

2016 AKS Graduate Fellowship

The Graduate School of Korean Studies(GSKS) in the Academy of Korean Studies is a research-oriented graduate institute established in 1980. We specialize in the fields of humanities and social sciences pertaining to Korea with the aim of nurturing eminent scholars of Korean studies who would search for the essence of Korean culture and contribute to the advancement and globalization of Korean studies. About 290 students including 130 international students from 37 countries are currently enrolled in our master's and doctoral degree programs, enjoying close one-to-one guidance by professors which our 1:4 faculty-student ratio enables.

The AKS Graduate Fellowship is one of our non-degree programs which invites and supports international students for six months, providing them with a momentum to grow to be a next generation of promising scholars in Korean studies and to play a leading role in the field abroad. Applications for the 2016 AKS Graduate Fellowship for the period from 1 March 2016 to 31 August 2016 (or from 1 September 2016 to 28 February 2017) are now being sought. Those who aspire to widen and deepen their knowledge of Korea by conducting research at our graduate school in one of the most dynamic countries in the world are very welcome to apply.

1. Fellowship Benefits

- A. Monthly allowance of KRW900,000 is provided.
- B. An economy-class round trip airfare at actual expense is provided within the limit prescribed by the GSKS Travel Expenses Policy (Please see the Attachment 2 "Maximum Round-trip Airfares Per Regions").
- C. Fellowship Period : 6 months
 - 1) 2016 Spring Semester : From 1 March 2016 to 31 August 2016
 - 2) 2016 Fall Semester : From 1 September 2016 to 28 February 2017
- ※ Applicants should select one of the fellowship periods.
- D. Access to the AKS facilities including the library and Jangseogak Archives is given.
- E. On-campus dormitory is available at the rate of KRW716,100 for 6 months,

double occupancy.

F. Korean language courses are offered free of charge.

G. A Certificate of Completion can be issued for those who successfully completed the program.

2. Number of Fellows Sought : ○○

3. Recruitment Schedule

A. Application Deadline : 5:00PM 20 November 2015

B. Selection Result Announcement (AKS website(intl.aks.ac.kr/english) - Notice) :
6:00PM 24 December 2015

4. Eligibility

	Qualifications
Nationality	An applicant must be 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	As of the application deadline, applicants must meet one of the following conditions : ① Applicants are enrolled in a master's or a doctoral degree program at an overseas university. ② Applicants completed coursework and are in the status of ABD (All But Dissertation) in a master's or a doctoral degree program at an overseas university. ③ Applicants were conferred a master's degree at an overseas university.
Residence	As of the application deadline, applicants must reside in a foreign country outside of Korea.
Research Topic	An applicant's research topic should pertain to Korea/Korean studies.

※ Application from previous AKS Graduate Fellows is not accepted.

5. Required Documents

- A. Application Form (Prescribed form downloadable at intl.aks.ac.kr/english)
 - ※ 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>. The GSKS will designate an appropriate professor as an academic advisor for those who do not choose one.
- 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 (or Coursework Completion) and official transcripts for a doctoral degree (if applicable)
- E. Research Plan (3 pages in length with a free format)
- F. Personal Statement (2 pages in length with a free format)
- G. A Letter of Recommendation
 - The recommender must be either an applicant's academic advisor or dean of the department in his/her undergraduate/graduate school.
 - After completing the letter, the recommender must seal the envelope and sign across the envelope seal.
 - The letter of recommendation should be sent by post either directly from the recommender to the Director of Academic and Student Affairs at GSKS, or being included in the application package.
- H. Official transcripts for the Korean language proficiency test (TOPIK) or English language proficiency test (TOEFL, IELTS or TEPS) (if applicable)
- I. A copy of the first two pages of the applicant's passport
- J. Two color ID photos (3.5cmX4.5cm) taken within the recent 6 months

6. Important Notes

- A. All the certificates should be original copies.
- B. All the above documents must be written in Korean or in English. If documents

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

- C. Late applications after the submission deadline are not accepted.
- D. Incomplete applications with missing documents are not accepted, and submitted documents are not returned.

