

2019 AKS Graduate Fellowship Application Guidelines

The Graduate School of Korean Studies (GSKS) in the Academy of Korean Studies(AKS), which is responsible to the Ministry of Education, is a research-oriented graduate school in the fields of humanities and social sciences pertinent to Korea. It was established in 1980 with the aim of nurturing scholars who will contribute to the development and globalization of Korean studies.

Since then, GSKS has been providing intensive research-oriented education through eminent professors' close mentoring of students. Currently, approximately 300 students, including about 150 international students from 37 different countries, are enrolled in the master's and doctoral degree program at GSKS.

The **AKS Graduate Fellowship** is GSKS' non-degree program which invites international graduate students to the AKS and supports them for six months, providing them with a momentum to grow to be a next generation of promising scholars in Korean studies. AKS Graduate Fellows for the period from 1st September 2019 to 29th February 2020 are now being sought. Those who aspire to widen and deepen their knowledge of Korea by conducting research at GSKS are very welcome to apply.

1. Fellowship Benefits

- A. **Monthly stipend of KRW750,000** is provided.
- B. An economy-class **round trip airfare** at actual expense is provided within the limit set in the 2019 fiscal guidance of the Ministry of Economy and Finance*.

* Please see the attachment.

- C. The **on-campus guesthouse** is available free of charge.

- D. Fellowship Period : From **1st Sep 2019** to **29th Feb 2020** (**6 months** in total, extension is not allowed)
- E. Fellows will designate one of the AKS' professors whose specialty is most relevant to their research topic as their academic advisor, who will guide them through the fellowship period.
- F. Access to the AKS facilities including the library and Jangseogak Archives is given.
- G. Korean language courses as well as cultural experience program are offered free of charge.

2. Eligibility

As of the application deadline, applicants should meet all of the following criteria.

	Qualifications
Nationality	The applicant should be either a foreign national or a Korean national who has completed education outside of Korea which is compatible with Korea's elementary, middle, high school and college education.
Educational Background	<p>Applicants must meet one of the following conditions :</p> <p>① Applicants are enrolled in a master's or a doctoral degree program at an overseas university.</p> <p>② Applicants completed coursework and are in the status of ABD (All But Dissertation) in a master's degree program at an overseas university.</p> <p>※ ABD students in a doctoral degree program at an overseas university is not eligible for AKS Graduate Fellowship, but for AKS Fellowship run by the AKS' Center for International Affairs. Recruitment announcement for 2020 AKS Fellowship will be published in Sep 2019 at intl.aks.ac.kr/english.</p>
Research Topic	An applicant's research topic should pertain to Korea/Korean studies.

- ※ A high level of proficiency in Korean language is preferred.
- ※ Previous AKS Graduate Fellows are not eligible to apply again.

3. Maximum Number of Fellows Sought : 5

※ It is subject to change depending on the qualifications of applicants.

4. Recruitment Schedule

Process	Deadline (Korea Time)	Remarks
Online Application	17:00 Fri 12 April	portal.aks.ac.kr/Entrance/login2.jsp
Documents Submission	17:00 Fri 19 April	By post or in person
Announcement of Selection Result	17:00 Fri 31 May	intl.aks.ac.kr/english - Notice

※ It might change under the unexpected conditions.

5. Required Documents

A. Printed online application form

- Online Application website : <http://portal.aks.ac.kr/Entrance/login2.jsp>
- Applicants are required to create an ID at the above website, log in, fill out and save the online application form, including their ID photo. After completing the form, they should print it out and put their signature on it at the bottom.
- Applicants should designate one of the AKS' professors whose specialty is most relevant to their research topic as their academic advisor, referring to the list of the AKS' faculty members at <http://intl.aks.ac.kr/english/viewforum.php?f=19>. Otherwise, GSKS will designate an appropriate professor as an academic advisor.

B. Certificate of Graduation and official transcripts for a bachelor's degree

C. Certificate of Enrollment (or Coursework Completion or Graduation) and official transcripts for a master's degree

D. Certificate of Enrollment and official transcripts for a doctoral degree (if applicable)

E. Personal Statement

- It should be about 2 pages in length in a free format and written in Korean or in English.

F. Research Plan

- It should be about 3 pages in length and written in Korean or in English.
- Referring to the introduction of a master's degree thesis in general, applicants should include a research subject, research purpose, analysis of the previous research, research contents, research method, expected effect/value of the research, research schedule, and bibliography.

G. Official certificate of test results in Korean language proficiency (TOPIK) or English language proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or TEPS), if applicable.

- It should be valid as of application deadline.

H. A copy of the first two pages of the applicant's passport

I. A color ID photo (3.5cmX4.5cm) taken within the recent 6 months

- In the photo, both ears must be shown and the background color should be white.
- The ID photo should be submitted separately; besides being uploaded on your online application form.

6. Important Notes

A. All the certificates must be original copies (as opposed to xeroxed copies) written in Korean or in English.

- If certificates are written in a language other than Korean or English, they must be translated into either Korean or English and notarized. Alternatively, instead of notarization, it is acceptable to submit translated documents which are confirmed by the issuing institute that the translation is correct.

