2024 KIT-Global Korea Scholarship

Application Guidelines for Master's Degree Program

*This KIT-GKS guideline is for the recruitment of scholars for the KIT invited scholars program. After being accepted as a KIT-GKS scholar, successful applicants should apply for an online application in addition to and conducted separately by the office of Graduate School.

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1. Program objectives

○ There is a serious shortage of human resources in the region due to population decline and concentration in the metropolitan area. In particular, there is a shortage of talented people to lead the region's major high-tech industries.

○ By providing foreign students with the opportunity to study at Kumoh National Institute of Technology(KIT), we create an environment in which outstanding foreign talent can work and reside in the province.

2. Program and Quota

☐ Degree Program

Program	Period of Scholarship
Master's Degree	Two years of master's degree program (2024.09. ~ 2026.08.)

☐ Program Quota : 10 (Science and Engineering Major only)

3. Eligibility

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○ **Nationality**

- 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 applicant is 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.

- If an applicant's citizenship is changed during the selection process, he or she will be excluded from the evaluation.

○ **Level of Education**

Program		Minimum Level of Education	Remark
Degree	Master's	Bachelor's Degree	

※ Applicants must have obtained the required degree (minimum level of education indicated above) by February 28, 2024.

○ **Grades**

- Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of the entire curriculum from the previous degree program(Bachelor's 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

  * CGPA : Cumulative Grade Point Average, Overall average score

> · 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)

○ **Health**
- All applicants must be in good health, both mentally and

physically, to study in Korea for the full duration of the program.

☐ Restriction

○ A person who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from Korean high school (including international schools) or a Korean university 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 cannot apply.

- A previous GKS scholar whose scholarship was cancelled after their 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 previous GKS scholar who had received scholarships from GKS Non-degree program for exchange students can apply.

○ 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.

○ Applicants must choose and apply for only ONE scholarship program offered by KIT during one semester period.

- If an applicant applied to more than one scholarship program offered by KIT during one semeser period, his or her application will be disregarded at the 2nd round of selection.

4. Documents to Submit

□ List of documents to submit

Type	Application Documents	Master's
Documents to Complete (Required)	(Form 1) Application Form for Fall Semester 2024	○
	(Form 2) Self Introduction	○
	(Form 3) Study Plan	○
	(Form 4) ONE Letter of Recommendation	○
	(Form 5) 2024 KIT-GKS Applicant Agreement	○
	(Form 6) 2024 KIT-GKS Personal Medical Assessment	○
	Score report of valid TOPIK or English Proficiency Test	○
Certificates (Required) **(Must be Apostilled or Consular confirmed)**	Applicant's/Parent(s)' Proof of Citizenship and family relationship Document	○
	Bachelor's Graduation Certificate (or Diploma)	○
	Bachelor's Degree Transcript	○
	Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation Document - applicant and his/her parent(s)	Optional
Other documents (Optional)	Awards and other certificates, etc. (copy)	Optional
	Applicant's Passport (copy)	Optional

□ Documentation Requirements

○ **Documents to complete (Form 1~6)**

- All forms must be filled in English or Korean with applicant's original handwritten signature

  ※ No need to be apostilled or consular confirmed

- Documents to submit: ONE set of original documents

○ **Required certificates**

 - 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 apostilled/consular confirmed documents

○ **Things to note when submitting application documents**

 · All documents must be submitted in English or Korean.

 · For certificates that cannot be reissued, keep the original, get a copy notarized, and submit the copy with Apostille confirmation (or consular confirmation).

 ※ All submitted documents will not be returned (kept for more than five years)

 · If the applicant does not submit the required documents or omits the signature required for each form, the applicant will be excluded from the second round selection.

 · All submitted documents and records will not be returned.

