
Announcement of 2025 Seoul Tech Scholarship

The Seoul Metropolitan Government is pleased to announce the 2025 Seoul Tech Scholarship, designed to support outstanding students from developing countries in completing master's programs at graduate schools in Seoul. The program aims to nurture talented individuals who will contribute to the city's future industries.

1. Overview

- Field of Selection:** Master's programs in science and engineering at nine universities in Seoul

*For details on eligible departments: Refer to "Attachment 2: Detailed Information on Recruitment Majors."

- Participating Universities (9)**

Kyunghee University, Korea University, Kwangwoon University, Seokyeong University, Seoul National University of Science and Technology, University of Seoul, Sungkyunkwan University, Sookmyung Women's University, Soongsil University

- Number of Selected Students:** Approximately 30 students
- Support Period:** Up to two years (renewable every six months after program commencement)
- Support Details:** Full tuition coverage for the master's program (admission and tuition fees), academic incentives (living expenses, health insurance premiums, airfare)

2. Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ **Common Qualifications:** Applicants must meet all of the following criteria (① through ④):
- ▶ **Optional Qualifications:** For the language proficiency requirement (criterion ⑤, if applicable), refer to "Attachment 1: Admission Information for Universities."

① **Nationality:** Must hold citizenship of an ODA recipient country that either participated in the Korean War or has a sister-city or friendship-city relationship with Seoul. Neither of the applicant's parents should hold Korean nationality.

*Applicants with Korean citizenship or dual citizenship are not eligible.

Eligible Countries (Cities) in 2025

- ▶ **Korean War Participant Countries** (Applicant must be graduates or expected graduates of universities in these countries)
Colombia, Türkiye, Thailand, Ethiopia, Republic of South Africa, India, and the Philippines.
- ▶ **Friendship and Sister Cities of Seoul** (Applicant must be graduates or expected graduates of universities in these cities)
Brazil (São Paulo), Indonesia (Jakarta, Bandung), Mexico (Mexico City), Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar), Vietnam (Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City), Egypt (Cairo), Kazakhstan (Astana), Uzbekistan (Tashkent), Mozambique (Maputo), Argentina (Buenos Aires), Laos (Vientiane), Sri Lanka (Colombo), Nepal (Kathmandu), Iran (Tehran), Panama (Panama City), Uganda (Kampala), Ukraine (Kyiv), Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)

- ② **Age:** Under 40 years of age (born on or after January 1, 1985)
- ③ **Education:** Applicants must have earned, or be expected to earn, a bachelor's degree from a university in an eligible country (or a sister/friendship city for relevant applicants) by August 31, 2025.
- ④ **Academic Performance:** Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
- 1) Percentage Score: 80 or higher
 - 2) CGPA: 2.64/4.0, 2.8/4.3, 2.91/4.5, 3.23/5.0 or higher

- ▶ Transfer students will be evaluated based on the average of their combined grades from before and after the transfer.

⑤ **Language Proficiency:** Refer to "Attachment 1: Admission Information for Universities." for specific details on each university's admission criteria.

3. Submissions

Required Documents

Category	Documents	Remarks
1. Application Documents (English or Korean)	① Application Form (Form 1)	Mandatory
	② Personal Statement (Form 2)	Mandatory
	③ Study Plan (Form 3)	Mandatory
	④ Letter of Recommendation from a current university professor (Form 4) - Recommenders (e.g., advisor, department head) must objectively evaluate the applicant's academic performance, character, and achievements. The completed recommendation letter must be sealed and handed to the applicant.	Mandatory
	⑤ Applicant Agreement (Form 5)	Mandatory
	⑥ Consent to Collect and Use Personal Information (Form 6)	Mandatory
2. Supporting Documents (English or Korean)	⑦ Academic Transcript (Original) - Must include both percentage grades and CGPA. ‣ If transcripts do not include percentage scores, submit a verification document (with an official seal) converting scores into percentages. ‣ Failure to submit percentage scores may result in disadvantages during evaluation. - Transfer students: Submit transcripts for both pre-transfer and post-transfer periods. - Expected graduates: Submit transcripts for the entire period up to the final semester before graduation. ‣ Submit the final transcript after acceptance (Failure to do so may result in cancellation).	Mandatory
	⑧ Certificate of Graduation (Original) - Must state the completion date of the bachelor's degree (Examples) Certificate of graduation, degree certificate, diploma, etc. - Expected graduates: Submit a certificate of expected graduation ‣ Must submit the final certificate after acceptance (Failure to do so may result in cancellation).	Mandatory
	⑨ Nationality Verification Documents (Original) - Documents issued by the applicant's home country to verify nationality and family relationships (applicant and both parents). (Examples) Birth certificate, nationality certificate, family relationship certificate, or other official documents issued by the relevant country *Not accepted: Documents related to birthplace, residence, ethnicity, etc. ‣ If no specific nationality verification document is available, submit a	Mandatory

Category	Documents	Remarks
	<p>copy of the passport (valid and within validity period; Apostille or consular verification is not required).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ If verifying parental nationality is difficult (e.g., due to death), provide additional documents to explain the situation (e.g., death certificate, divorce certificate).i ▸ If Korean nationality has been renounced, submit an official certificate of nationality loss. 	
	<p>⑩ Apostille Confirmation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obtain Apostille confirmation for documents ⑦-⑨ along with their notarized translations. - For countries not part of the Apostille Convention, consular verification is required (from a Korean consul or a diplomatic mission to Korea). 	Mandatory
3. Other Documents	<p>⑪ Official Language Proficiency Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must confirm the English or Korean language proficiency requirements for their intended university (or department) and submit the corresponding document. *Refer to the Admission Requirements in "Attachment 1: Admission Information for Universities." ▸ Korean: Submit a TOPIK score report for Sessions 87-97 (printout from the official test website). ▸ English: Submit a score report dated after September 1, 2023 (based on the test date). <p>⑫ Other Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Supporting documents for No. 7 (Achievements) in the application form - Verifiable materials, such as theses(abstracts), publications, awards, etc. 	If applicable

Submission Method: By post

- Submission point: Submit the documents to the embassy of the applicant's nationality in Korea.

