

# 2025 Fall Semester Global Korea Scholarship (GKS) Application Guidelines for Exchange Program

## 2025. Fall

This Application guideline was originally written in Korean and translated to English. The Korean application guideline prevails the translated application guideline if any conflicts occurs in the interpretation.

※ NIIED (National Institute for International Education): organization in charge of the program

## 1. Overview of the GKS Student Exchange Program, Fall 2025

- **Eligibility:** 40 universities participating in the 2025 GKS Exchange Student Support Program
  - **Number of Selected Candidates:** A total of 301 individuals (301 main candidates, 40 reserve candidates).
  - **Scholarship Period:** 4 months (from September 2025 to December 2025).
  - **Scholarship Support Details:**
    - Educational incentive stipend\* (monthly stipend of **630,000 KRW**)
    - **Round-trip airfare\*\*** (within the range of national airfare standards).
- \* The Educational incentive stipend includes living expenses, settlement support, and health insurance fees.
- \*\* Round-trip airfare covers the cost of traveling between the home country and Korea for academic purposes. It does not cover personal travel expenses, and specific conditions for payment include:
- Payment will be made only for flights departing and arriving from the country of birth or the country where the home university is located.
  - Payment will be made only if returning within 30 days after the end of the scholarship period.

## 2. Nomination & Evaluation of GKS Candidates

### ☐ Scholarship Recipient nomination

- GNU can accept only up to **7 students** in total
  - ※ For the final selection process, there are restrictions based on country and region
- Each university has no limit to the number of students for nomination
- Due to a limited number of final admissions, please note that not all nominated students may be accepted
- **Scholarship Candidate Eligibility Criteria:** Nominated students need to meet all of the following requirements

- **Undergraduate or Graduate students** affiliated with foreign universities that have signed **agreements with GNU**
- Students **currently not studying in the Republic of Korea.**
- Students enrolled at their home foreign university with an **overall academic performance of 80% or higher on a percentage scale.**
- **Students applying for regular exchange programs** (excluding short-term courses such as Korean language programs).
- Students who have **not previously received scholarships from the Korean government.**
- Dual citizens, including those with Korean nationality, are **ineligible to apply.**
- Students cannot simultaneously apply to two universities in Korea for this scholarship.

### 3. Selection Criteria

#### ◦ Selection Criteria (Gyeongsang National University)

<Details of the selection criteria specific to GNU>

Evaluation Items	Evaluation Criteria	Score
<b>Academic Ability (60points)</b>	<b>Grades</b> : Consideration of the educational system characteristics of the respective country and details about the applicant's university, with a preference for 3rd and 4th-year students.	30
	<b>Language Proficiency (Korean, English)</b> : Evaluation based on TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean) scores, official English language proficiency scores, and related criteria.	20
	<b>Academic-related Activities</b> : Evaluation based on efforts to overcome challenges, achievements, and awards in academic-related activities.	10
<b>Extracurricular Activities (40 points)</b>	<b>Bridge-building Role and Potential for Social Contribution between the Two Countries</b> : Comprehensive consideration of motivation for application, club activities, social involvement, volunteer work, leadership activities, etc.	20
	<b>Potential for Development</b> : Comprehensive consideration of motivation for application, character, passion, relevance to the major, potential, and the need for support.	10
	<b>Completeness, Fidelity, and Sincerity in Submitted Documents</b>	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>Additional Points</b>	※ Individuals with TOPIK Level 3 or higher: An additional 10% of the total score.	
	※ Direct descendants of Korean War veterans (foreign military): An additional 5% of the total score.	

- If deficiencies or irregularities in the fairness of the evaluation process are identified in the documents submitted to the NIIED or during the evaluation process, it may result in disqualification or disadvantages in the allocation of scholarships to the university in subsequent years.

※ When submitting documents for scholarship candidate nominations, ensure accuracy and diligence to avoid any disadvantages by meeting the eligibility criteria and standards.

- It is crucial to confirm the sustainability of studying to avoid withdrawal before entry or mid-semester dropouts.

※ (Important Note) Even if the final number of selected candidates per university (including reserve candidates) falls below the allocated number for each university due to disqualification or withdrawal of main candidates, no additional selection will be conducted to fill the vacancies.

### 3. Required Documents for Application

#### ① Submission of Application Documents by Candidate

- Deadline: **Friday, May 16, 2025 at 23:59 (KST)**
- Submission Method: send by an email ([mash24@gnu.ac.kr](mailto:mash24@gnu.ac.kr))
- List of Documents Required

No.	Documents	Contents
1	Personal Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Emphasize motivation for application, efforts to overcome challenges, and notable achievements.</li><li>- Must be signed and written in either English or Korean.</li></ul>
2	Study Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Comprehensive documentation of academic and extracurricular activities.</li><li>- Must be signed and written in either English or Korean.</li></ul>
3	Recommendation Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Requires a recommendation from the head of the international department at the home university.</li><li>- Must be signed and written in either English or Korean.</li></ul>
4	Application Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- written by the applicant.</li><li>- Include information on nationality, previous receipt of Korean scholarships, dual citizenship status, etc.</li><li>- Must be signed and written in either English or Korean.</li></ul>
5	GKS Applicant Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- written by the applicant.</li><li>- Must be signed and written in either English or Korean</li></ul>
6	Personal Medical Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- written by the applicant.</li><li>- Must be signed and written in either English or Korean</li></ul>
7	Certificate of Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Enrollment certificate from the home university. (Confirmation of residence outside of Korea may be required)</li></ul>
8	Nationality Confirmation Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Passport Copy or Birth Certificate (for Dual Citizenship Verification)</li></ul>
9	Transcript	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Copy of All Semester Transcripts During University Enrollment</li><li>※ Note: As grading methods and notation may vary by country and university, if calculating CGPA or percentage is challenging, obtain confirmation of percentage scores from the recommending student's home university department head and submit. Refer to <b>Appendix B</b> for details.</li></ul>

