| Energy Science and Policy | Ajou Univ |
| Gender and Development | Seoul National Univ |
| **Asian** Gender Leadership **(for 24 Asia Countries)** | Ewha Womans Univ |
| Global Education Leadership | Korea National Univ of Education |
| Aviation Management | Korea Aerospace Univ |

**\*** All applicants can take only one course for application of KOICA SP program.

**\* For more details on the available** courses, refer to the Program Information of each course that is available to access in the KOICA website (<http://www.koica.go.kr/ciat/index.do>)

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\* Application guideline for 7 more courses will be provided during **March** as below.

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| **Field of Study** | **University** |
| Social Economy | To be determined  (in the middle of bidding process for selecting universities) |
| Response to Climate Change (Master and PhD) |
| Digital Innovation A (Master and PhD) |
| Response to Infectious Disease |
| Digital Innovation B |

\* Course title will be changed after bidding process.

\*\* Response to Climate Change and Digital Innovation A will provide Master and PhD degree courses.

**4. Qualifications**

Prospective applicants must meet all of the following conditions.

1. **Citizenship:** Be a citizen of the Scholarship Program target country.
2. **Government Nomination:** Be officially nominated by their governments.

-Be a government employee. With a minimum of 2 years of experience in the field of study

\* Exception1 - Applicants with an ‘international NGO’ background may apply for the program with two letters of recommendations:

- Your government office; and

- Korean Embassy, world widely known NGO, an UN-associated organizations, or the KOICA Organization within your region

\* Applicants with ‘international NGO’ background are only able to apply for KOICA-AJOU Master’s Degree Program in Civil Society Leadership

(3) **AGE:** (Preferably) Be under age 40 as of February 1, 2022.

(4)  **Health:** Be in good health, both physically and mentally.

- Those with disabilities, but in good mental and physical health, are eligible to apply.

- Those with severe illness are NOT ELIGIBLE to apply.

(5) **Level of Education:** Have a completed Bachelor Degree or an equivalent to college / university

level Educational background.

\* Some program have specific qualifications in terms of level of education, and refer to Program Information of each program.

(6) **English Proficiency:** Have a good command of both spoken and written English in order to take classes conducted entirely in English and to be able to write academic reports and theses in English.

(7) Not be a person who has withdrawn from KOICA’s scholarship program.

\* Person belonging to the institution in which candidates submitted false documents and returned to his / her country arbitrarily in the middle of SP program cannot apply.

(8) Have not participated in KOICA scholarship program or any of the Korean Government’s Scholarship Program before.

(9) and other qualifications from university you are going to apply (refer to the Program Information)

**5. Support Service (Scholarship Benefits)**

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| **Supports** | **Amounts** | **Note** |
| **Air Fare** | Actual amount paid | - Cannot be borne by KOICA in special  circumstances like when a participant violates academic regulations  - Not borne by KOICA when a participant  temporarily leave to his/her home country during the training period  - Except for above, borne by KOICA |
| **Tuition Fees** | Full amount required by a university | - Borne by university |
| **Extracurricular**  **Activities** | Part of the expenses needed for study visits, workshops, Korean language classes and others, except for regular classes | - Amount borne by a school varies  - Part of the expenses can be borne by participants, and the amount varies among universities |
| **Monthly Allowance** | KRW 999,000 per month | - It includes expenses for meals, books and  study supplies if needed.  - Same amount will be provided per month  - If a participant cannot participate in the  course for specific reasons like temporary  leave to his/her home country, the  allowance for that month shall be prorated  for the corresponding number of days  studies in Korea (KRW 33,300/day).  \* The amount deducted (33,300/day) is the same regardless of how many days are in the month. |
| **Accommodation** | Actual amount paid | - Electricity and other utility fees shall not be  covered  - Cost for cleaning, laundry or exchange of  bedding shall not be covered  - Except for above, borne by universities |
| **Settlement Allowance** | KRW 600,000 (once) | - Expenses needed to enter Korea, such as  visa fee, alien registration card issuing fee  and others  - Borne by universities |
| **Scholarship Completion Grants** | KRW 300,000 (once) | - EMS and other expenses needed for returning home (e.g. cost for sending materials)  - Borne by universities before departure |
| **Insurance** | Actual cost paid | - Refer to separate documents for detailed  insurance coverage  - Borne by KOICA |

* Notes

- KOICA only provides the expenses above.