B. Once submitted, documents will not be returned.

7. Documents Submission

- Completed and printed online application form and other required documents should be sent by post or in person to the following address:

The Graduate School of Korean Studies

The Academy of Korean Studies

Haogae-ro 323, Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do

Republic of Korea (Postcode: 13455)

☎ +82-31-730-8183

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8. Fellows' Obligations

A. Academic Advisor

- Fellows must designate one of the AKS' professors whose specialty is most relevant to their research topic as their academic advisor.

B. Taking Courses

- 1) Fellows must take at least one major-specific course taught by their academic advisor or design an independent study with student's own topic and research plan with their academic advisor.
- 2) Credits are not given for courses taken. Instead, courses are graded S(Successful) or U(Unsuccessful), and fellows must obtain "S" for courses taken.

C. Presentation

- Towards the end of the fellowship period, there will be a presentation where fellows must present their research findings.
- If fellows must leave Korea earlier than the fellowship period due to the compelling issue, they should have an individual presentation. Time and place of the individual presentation must be settled by the fellow himself/herself and his/her academic advisor and informed to the Office of Academic & Student Affairs at least 1 week ahead.

D. Final Report

- 1) Completing their research, fellows must submit either a thesis or a report summarizing their research findings to both the Office of

Academic & Student Affairs and their academic advisors before they leave the country.

- 2) A thesis or a report must be minimum 16,000 letters(including spaces) in length when written in Korean, and minimum 5,000 words when written in English, excluding the bibliography.
- E. When publishing a thesis or a book with research findings achieved during the fellowship period, fellows must state that they are the outcome of the research conducted with the support of the Graduate School of Korean Studies in the Academy of Korean Studies.
- F. Stay in Korea
- 1) Fellows must stay in Korea and concentrate on their research during the fellowship period. Exceptions can be made when fellows temporarily leave the country in order to present their research at an academic conference abroad with a prior approval of the Dean of the Graduate School of Korean Studies.
 - 2) Towards the end of the fellowship period, fellows must submit the Certificate of Entry & Exit issued by the Community Service Center to the Office of Academic & Student Affairs and prove their stay in Korea.
 - 3) During the fellowship period, fellows are not allowed to be engaged in other occupations for financial purposes.
 - 4) During the fellowship period, fellows are not permitted to register at another educational institutions in Korea.
- G. As for items not stipulated here, fellows must abide by the rules and regulations of the AKS and decisions of the Graduate School Committee.
- H. Every obligation (especially submission of a final report, presentation of research findings, and submission of the Certificate of Entry & Exit) must be performed at least 2 weeks before departure.
- The e-ticket for returning flight as well as its purchase details should also be presented at least 2 weeks before departure.

9. Provision of Monthly Stipend and Airfare

A. Monthly Stipend

- 1) The monthly stipend is provided in the beginning of each month, except for the first month of the fellowship period, when the monthly stipend is provided after fellows' Alien Registration Cards are issued by Seoul Immigration Office and their Korean bank accounts made.
- 2) When the deduction cause arises such as delayed entrance, early departure, or staying abroad, the stipend will be deducted at the rate of 25,000won per day.

B. Airfare

- 1) Round trip airfare is provided in the final month after all of the fellow's obligations is performed.
- 2) Only 50% of the round trip airfare is offered in the following cases :
 - a) If fellows arrive in Korea before the notification of the selection result and reside in the country
 - b) If fellows stay in Korea after their visa for the Fellowship expires
- 3) Airfare is not provided under the following cases :
 - a) If fellows fail to complete the required number of classes (15 weeks) and give up their research
 - b) If fellows fail to submit a final report or they obtain "U(Unsuccessful)" for courses taken

C. In the following cases, the provision of the AKS Graduate Fellowship can be cancelled and monthly stipend as well as airfare provided can be redeemed according to the decision of the Graduate School Committee :

- 1) If it turns out that the provided information on the application form is false and that the applicant is not qualified.
- 2) If fellows fail to meet obligations specified above.
- 3) With other reasons the Graduate School Committee acknowledges

10. Contact Us

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Attachment : Maximum Round-trip Airfares Per City

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(Unit : Korean Won)

Country	City	Maximum Round-trip Airfare (Economy Class)	Type of Airfare(Transit)
J a p a n	T o k y o	603,100	MLEKJ1
	O s a k a	489,300	MLEKJ
	F u k u o k a	393,450	MLEKJ
	S a p p o r o	656,450	MLEKJ
	N a g o y a	522,100	MLEKJ
	N i g a t a	527,250	MLEKJ
	K o m a t s u	492,050	MLEKJ
	O i t a	429,600	MLEKJ
	O k i n a w a	624,550	MLEKJ
	K a g o s h i m a	436,100	MLEKJ
	A o m o r i	558,450	MLEKJ
C h i n a	B e i j i n g	568,500	MLEKC1
	S h a n g h a i	541,550	MLEKC1
	S h e n y a n g	461,450	MLEKC
	C h i n g t a o	446,850	MLEKC1
	Z h e n g z h o u	617,300	MLEKC1
	C h a n g s h a	716,500	MLEKC1
	D a l i a n	428,350	MLEKC1
	G u a n g z h o u	778,200	MLEKC1
	J i n a n	534,750	MLEKC1
	M u d a n j i a n g	553,650	MLEKC1
	S h e n z h e n	779,550	MLEKC1
	H u a n g s h a n	600,200	MLEKC1
	T i a n j i n	533,600	MLEKC1
	W e i h a i	436,900	MLEKC1
	W u h a n	683,350	MHEKC1
	X i a m e n	704,850	MLEKC1
	X i a n	727,050	MLEKC1
Y a n j i	508,750	MLEKC	
M o n g o l i a	Ulaanbaatar	716,950	MEKS

