

2021 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 M.A. or Ph.D. program in Korean Studies. In 2021, we will expand our eligibility criteria and accept applications not only from students at the nine universities in Japan with which the Korea Foundation has concluded agreements, but also from those studying at other Japanese universities.

Applicant Eligibility

M.A. or Ph.D. students currently enrolled in graduate programs at a Japanese university (as of April 2021) who focus on a Korea-related topic in the humanities, social sciences, or arts and cultural studies.

- Must be a registered student at the university of the enrolled program
- Must hold citizenship or permanent residency status in a country outside Korea
(Permanent residents must already have obtained permanent residency status as of January 1, 2021.)
- Ineligible to apply are students enrolled in natural sciences, medicine, engineering, MBA; law school students; and graduate students of translation and interpretation.

Number of Available Scholarships

Approx. 50

- 1) Approx. 40
 - **One of the KF's nine partner universities:** Doshisha University, Hitotsubashi University, Keio University, Kyoto University, Kyushu University, Ritsumeikan University, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, University of Tokyo, Waseda University
- 2) Approx. 10
 - **Other universities in Japan**

Grant Period

1 year (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

Grant Amount

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

Application Schedule

- Application submission period: **09:00 April 5 – 18:00, May 4 2021(KST)**
 - Notification of acceptance: **June, 2021**
- ※Notification date is subject to change without prior notice.

Required Documents

1. Online Application (<https://apply.kf.or.kr/>)

2. Supplemental materials (to be uploaded to online application)

① Research Proposal (must not exceed 3 pages)

- Download and fill out the Foundation's research proposal form (see attached) and then upload the completed form to your online application. Please attach a bibliography separately.
- Applicants who are applying for a second or third scholarship period should describe the progress they have made during the previous scholarship period(s).

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 or third scholarship period are only required to submit the academic transcripts of the doctoral courses.

③ Curriculum Vitae

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- Please include information about your educational and professional experience, as well as scholarships and grants you have 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

After an applicant files an online application, the KF's Online Application Portal will automatically send an email to the referee provided by them. The email will request that the referee write a letter of reference and upload it onto the KF Online Application Portal. Therefore, applicants should inform their desired referees about this before completing the application process. Please be aware that the deadline for reference submissions is **10:00 a.m. KST on May 10, 2021**.

Applicants who are applying for a second or third scholarship period are only required to submit one reference by the dissertation supervisor.

Important Reminders on Application Process

- M.A. students are eligible for funding for the GS program for up to two years.
- Ph.D. students are eligible for funding for 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 be enrolled in the program and the semester indicated on the application. Enrollment may not be deferred to the following year.

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 M.A. thesis or Ph.D. dissertation to the Foundation.

The Korea Foundation will monitor recipients' annual research progress for three years following the conclusion of the scholarship period. Recipients who do not fulfill their responsibilities will be ineligible 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

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