- Visa expenses, stopover expenses, local transportation and other sundry expenses will not be covered.

- KOICA arranges and pays for the participant to travel to and from Korea. KOICA will cover economy

class, round-trip airfare.

- If a participant wants to change the flight itineraries, they should pay the additional airfare.

- The participant is responsible for the issuance of an appropriate visa (which must be the ‘Study Abroad

Visa [D-2-3]) necessary for this Scholarship Program.

**6. Selection Procedures**

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| **Period** | **Procedures** | **Details** |
| ~ March, 2022 | **Application** | **[Application package submission]**  **- Application deadline (to KOICA regional offices and Korean Embassy) : March 20, 2022**  - Prepare all required documents for your admission package and fill out the ‘Document Checklist’.  - Submit the application package (including both university and KOICA application forms and other required documents) to KOICA regional office or Korean Embassy by the submission date.  - Original copies should be sent to university before the phone interviews. |
| March 20  -March 30 | **On-site Interview**  **(KOICA)** | - Participate in an on-site interview by KOICA regional office or Korean Embassy. If an applicant lives in a country where the KOICA regional office / Embassy does not exist or lives far from the capital city, he / she can be interviewed by phone after consulting with the KOICA regional office / Embassy.  **-The KOICA Overseas office or the Korean Embassy send the result of interview and related documents to KOICA HQ :**  **March 30** |
| April 4  -April 15 | **Document Screening**  **(University)** | **[1st round : Document Screening]**  -Applicants nominated by the KOICA regional office or Korean Embassy as a result of the on-site interview and have submitted their application packages are considered for document screening.  -University conducts document screening. |
| April 21 | **Result of Document Screening** | -The result for the 1st round selection will be announced to the applicants.  [Preparation for the 2nd round]  - Details of the interview including the interviewee list will be sent to the KOICA Overseas offices and interview arrangements will be made respectively. |
| April 21  -May 11 | **Interview**  **(University)** | **[2nd round : Phone Interview]**  - University conducts the second round (interview) according to the interview schedule.  - Schedule for phone interview will be notified individually by the KOICA Overseas offices or Korean embassy with 2-3 day notice in advance.  **\* Essay tests are mandatory for some universities.**  - KOICA HQs announces the result of interview to the KOICA Overseas office or Korean Embassy : May 19 |
| May 19  -June 10 | **Medical Checkup**  **(Local)** | **[3rd round : Medical Check-up]**  - Applicants who successfully pass the 2nd round must take the Medical Check-up at the designated institution.  -The detailed guideline of the medical check-up and list of the designated medical institution will be notified after passing the interview successfully.  - Examination cost, Transportation and accommodation fees will NOT be reimbursed.  - KOICA will not pay for the treatment necessary after the examination.  - KOICA announces the result of Medical Checkup. |
| June 16 | **Admission Notification**  **(result of Medical Checkup)** | - Admissions results will be notified to the regional KOICA offices or Korean embassy.  - KOICA informs the participants of their scheduled entry to Korea. |
| August | **Entry to Korea (Medical check-up in Korea. Etc.)** | |

**\* The timeline of Selection Process and date of ‘Entry of Korea’ would be changed due to the COVID19 pandemic**

**\*\* If you are disqualified for a long-term stay from the medical check-up in Korea, you may be deported even if you have successfully passed the local check-up in your country.**

**7. Required Documents**

All documents should be sent to the regional KOICA office or the relevant government office.

① KOICA Application Form

② Recommendation letter from applicants’ governments

③ Document Checklist

④ University Application form with required documents for the university

\* Refer to Program Information on KOICA CIAT Website.

\* Important Notes for All Applicants:

- All forms should be typed in English and all the supporting documents should be in English.

Documents in any other language should be accompanied by a notarized English translation.

- Original documents should be submitted. (If it is unavailable, the originating institution must

authorize copies before they are submitted.)

- If any of the submitted materials contain false information, admission will be rescinded.

- Applicants whose forms and supporting documents are incomplete or unsatisfactory will be

disqualified from the admission process.

- Applicants should take full responsibility for any disadvantage due to the mistakes or

omissions on the application.

**8. Contacts**

1. Application & Document Submission

- KOICA Overseas Office or Korean Embassy

2) Major and University Admissions

- Universities (Refer to the Program Information)

3) Other inquiries

- KOICA HQs (Email : koica.sp@koworks.org)

- KOICA Website (<http://www.koica.go.kr/ciat/index.do>)