### 4. Scholarship Candidate Selection Evaluation (by NIIED)

- **Composition of Evaluation Committee:** Comprised of university faculty or experts in the relevant field.
- **Evaluation Method:** Qualification criteria review through document evaluation.
  - **Regular Candidate:** Qualification and selection criteria review for the main candidate recommended by the university → Qualified individuals are selected, while unqualified individuals are rejected.
  - **Reserve Candidate:** If the main candidate does not meet the qualifications or withdraws before the scholarship begins, an alternative candidate is selected (qualification and selection criteria review conducted simultaneously with the main candidate evaluation).

## 5. Administrative Matters

- **Scholarship Management:** Monthly disbursement of scholarships, reporting on the execution of scholarships per semester, etc.
- **Academic Management:** Management of scholarship students' entry and exit, academic and lifestyle guidance and support, scholarship student insurance enrollment, during exchange, submission of result report before the end of the scholarship, etc.
- **Other:** Handling scholarship students' complaints, submission of result reports, reporting on scholarship settlement results, etc., to ensure the stable life of scholarship students.

## 6. Management for GKS Exchange Student

- **Loss of Qualification:** If any of the following conditions are met
  - Submission of false or misleading application documents.
  - Disciplinary action from GNU
  - Unauthorized departure or absence for more than one month before the end of the exchange.
- **Post-disqualification Measures:** Suspension of scholarship disbursement immediately upon the discovery of the loss of qualification by GNU
  - ※ We will report the disqualification to the NIE immediately.
- **Utilization of Personal Information:** Information of scholarship recipients will be entered into the Overseas Personnel Management System (HURIK) and the ODA Integrated Information Portal to support the establishment of human resources and international cooperation networks.
  - ※ Later, the consent form for providing personal information for the final selected candidate will be prepared and collected.
  - ※ For inquiries related to the Overseas Personnel Management System, contact Officer Lee Jin-young at 02-3668-1390.

## 7. Future Schedule

- Scholarship Candidate Notification: Early July, 2025
- Scholarship Period: September 2025 to December 2025

**Appendix****GPA CONVERSION TABLE**

4.0 Scale	4.3 Scale	4.5 Scale	5.0 Scale	100 Points Scale
3.97 ~ 4.0	4.26 ~ 4.3	4.46 ~ 4.5	4.95 ~ 5.00	100
3.92 ~ 3.96	4.22 ~ 4.25	4.41 ~ 4.45	4.90 ~ 4.94	99
3.88 ~ 3.91	4.17 ~ 4.21	4.36 ~ 4.40	4.84 ~ 4.89	98
3.84 ~ 3.87	4.12 ~ 4.16	4.31 ~ 4.35	4.79 ~ 4.83	97
3.80 ~ 3.83	4.08 ~ 4.11	4.26 ~ 4.30	4.73 ~ 4.78	96
3.75 ~ 3.79	4.03 ~ 4.07	4.21 ~ 4.25	4.68 ~ 4.72	95
3.71 ~ 3.74	3.98 ~ 4.02	4.16 ~ 4.20	4.62 ~ 4.67	94
3.67 ~ 3.70	3.93 ~ 3.97	4.11 ~ 4.15	4.57 ~ 4.61	93
3.62 ~ 3.66	3.89 ~ 3.92	4.06 ~ 4.10	4.51 ~ 4.56	92
3.58 ~ 3.61	3.84 ~ 3.88	4.01 ~ 4.05	4.45 ~ 4.50	91
3.49 ~ 3.57	3.75 ~ 3.83	3.91 ~ 4.00	4.34 ~ 4.44	90
3.41 ~ 3.48	3.65 ~ 3.74	3.81 ~ 3.90	4.23 ~ 4.33	89
3.32 ~ 3.40	3.56 ~ 3.64	3.71 ~ 3.80	4.12 ~ 4.22	88
3.24 ~ 3.31	3.46 ~ 3.55	3.61 ~ 3.70	4.01 ~ 4.11	87
3.15 ~ 3.23	3.37 ~ 3.45	3.51 ~ 3.60	3.90 ~ 4.00	86
3.07 ~ 3.14	3.27 ~ 3.36	3.41 ~ 3.50	3.79 ~ 3.89	85
2.98 ~ 3.06	3.18 ~ 3.26	3.31 ~ 3.40	3.68 ~ 3.78	84
2.90 ~ 2.97	3.09 ~ 3.17	3.21 ~ 3.30	3.57 ~ 3.67	83
2.81 ~ 2.89	2.99 ~ 3.08	3.11 ~ 3.20	3.45 ~ 3.56	82
2.72 ~ 2.80	2.90 ~ 2.98	3.01 ~ 3.10	3.34 ~ 3.44	81
2.64 ~ 2.71	2.80 ~ 2.89	2.91 ~ 3.00	3.23 ~ 3.33	80