○ **Documents to be Submitted for Evaluation**

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 ① family relationship between an applicant and his/her parents and ② their citizenship

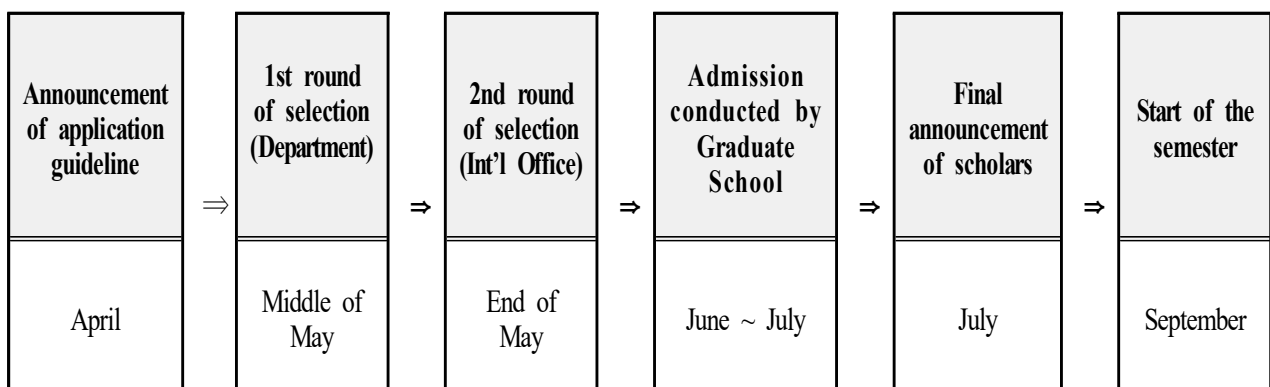|	
	• If one cannot submit necessary documents due to an absence of their parent(s) – e.g., divorced or deceased – please provide additional documents (e.g., divorce certificate or death certificate) that explains the reason for not submitting their proof of citizenship - If applicants' or their parents' 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 citizenship information • 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). The graduation date must be prior to February 29, 2024 - Provisional graduation certificate or provisional degree certificate will not be accepted as a graduation certificate - Must submit a certificate officially issued by the university of previous degree program
Academic Transcript	- Submit an academic transcript officially issued by the graduated university - 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 in an original document 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 - If a transcript of a transferred student that 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 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
Score Report of Korean or English Proficiency Test	- Korean: above TOPIK level 3 • TOPIK certificates from the 76th to the 92th exam will be recognized as valid certificates • Submit an original printed copy of TOPIK score report from the official website (topik.go.kr) - English: TOEIC 750, TOEFL PBT 550, TOEFL ibt 79, new TEPS 327, IELT 6.0 or higher
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 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 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 embassy of the relevant country on 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 two years from the date of authentication.

5. Selection Procedure and Schedule

☐ Selection Procedure

Announcement of application guideline		1st round of selection (Department)		2nd round of selection (Int'l Office)		Admission conducted by Graduate School		Final announcement of scholars		Start of the semester
April	⇒	Middle of May	⇒	End of May	⇒	June ~ July	⇒	July	⇒	September

☐ Selection Schedule

Announcement of Application Guideline	- Application period for KIT-GKS: 2024.04.22.(Mon) ~ 2024.05.24.(Fri)

1st Round Selection	- 1st round of selection will be conducted by each department and faculty members of KIT

2nd Round Selection	- 2nd round of selection will be conducted by the International Programs and Language Education Center of KIT - Successful candidates will be decided on June 5th

Admission for International Students conducted by Graduate School	- Official admission for international students will be conducted by the office of Graduate School of KIT additionally - Successful candidates must apply for online registration

Announcement of Final Successful Candidates	- Final successful candidates will be announced within July - Final successful candidates MUST pay the tuition fee within the designated period with one's own wherewithal

Apply for D-2 Student Visa	- Once tuition fee being paid by successful candidates, school will issue visa documents including certificate of admission, scholarship certificate, certificate of tuition fee payment, etc - Successful candidates should apply for D-2 student visa

Start of Semester	- Fall Semester of 2024 will begin on September 1st, 2024

6. Application

□ Application

○ **Application period**

- 2024.04.22.(Mon) ~ 2024.05.24.(Fri)

○ **How to submit application documents**

- Original application documents to be mailed by post (courier)

- No online application is required for this stage

  *Successful candidates should apply for online registration later.

○ **Where to submit application documents**

- 61 Daehak-ro, Gumi, Gyeongbuk, South Korea

  (Postal Code: 39177)

  Kumoh National Institute of Technology

  International Programs & Language Education Center

  International Education Building 1st floor, #103

7. Final Announcement

□ Announcement of successful candidates

○ **Announcement of final successful candidates for KIT-GKS**

- 2024.06.05.(Wed)

*Final announcement date can be changed.