Country	City	Maximum Round-trip Airfare (Economy Class)	Type of Airfare(Transit)
T a i w a n	T a i p e i	496,650	MLEKS1
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	699,600	MLEKS1
Philippines	M a n i l a	595,500	MLEKS1
	C e b u	670,750	MLEKS1
Thailand	B a n g k o k	826,750	MLEKS1
	P h u k e t	865,200	MLEKS1
V i e t n a m	D a N a n g	768,250	MLEKS1
	Nha Trang	842,950	MLEKS1
	Chiang Mai	865,200	MLEKS1
	Ho Chi Minh	789,450	MLEKS1
	H a n o i	781,550	MLEKS1
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	820,800	MLEKS1
	Siem Reap	994,750	MLEKS1(PNH)
Myanmar	Y a n g o n	907,850	MLEKS1
Singapore	Singapore	906,450	MLEKS1
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	890,950	MLEKS1
Indonesia	J a k a r t a	1,003,300	MLEKS1
	D e n p a s a r	937,450	MLEKS
Sri Lanka	C o l o m b o	1,486,600	MEKT1
Maldives	M a l e	1,825,900	MEKT1
N e p a l	Kathmandu	1,520,000	MKEKT1
I n d i a	M u m b a i	1,437,150	MEKT
	D e l h i	1,435,850	MEKT
Australia	S y d n e y	2,026,400	MLEKZ1
	B r i s b a n e	2,014,800	MLEKZ1
	Melbourne	2,175,800	MLEKZ(SYD)
	C a n b e r r a	2,179,350	MLEKZ(SYD)
P a l a u	P a l a u	893,050	MKEKG
F i j i	N a d i	1,548,250	MLEKZ
New Zealand	Wellington	2,149,200	MLEKZ(AKL)
	A u c k l a n d	2,044,900	MLEKZ1
U S A	H o n o l u l u	1,982,900	MLWEKA

Country	City	Maximum Round-trip Airfare (Economy Class)	Type of Airfare(Transit)
	Los Angeles San Francisco S e a t t l e	2,349,900	MLWEKA
	L a s V e g a s	2,474,900	MLWEKA
	New York Washington A t l a n t a	3,079,900	MLWEKA
	D e t r o i t	3,550,350	MLWEKA
	C h i c a g o D a l l a s	3,009,900	MLWEKA
	G u a m	610,600	MLEKG
C a n a d a	T o r o n t o	3,244,950	MLWEKA
	V a n c o u v e r	2,341,400	MLWEKA
M e x i c o	Mexico City	3,521,050	MLXEKA(LAX)
A r g e n t i n a	Buenos Aires	4,456,600	MLXEKB(NYC)
B r a z i l	Rio de Janeiro	4,392,950	MLXEKB(NYC)
	S a o P a u l o	3,945,650	MLXEBR(FRA)
U A E	D u b a i	1,824,000	MKEKM
	A b u D h a b i	1,921,200	MKEKM
I s r a e l	T e l A v i v	2,107,650	MKEKM
F r a n c e	P a r i s	2,345,100	MKWEKU
U K	L o n d o n	2,455,800	MKWEKU
Netherlands	A m s t e r d a m	2,141,000	MKWEKU
G e r m a n y	F r a n k f u r t	2,355,600	MKWEKU
Switzerland	Z u r i c h	2,271,000	MKXEKU
	G e n e v a	2,676,100	MKWEKU(PAR)
I t a l y	R o m e	2,165,900	MKWEKU
	M i l a n	2,147,600	MKWEKU
A u s t r i a	V i e n n a	2,169,000	MKWEKU
S p a i n	M a d r i d	2,350,300	MKWEKU
	B a r c e l o n a	2,302,400	MKXEKU

Country	City	Maximum Round-trip Airfare (Economy Class)	Type of Airfare(Transit)
C z e c h R e p u b l i c	P r a g u e	2,097,300	MKXEKU
T u r k e y	I s t a n b u l	2,205,700	MKEKU
S w e d e n	S t o c k h o l m	2,806,450	MKWEKU(PAR)
B e l g i u m	B r u s s e l s	2,629,300	MKWEKU(AMS)
F i n l a n d	H e l s i n k i	2,834,800	MKXEKU(PRG)
R u s s i a	M o s c o w	2,026,450	MKEKU
	V l a d i v o s t o k	697,000	MEKR1
U z b e k i s t a n	T a s h k e n t	1,356,350	MEKS1

※ The above rate is set in the 2019 fiscal guidance of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.