7. Submission Guideline

- Send the required documents (soft copies or scanned documents) via email to gradaks@aks.ac.kr.
- Original copies of certificates and a letter of recommendation should be additionally sent by post to the following address:
 - The Graduate School of Korean Studies
 - The Academy of Korean Studies
 - 323 Haogaero Bundang-gu Seongnam-si Gyeonggi-do
 - Republic of Korea (Postcode: 13455)

8. Fellows' Obligations

- A. Fellows must designate one of the AKS professors whose specialty is most relevant to their research topic as their academic advisor.
- B. Course Enrollment
 - 1) Fellows must take at least one major-specific course taught by their academic advisor or an individual study with their academic advisor.
 - 2) Fellows must take at least one Korean language course allocated by the GSKS.
 - 3) Fellows must obtain "S(Successful)" for courses taken.
 - ※ Credits are not given for courses taken.
 - ※ Courses are graded S(Successful) / U(Unsuccessful).
- C. Final Report and Evaluation Report

- 1) Completing their research, fellows must submit either a thesis or a report summarizing their research findings and an evaluation report written by their academic advisor 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.
- D. Towards the end of the fellowship period, there will be a meeting for reading research papers where fellows must present their research findings.
- E. Fellows must stay in Korea and concentrate on their research during the fellowship period. However, exceptions can be made when fellows temporarily leave the country in order to present their papers in an academic conference with a prior approval of the Dean of the Graduate School of Korean Studies.
- F. Towards the end of the fellowship period, fellows must present their passport and prove their stay in Korea. If it is found that a fellow stays abroad during the fellowship period, the monthly stipend will be deducted for the number of days spent overseas at the rate of KRW30,000 per day.
- G. When publishing a thesis or a book with research findings of the fellowship period, fellows must state that it is an outcome of the research conducted with support of the Graduate School of Korean Studies in the Academy of Korean Studies.
- H. During the fellowship period, fellows are not allowed to be engaged in other occupations for financial purposes.
- I. During the fellowship period, fellows are not permitted to register at another educational institutions in Korea.
- J. As for items not stipulated here, fellows must abide by the rules and regulations of the AKS and decisions of the Graduate School Committee.

9. Provision of Monthly Allowance and Airfare

A. Monthly Allowance

- 1) The monthly allowance is provided in the first week of each month, except in the first month of the fellowship period when payment is made at the end of the month after fellows provide the GSKS with a foreigner registration number

issued by Seoul Immigration Office and a Korean bank account information.

- 2) The amount of monthly allowance in the first and the final months of the fellowship period is calculated by multiplying a daily stipend of KRW30,000 by the number of days for which fellows stay in Korea.

B. Airfare

- 1) A round trip airfare is provided in the final month.
- 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 the fellowship period is over
- 3) Airfare is not provided in the following cases :
 - 1) If fellows fail to complete the required number of classes (15 weeks) and give up their research
 - 2) If fellows fail to submit a final report or fail to obtain "S(Successful)" for courses taken

C. The provision of the AKS Graduate Fellowship can be cancelled and the monthly allowance as well as airfare paid can be redeemed according to the decision of the Graduate School Committee, including in the following cases :

- 1) If it turns out that provided information on the application form is false and that the applicant is not qualified.
- 2) If a fellow fails to meet obligations specified above.

10. Contact Us

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[Attachment 2] Maximum Round-trip Airfares Per Regions

Region	Country	Maximum Round-trip Airfares (in Korean Won)
East Asia	China, Japan	600,000
South Asia	India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives	1,400,000
Southeast Asia	Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Brunei, Indonesia	700,000
Southwest Asia	Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Iran, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan	2,000,000
Middle Asia	Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia	1,300,000
North Africa	Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco	2,100,000
Middle Africa	Congo, Gabon, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia	2,500,000
South Africa	Namibia, The Republic of South Africa, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Botswana, Swaziland, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe	2,800,000
East Europe	Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Yugoslavia, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, Albania, Serbia, Russia	1,600,000
West Europe	UK, Ireland, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein	1,600,000
North Europe	Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland	1,800,000
South Europe	Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Italy, San Marino, Vatican, Greece, Croatia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Slovenia	1,600,000
North America	USA, Canada, Bahamas, Mexico	1,800,000
Middle America	Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama	2,500,000
South America	Guyana, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Surinam, Argentina, Ecuador, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru, Guiana, Malvinas	3,000,000
Oceania	Australia, New Zealand	1,100,000