

2025 Kangnam University International Student Scholarship Sponsored by Shimjeon Foundation

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1. Program Objective

Kangnam University and Shimjeon Foundation provide opportunities to gain academic and cultural experience for foreign students who are unable to pursue their studies due to financial reasons despite their excellent academic ability and passion.

In order to cultivate global talents who serve for the future development of not only their home countries but also the international community we select excellent students from around the world as scholarship recipients.

2. Course of study

- (1) Language course: 1-year Korean language program
- (2) Undergraduate course: 4-year Bachelor's degree course
- (3) Graduate course: 2-year Master's course or 3-year Doctor's course

3. Qualifications for application

Category	Korean language course	Regular Course		Note	
		Undergraduate course	Master's or Doctoral course		
Nationality	Korean national/resident abroad or Korean descent foreigner can apply for this course	Applicant and both parents must be a citizen of the country to which scholarships are offered.		Regular course	Applicant or one of parents must not be a holder of 1) Korean citizenship or 2) dual citizenship can't apply .
Education background	-Finished to finish formal education of elementary, middle, high school for undergraduate course outside of Korea as of March 1, 2025 1. Language/undergraduate course: High school graduate(expected) 2. Master's course: Bachelor degree 3. Doctor's course: Master's degree			Academic qualification verification methods such as domestic and foreign qualification examinations, home schooling, and cyber learning are not recognized as academic qualification requirements.	
Grade	Applicants with a grade point average (GPA) of 80% or higher in all academic years of the last educational institution attended or within the top 20% of school grades among graduates in the same year				
Health	Adequate health, both physically and mentally (Tuberculosis, AIDS and proof of immunization required)			Those who need regular treatment and care due to pregnancy, congenital or chronic diseases cannot apply.	
Recommendation	Recommendation letter from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea required				
Korean Language Ability	N/A	TOPIK level 3 or higher (Compulsory)	TOPIK level 3 or higher (Compulsory)	If you apply and are admitted without obtaining TOPIK level 4, you must obtain TOPIK level 4 or higher before graduation	
	*TOPIK: Test of Proficiency in Korean				

※ For details on qualifications (nationality, academic background, language proficiency, etc.) for regular courses (language training, undergraduate, master's and doctoral), please refer to the attached application guidelines and apply.

- Applicants for regular courses must complete a Korean language course at the Kangnam University Language Education Center for up to one year if their Korean language skills are insufficient to meet the admission requirements and obtain a TOPIK level to meet the admission requirements.

- Among the selected applicants, those with Korean language skills who are eligible to enroll in the regular course must enroll in the regular course without the language training course.
- **Students who entered the undergraduate program with TOPIK level 3 can graduate only after passing TOPIK level 4 within the deadline set by the Ministry of Education/Ministry of Justice.**
- If you do not meet the Korean language proficiency requirements for regular program admission through up to one year of Korean language education, your support until you enroll in the undergraduate/master's or doctoral program will be suspended, and you will be responsible for paying your own expenses for Korean language education and dormitory.
- ※ Students who choose the language course cannot apply to switch to the regular course after the one-year Korean language course.
- ※ Health: If you are unable to study due to pregnancy or health reasons during your studies after selection, your scholarship benefits will be discontinued and you will be given scholarship benefits after returning to school.
- ※ The above Korean language proficiency standards are subject to change depending on the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Education's international student visa and residence guidelines and standards.

4. Scholarship benefits and scope of support

(1) Scholarship Benefits

Studying Course	Supporting year	Remarks
Language	1 year	Korean language program only
Undergraduate	4 years	when obtaining regular course admission qualification after 1 year of Korean language program
Master	2 years	
Doctor	3 years	

- ※ Korean Language Program support for regular course applicant: Maximum 1 year (4 semesters)
- ※ If the degree is obtained within the above period, the scholarship payment will be terminated.
- ※ For doctoral students only, additional support for dormitory room charge, medical insurance, and living expenses subsidies is available once for 6 months after the end of the support period.