□ Important Notes for Successful Candidates

○ **Final Successful Candidates' Withdrawal**

- If a final successful candidate wishes to withdraw from the program after the final announcement, he or she should submit a signed letter of scholarship renunciation (free form)

- Once a scholarship is renounced, it cannot be reversed. Final Successful

Candidates who renounce their scholarship before the enrollment cannot reapply for the KIT-GKS program for the next three years.

○ **Graduation Certificate**

- Any documents submitted for selection, such as graduation certificate documents, will not be returned.

○ **Final Successful Candidates residing in Korea**

- Final successful candidates who have Korean residence visa (D-2, D-4, etc.) may not be able to receive a new visa for their degree program in Korea.

※ To avoid any visa related issues, after the final announcement, final successful candidates who are residing in Korea should contact the Immigration office immediately to inquire about a new visa. Your inquiry should entail the necessary procedure and required documents in obtaining a new visa.

- Entry airfare will NOT be provided to newly selected scholars who are residing in Korea at the time of the final announcement.

> · Laws related to immigration and period of stay
> - www.immigration.go.kr
> - www.hikorea.go.kr

8. Scholarship Information

□ Scholarship Period

○ **Master's Degree Program**

- 2 years of degree program

○ **Important Notes**

- Each successful scholars will have to purchase economy class one-way ticket to Korea with one's own wherewithal.

- The airfare will be reimbursed by KIT after entering Korea.

- On applicants' initial arrival to Korea, any domestic travel fees within a scholar's home country are not supported.

- Entry airfare or visa application support will not be provided to scholars who enter Korea from a country other than the scholar's own country of citizenship.

- Scholars will have to pay one's tuition fee by oneself during each semesters including the first semester.

□ Scholarship Benefits

Scholarship	Airfare	Amount of Monthly Scholarship	Tuition Fee
Benefits	Economy class flight actual expense	KRW1,761,000	Each scholars will have to pay tuition fee every semesters
Time	At the time of initial entry (once)	every month	

○ **Important Notes Regarding Scholarship Benefits**

- All scholarship students are highly recommended to attend in the "Gyeongbuk Global School*" international student course (2 weeks in August 2024) before the start of the semester.

※ **"Gyeongbuk Global School"** is a program that introduces the alien policy of Gyeongsangbuk-do and provide scholars with opportunities to experience Korean culture, tourism, laws and etc., to help them study in Gyeongsangbuk-do.

- If a scholar withdraws from the scholarship within the first 3

months after the enrollment to KIT, one MUST return the full scholarship amount that he or she has received after being selected as a KIT-GKS scholar (entry airfare, monthly allowance)

- 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

9. Contact information

○ **Reference site**

- Visa & entry : www.immigration.go.kr/ www.hikorea.go.kr

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs : www.mofa.go.kr

- Korea Portal : www.korea.net

- King Sejong Institute : www.sejonghakdang.org

○ **Contacts of Universities staff**

Name	Department	Office Phone No.	E-mail
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Appendix.A G.P.A 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	94
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	3.93~4.02	4.11~4.15	4.57~4.61	93
3.62~3.66	3.93~3.97	4.06~4.10	4.51~4.56	92
3.58~3.61	3.89~3.92	4.01~4.05	4.45~4.50	91
3.49~3.57	3.84~3.88	3.91~4.00	4.34~4.44	90
3.41~3.48	3.75~3.83	3.81~3.90	4.23~4.33	89
3.32~3.40	3.65~3.74	3.71~3.80	4.12~4.22	88
3.24~3.31	3.56~3.64	3.61~3.70	4.01~4.11	87
3.15~3.23	3.46~3.55	3.51~3.60	3.90~4.00	86
3.07~3.14	3.37~3.45	3.41~3.50	3.79~3.89	85
2.98~3.06	3.27~3.36	3.31~3.40	3.68~3.78	84
2.90~2.97	3.18~3.26	3.21~3.30	3.57~3.67	83
2.81~2.89	3.09~3.17	3.11~3.20	3.45~3.56	82
2.72~2.80	2.99~3.08	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