Important Notes for Document Submission

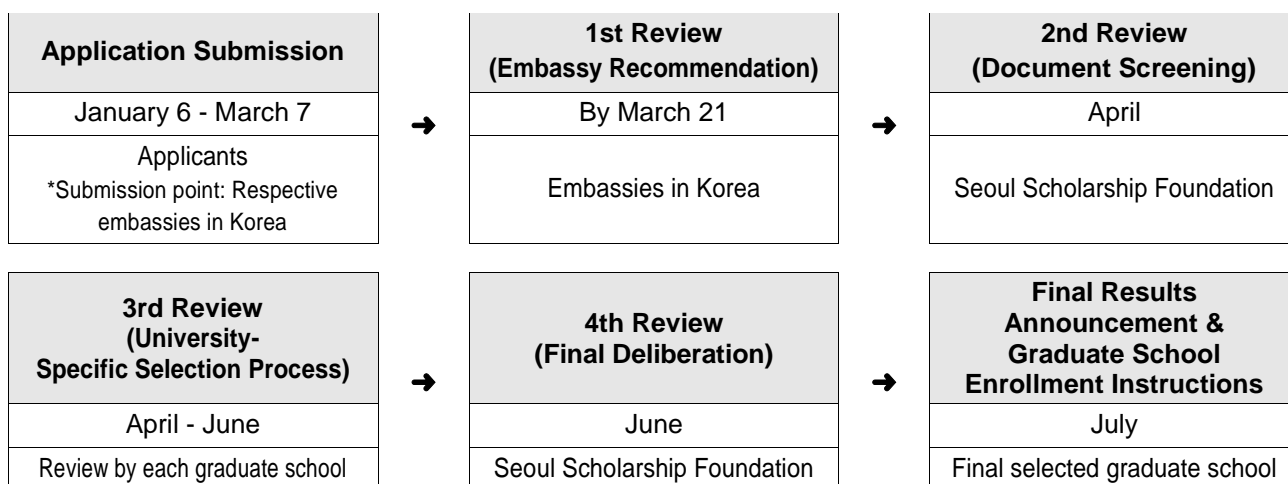
- **Language:** All documents must be written in English or Korean.
 - For documents in a local language listed under No.2 (Supporting Documents) and No.3 (Other documents), submit both the original document and a notarized translation. Either the original document or the notarized translation must have an Apostille.
- **Number of copies:** Submit one copy of each required document (①-⑩) and,

if applicable, one copy of each additional document (⑪–⑫).

- **Document issuance date:** Only documents issued after January 1, 2025 will be accepted.
- Submitted documents will not be returned.
- Applicants are fully responsible for any disadvantages caused by errors in the submitted documents, insufficient documentation, or false information.
- The final submission will only be accepted when it is submitted to Seoul Scholarship Foundation through the embassy’s recommendation.
- Applicants may be contacted individually for additional documents required by specific graduate schools. Please refer to each school’s admission information for further details.

4. Selection Process and Schedule

Selection Process



Important Notes

- For certain graduate schools, successful applicants may be required to pay the application fee as per the school’s instructions (Refer to “Attachment 1: Admission Information for Universities”).

5. Scholarship Support Criteria

Support Period: 6-month intervals (up to 2 years)

Support Details: Approximately KRW 20 million per recipient annually

Category	Details
Tuition	① Admission Fee: Full coverage ② Tuition Fee: Full coverage (jointly supported by the graduate school)
Academic Incentives	① Living Expenses: KRW 1,000,000 per month ② Health Insurance Premiums ③ Airfare: One-way ticket for entry (economy class, departure from home country)

Support Criteria

- During the scholarship period, recipients must continue their master’s coursework at their final selected graduate school.
- Scholarships will be renewed if recipients maintain full-time enrollment and achieve an average GPA of 80 or higher each semester.
- Tuition will be paid directly to the graduate school, and academic incentives will be deposited in KRW into a personal bank account opened in Korea.
- Living expenses and health insurance premiums will be disbursed after verifying the recipient’s stay duration for the previous month and their insurance payment history.
- ※ Living expenses may vary depending on the duration of stay in Korea.
- Airfare for one economy-class ticket (one time) will be reimbursed upon admission to the master’s program.

Criteria for Payment Suspension and Refund

Category	Details
Return of Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Tuition: If a student suspends their studies after tuition has been paid, the tuition for the semester will be refunded in accordance with the graduate school's regulations. ② If a recipient is found to have been selected through false or fraudulent means, they must return the full scholarship amount provided by the foundation.
Payment Suspension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Receiving overlapping scholarships either on or off campus (excluding compensation-based scholarships). ② Switching graduate schools, degree courses, or majors after selection as a scholarship recipient. ③ Taking a leave of absence, withdrawing, or terminating studies (completion, voluntary withdrawal, expulsion, graduation, etc.). *Up to two leaves of absence are allowed. ④ Failure to fulfill obligations (e.g., not submitting required documents or unauthorized absence from required graduate program activities). ⑤ Failure to meet the criteria for continued scholarship support. ⑥ A request from the graduate school to suspend payments for academic reasons.

6. Inquiries and Contact Information

Application Submission Inquiries:

Contact the respective embassies in Korea (follow their instructions).

University (Major) Information:

Refer to "Attachment 1: Admission Information for Universities."

General Scholarship Inquiries: Seoul Scholarship Foundation at sts@hissf.or.kr