(2) Scholarship support scope

1) Application fee

Course	Korean Language	Undergraduate	Master	doctor
Application Fee (KRW)	50,000	100,000	60,000	90,000

- 2) Entrance fee: Undergraduate course 350,000KRW / Graduate Course 900,000KRW
- 3) Tuition: around 8,000,000~ 11,000,000KRW per year
- 4) Korean Language Training Fee: 5,600,000KRW for max 1 year (4 semesters)
- 5) Accommodation fee: 2,400,000KRW per year
(only living in Shimjeon 1 bldg for 4 people per room)

※ **Deposit and student association fees are borne by the student.**

- **Dormitory deposit (KRW 300,000): each semester**
(Deposit will be refunded if there's no damage or loss of furniture, card key)

- Student association fee (KRW 20,000): each semester

- 6) Korean National Medical Insurance: KRW 1,000,000 per year (equivalent)
- 7) Airfare (determined depending on the country): One-way economy class airfare or airfare for the shortest route between Korea and the selected student's country of origin will be paid. A one-way return flight ticket will be provided upon completion of the scholarship program in which you participate.
- 8) Expenses (living expenses, textbook, etc.) other than the above scholarship details must be borne by the student at his/her own expense. However, if the student attends the chapel of Kangnam University Church according to the student's wish, a small living expenses subsidy (up to KRW 300,000/month) is provided by the university church according to the attendance rate.

※ Remarks

- 1) We don't support the students' transportation costs in their country and in Korea.
- 2) Traveler insurance is not included in the airticket or airfare supported for entry into Korea and graduation.
- 3) Entry airfare is not supported when selecting applicants who are staying in Korea (such as studying or employment) as of the application date.
- 4) If you give up within the first semester of your scholarship program (3 months of Korean language course, 6 months of regular course), you will be required to return your scholarship benefit (airfare, living allowance, tuition, language training fee, accommodation fee, and medical insurance).
- 5) Return flight ticket will not be provided to those who drop out while participating in this scholarship program.

(3) Scholarship student disqualification

In the following cases, you will lose your scholarship status and return home.

- 1) When it is revealed that the scholarship application documents and other submitted documents were filled out falsely;
- 2) When the students are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the university rules and regulations or engage in political activities;
- 3) When the students violates the pledge made at the time of application;
- 4) If, while attending school, the students tarnish the reputation of the school by causing civil, criminal or social controversy, or by posting slanderous or negative content about Kangnam University, the Shimjeon International Foundation, or this scholarship program on personal or public online social media.
- 5) Underachieving academic grades

Korean language course	Regular course applicant: Those who do not meet the qualifications for admission to the regular course during the 1-year (4 semesters) Korean language course	Individual financing or return home
	Failing Korean language course twice in a row	Drop out and return home
Undergraduate course	Below GPA 2.5 : 3 times Below GPA 1.5 : 2 times	Disqualification of scholarship
Master's & doctoral course	Below GPA 2.5 : 2 times	Disqualification of scholarship

5. Admission Schedule: Re-announcement when the 2026-1 semester recruitment guidelines are confirmed for each course

1 st application procedure: for Shimjeon Scholarship program	Application Deadline	①(Language/undergraduate/master/Doctoral course Aug. 29 (Fri), 2025	
	Video Interview (if necessary)	in September, 2025	
2 nd application procedure for each course	Awardees Announcement	(expected) Sep. 30, 2025	
	Language course	Application deadline	Sep. 26, 2025
		Announcement of final successful candidates	Oct. 2025
		OT / Level test of Korean language	Dec. 17, 2025
		Studying period	Dec 22, 2025~ Nov. 2026
	Undergraduate course	Online application	Nov. 2025
		Announcement of final successful candidates	Jan. 2026
		Registration	Jan. 2026
	Master, doctoral course	Online application	Dec. 2025
		Video Interview	Jan. 2026
		Announcement of final successful candidates	Jan. 2026
	All	Invitation issuance	Feb. 2026
		Entry	Feb 23~27, 2026

- ※ The application deadline is based on the date of arrival of documents at Kangnam University.
- ※ To ensure a smooth scholarship selection process, please be sure to submit a scanned file (PDF-black and white) of all required documents and a passport-sized photo file (jpg-color) to kimmh@kangnam.ac.kr before sending the originals.
- ※ The above schedule shall be changed with notice.
- ※ The entry schedule may change depending on the visa issuance and personal circumstances.
- ※ Whether a language training course is required when applying for a master's or doctoral program is determined depending on whether the language requirements for application are met: (TOPIK level 3 or higher - no Korean language training required / TOPIK level 2 or lower - Korean language training required).

