

2022 KF Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Japan

Program Outline

The KF Scholarship for Graduate Studies (GS) program aims to foster a new generation of Korean studies scholars by providing scholarship support to students who are currently enrolled in an MA or PhD program in Korean Studies. Students studying at one of the eight universities in Japan with which the Korea Foundation has concluded agreements and those studying at other Japanese universities can apply for this program.

Eligible Applicants

MA or PhD students currently enrolled in graduate programs at a Japanese university (as of April 2022) who focus on a Korea-related topic in the humanities, social sciences, arts or cultural studies.

- Must be a registered student at the university of the enrolled program
- Has citizenship or permanent residency status in a country outside Korea (Applicants must already have obtained permanent residency status as of January 2022.)
 - * Excluded programs: Natural sciences, medicine, engineering, MBA, law school, graduate school of translation and interpretation

Number of Available Scholarships

Approx. 45

- Scholarships for students at one of the KF's eight partner universities: Approx. 37
 - *Doshisha University, Keio University, Kyoto University, Kyushu University, Ritsumeikan University, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, University of Tokyo, Waseda University
- Scholarships for students at other universities in Japan: Approx. 8

Grant Period

1 year (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

Grant Amount

- M.A. students: ¥700,000 per year
- Ph.D. students: ¥1,200,000 per year

Application Schedule

- Application submission period: **April 4 to May 3, 2022 (18:00 KST)**
 - * Please be aware that the deadline **for reference submissions is 18:00 KST on May 6, 2022**. After that, letters of reference can no longer be submitted.
- Notification of acceptance: June, 2022
 - * Please note that the notification date is subject to change without prior notice.

Required Documents

1. Online Application (<https://apply.kf.or.kr/>)
2. Supplemental materials (uploaded to online application)

① Research Proposal (Must not exceed 3 pages)

- Download and fill out the Foundation's Research Proposal form (attached) and then upload the completed form to the Online Application System. Please Attach a bibliography separately.
- Applicants who are applying for a second to fourth scholarship period should describe the progress made during the previous scholarship period and a thesis abstract.

② Transcript

- Master level: Academic transcript of undergraduate degree
(Applicants who are applying for a second scholarship period are only required to submit the academic transcripts of the previous scholarship period.)
- Doctoral level: Academic transcripts of Master's degree and undergraduate degree
(Applicants who are applying for a second to fourth scholarship period are only required to submit the academic transcripts of the Doctoral courses.)

③ Curriculum Vitae

- Including information about educational experience (including the title of thesis), professional experience, and scholarships and grants received in the past and a list of research accomplishments and publications

④ Three (3) Letters of Reference

- Dissertation supervisor: 1 reference
- A professor who is qualified to assess your research proposal: 1 reference
- An individual who is able to verify your Korean language competency: 1 reference

*The link where one can download the reference form and upload the completed form will be sent to referees when applicants press the 'send' button. If applicants do not click the 'send' button, the KF's online application portal will automatically send an email to the referees' email addresses provided by the applicants after they file their online application. This email will request that the referees write letters of reference and upload them via the KF's online application portal. Applicants should inform their referees of this before beginning the application process, and all letters of reference should be completed by 18:00 KST on May 6.

** Applicants who are applying for a second to fourth Scholarship period are only required to submit one reference by the dissertation supervisor.

How to apply

Click on the "Apply" button at the bottom of this program announcement and complete the online application form.

The "Apply" button is only activated during the application period from April 4, 2022 to May 3, 2022 (18:00 KST).

The application form and all other required documentation must be submitted in Korean or English. However, in the attached proposal, 7. Study/Research Proposal can be written in Japanese.

Please note: As system errors may occur at the end of the application period due to heavy web traffic, please submit your application as soon as possible. If you cannot submit your

application by the due date, even if caused by a system error, the KF cannot guarantee that it will be accepted.

Important Reminders on Application Process

- MA students are eligible for funding from the GS program for up to two years.
- PhD students are eligible for funding from the GS program for up to four years.
- Applicants must reside in the country of the university at which they are registered.
- Applicants proficient enough in Korean to be able to use Korean primary sources for their study and research are especially encouraged to apply.
- Scholarship recipients may not hold concurrent scholarships from either the Foundation or any other third-party institution.
- Scholarship recipients must enroll in the program applied to at the semester indicated on the application. Enrollment may not be deferred to the following year.
- After receiving the acceptance notice, Korean nationals should submit evidence of their foreign citizenship or permanent residency by email to the KF program officer in charge of the program.

Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients

1. Submission of a report

Scholarship recipients are required to submit a report within one month of the end of the scholarship period, detailing the progress made during this period. The report must be drafted and submitted using the KF's report form.

2. Further reporting requirements

Scholarship recipients, upon obtaining their degree, are required to submit a copy of their MA thesis or PhD dissertation to the Foundation.

※The Korea Foundation will monitor research progress annually for three years following the conclusion of the fellowship period. Fellows who do not fulfill their responsibilities will not be eligible for future support from the Korea Foundation.

3. Recommended Participation in KF Tokyo Office

Every year, the KF's Tokyo office conducts workshops for scholarship recipients, and students who receive scholarship support are encouraged to participate in the Foundation's events that are held in Japan. (*Support for travel expenses is available.)

Further Inquiries

- Program Inquiries (English/Korean): scholarship@kf.or.kr
- Program Inquiries (Japanese): kftokyo@kf.or.kr (KF Tokyo office)
- Regarding KF Application Portal system: tech-support@kf.or.kr