6. Courses and Programs to recruit

(1-1) Undergraduate course(New: 4 year course): Korean language

	College	Unit to recruit	Major
-		College of Liberal Arts	
Humanities and Social Sciences	College of Welfare Convergence	Division of Social Welfare	Social welfare Social Services Studies
			Dept. of Senior Business
	College of Business Administration	Division of Business Administration	Business Administration Economics and Finance International Trade
		Division of Law, Administration and Taxation	Taxation Law and Administration
	College of Global Cultural Contents		Cultural Content International Area studies Chinese Content Business Christian Communication Studies
Engineering	College of Engineering	Division of Computer Engineering	Software Metaverse Game
		Division of Artificial Intelligence Convergence Engineering	Artificial intelligence Data Science
		Division of Electronic Semiconductor Engineering	Electronics Engineering Semiconductor Engineering Smart Mobility
		Division of Real Estate and Construction	Real Estate Smart City Engineering Architectural engineering
Arts and physical education	College of Arts and Physical Education		Design Physical Education Music *Piano, orchestral music (violin, cello, flute, clarinet), vocal music

(2) Graduate course (Master, Doctor) :

2026 First Semester Recruitment Guidelines to be Announced Later

※ Kangnam University Master's and Doctoral Program International Admission Information
Website: <https://grd.kangnam.ac.kr/>

7. Application and Evaluation Procedure

Applicant	Embassy	Embassy	Kangnam University	Kangnam University
Submission of applications	Selection of candidates	Submission the recommendation letter & the 1st application documents for Shimjeon scholarship program	1 st screening of the scholarship program applications	Awardees Announcement
		2 nd application documents for each studying course	2 nd documents screening and Final selection	

8. Required Documents

(1) 1st documents list for all Scholarship applicants : till Aug. 29, 2025

No	Documents list	Number of copies	Remark
1	Application form of Shimjeon scholarship program	1	Form attached(incl. self-introduction, study plan, and pledge)
2	Consent to Use and Provision of Personal Information	1	Form attached
3	Passport copy	1	
4	Health certificate (incl. tuberculosis test)	1	Issued by an embassy-designated hospital for studying abroad (notarized copy in English or in Korean)
5	Letter of Recommendation	1	Korean embassy
		1	Teacher or professor of the applicant's school/university (In English)
6	Certificate of foreign nationality (Copy of ID card of applicant and parent)	1	Notarized copy in English or in Korean
7	Documents proving family relationship (Birth certificate and local residence certificate (household register))	1	Original copy notarized in English or in Korean *The document must be issued within 30 days from the time of application
8	Proof of highest level of education (graduation certificate)	1	English copy can be submitted (original to be submitted later)
9	Transcript of all academic years for the last educational institution	1	English copy can be submitted (original to be submitted later), GPA score, full scale or percentage scores required
10	TOPIK certificate	1	If applicable

(2) 2nd applications documents list for each course

1) Korean Language course : till Sep 26, 2025

No	Document	Number of copies	Remark
1	Application form and study plan of KNU Language course	1	Form attached
2	Photo	1	White background, taken within 6 months, 3.5cmx4.5cm
3	Original copy notarized in English or in Korean of document proving highest level of education (graduation certificate)	1	※ Apostille confirmation or confirmation by the Korean consulate in the country where the school belongs or the consul at the embassy in Korea ※ In the case of expected graduation certificate (or temporary graduation certificate), it is only recognized if it is within 1 year from the date of graduation based on the date of issuance of the standard admission certificate.

※ Remarks

- All documents must be written in Korean or English, and if certificates are not issued in English, a notarized English or Korean translation must be attached. A certified copy of the English or Korean translation from the embassy/consulate of the Republic of Korea in your country of residence is also acceptable. In the Korean notarized copy, **the name must be written in English.**
- All submitted documents will not be returned.
- If the information in the submitted documents is inaccurate or the required documents are insufficient, you may be excluded from selection.

2) Undergraduate course (New/Transferred admission):

Re-announcement of the 2026-1 semester recruitment guidelines,

Submission deadline: ~ November 2025

No	Document	Number of copies	Note
1	Application	1	After applying online, download and print (Link provided later)
2	photo	1	White background, taken within 6 months, 3.5cmx4.5cm
3	Academic background inquiry consent form	1	After applying online, download and print
4	New High school graduation (expected) certificate	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Original English copy of high school graduation (expected) certificate Apostille or consular verification (Korean consulate in the country where the school graduated or consulate in Korea) - If English version is not available, additionally submit a notarized translation (Korean or English) - GPA and full score or percentage score, total credits must be indicated
	New High school transcript from all grades	1	
5	3 rd year Transferred Graduates (or expected graduates) of 4-year universities or technical colleges	1 of each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A transcript with all courses, credits, and grades completed during the entire period of attendance at the university (school seal required), Apostille or consular confirmation - GPA, full score criteria and total credits completed must be indicated - If English is not available, additional notarized translation (Korean or English) must be submitted
	① Graduation certificate from previous university ② Transcript from previous university Those who have completed at least 2 years of a 4-year university ① High school graduation certificate ② High school transcript ③ Previous university completion certificate ④ Previous university transcript	1 of each	
6	Certificate of TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean) (Choose 1 of the certificates listed on the right)	1	1) TOPIK level 3 or higher 2) Korean Intermediate level 1 or higher of "Sejong Hakdang" 3) Completion of level 3 or higher of the Social Integration Program (KIIP) or score of 61 or higher in the pre-assessment 4) Level 3 or higher of Kangnam University Language course

			5) Level 3 or higher from a regular university language course * Valid transcript as of application date for regular course admission after completing Korean language course
7	Proof of arts and physical education skills	-	Submission of applicants majoring in arts and physical education (inquire separately for details)
8	Copy of foreign ID	1	Submitted by those residing in Korea
9	Certificate of entry & exit	1	Submitted by those residing in Korea
10	Confirmation of renunciation of Korean nationality	1	For foreign nationals, both students and parents must submit
11	Bank Balance Certificate	1	- A bank statement with a balance of KRW 7,000,000 in the name of the applicant or his/her parents (applies to scholarship amount supported by our school) - Those residing in Korea must submit a bank statement issued by a bank in Korea

※ Remarks

- All documents must be written in Korean or English, and if certificates are not issued in English, a notarized English or Korean translation must be attached. A certified copy of the English or Korean translation from the embassy/consulate of the Republic of Korea in your country of residence is also acceptable. **In the Korean notarized copy, the name must be written in English.**
- All of the above documents must be issued within 30 days from the time of application.
- All submitted documents will not be returned.
- If the information in the submitted documents is inaccurate or the required documents are insufficient, you may be excluded from selection.
- If you have attended a university (2-year, 3-year, 4-year university), you must submit a certificate of completion and transcript.
- Graduates of the undergraduate program must enroll in the master's program, and if there are special reasons, transfer to the third year of the undergraduate program is possible only if approved in advance.
- Apostile member countries: <http://www.internationalapostille.com/hague-apostille-member-countries/>

3) Master's & Doctor's course: Re-announcement of the 2026 first semester recruitment guidelines

No	Document	No of copies	Note
1	Application form of master and doctor's course	1	After applying online to the graduate school admissions website, submit a printed copy (with a stamp)
2	Study plan, Self-introduction	1	Form for master & doctor's course attached
3	Consent for gathering, using and providing individual information to the third party	1	Form attached
4	Recommendation letter from professor in your major	1	Form attached
5	College or graduate school (expected) graduation certificate	1	* Original and notarized copy in English or Korean (Name must be written in English) * Apostille authentication or confirmation by the Korean consulate in the country where the school

			belongs or the consul at the embassy in Korea
6	Transcript of all academic years of college or graduate school courses	1	* Original and notarized copy in English or Korean (name must be written in English) - Same as Apostille authentication or consular confirmation above - Total credits earned for each academic year, average grade, and full score must be recorded - Full score criteria or percentage scores must be indicated on transcripts
7	TOPIK certificate	1	- TOPIK level 3 or higher - Within 2 years from the test date
8	Copy of foreign ID	1	Submitted by those residing in Korea
9	Bank Balance Certificate	1	- A bank statement with a balance of KRW 7,000,000 in the name of the applicant or his/her parents (applies to scholarship amount supported by our school) - Those residing in Korea must submit a bank statement issued by a bank in Korea

※ Remarks

- Documents written in languages other than Korean must be notarized and submitted along with a translation (Korean or English) along with the original documents. In the Korean notarized copy, the name must be written in English.
- All of the above documents must be issued within 30 days from the date of receipt of the documents (excluding family relationship certificate)
- All submitted documents will not be returned.
- If the information in the submitted documents is inaccurate or the required documents are insufficient, you may be excluded from selection.
- Apostile member countries :
<http://www.internationalapostille.com/hague-apostille-member-countries/>

9. Submission

- Please submit application documents to the Korean embassy or consulate in your country of origin.
- For sister universities and partner institutions, students can submit it directly along with a letter of recommendation from the head of the institution or advisor.
- Please prepare and submit the application documents in the order of the 'checklist' in the application file.

10. Notes

- (1) The undergraduate course, Master's and Doctor's course of Korean Universities consist of 2 semesters (spring semester: March ~ June, fall semester: September ~ December).
- (2) All application documents must be submitted punctually.
- (3) Prior to arrival, grantees should acquire some knowledge about Korea and Korean culture, etc.

▪ Korean language study	http://www.sejonghakdang.org
▪ Understanding of Korean culture	http://www.korea.net
▪ Korean embassy abroad	http://www.mofat.go.kr
▪ Entry & Residence	http://immigration.go.kr

- (4) An entry visa must be issued by the Korean embassy in the country of residence before entering the country, and Kangnam university will handle matters related to the stay after entering the country.
- (5) Selected scholarship students must follow the precautions for successful applicants and enter the country on the designated date. Failure to do so without prior notice will result in cancellation of scholarship status.
- (6) Scholarship students must live in dormitory facilities provided by the university, and cannot accompany their family members while attending the Korean language course.

[Outside residence rule]

Students who wish to stay outside must submit a letter of desire to stay outside and parents' consent at least one month prior to the start of the semester and must meet following conditions

- ① Married couples are allowed to live outside, only if they live together in the vicinity of Kangnam University (within 10 km radius of the school standard) after start of the regular course.
- ② If undergraduate or master's course student who wishes to stay outside, she/he is allowed to live outside after six months (1st semester + vacation) after starting the regular course.
- ③ Student must submit the copy of an outside residence rental agreement prepared under the student's own name.
- ④ No financial support for accommodation when living outside.

※ Kangnam University and the Shimjeon Foundation shall not be liable for any civil or criminal liability for any problems that occur while students reside outside.

- (7) Accepted students must do their best to focus on their studies and research in accordance with the university rules and regulations.
- (8) Scholarship students must actively cooperate and comply with academic administrative measures and events set by Kangnam University and Simjeon Foundation.
- (9) Scholarship students are not allowed to apply continuously for the next degree within two years of obtaining the degree they applied for.
- (10) If you do not acquire the Korean language proficiency required for admission to an undergraduate or master's/doctorate program during the Korean language training period for up to 1 year (4 semesters), you must study in Korea at your own expense* and maintain your scholarship status after passing the language test, or You can return to your country, study, obtain qualifications, and re-apply within one year.
(Self-funded*: Includes tuition of language course and dormitory costs until admission to regular course)
- (11) By the immigration law, only a leave of absence due to illness is permitted. All financial support shall be suspended, and shall re-commence for the remaining period when the student returns to the program. However, the leave of absence shall not exceed one (1) year.
- (12) In the event of a situation in which students cannot continue their studies due to health reasons, etc., Kangnam University and Shimjeon Foundation may recommend or decide to take a leave of absence or return home based on a doctor's note.
※ Return/Re-Enrollment: Students should apply with a doctor's note and parent's consent that regular treatment and special care are not required.
- (13) When student fails to get a degree within the period of scholarship support, the support shall be terminated and student bears all the financial expenses until he/she gets a degree.
- (14) Kangnam University shall offer one-way flight ticket for the student who wishes to return to his/her country when fail to pass required Korean language level or personal reason such as giving up admission to regular course after one (1) year (4 semesters) of Korean language course and leave within one (1) month from the end date of 4th semester. Certificate of Korean language course will be sent to the home country after one (1) month from the departure date.
- (15) Drop out, leave of absence, transfer to another domestic or foreign institute during Korean language course, undergraduate and graduate course, return airfare is not supported.
- (16) When student stays in Korea over one (1) month of graduation date or cannot graduate regular course within one (1) year after exceeding scholarship period

specified in the above clause 4-(1) with staying in Korea as an individual, airfare to homeland shall be student's own expense.

- (17) Students should visit International office or email (Kangnam University: kimmh@kangnam.ac.kr / Shimjeonfoundation: shimjeon@hanmail.net) to inform their changes such as contact information (phone number, email address etc.), passport reissuance or temporary return to home country during vacation. Student who completes or finishes course and live in Korea should update his/her contact information. Student shall be responsible for any disadvantage arising from an inability to contact or locate them.

- (18) Students returning home during vacation

① Student should arrange airplane ticket upon the schedule of starting date of vacation and entrance period of dormitory for coming semester. Kangnam University shall not pay the dormitory during vacation.

② 1 time of maximum 3 weeks (21 days) of temporary leave per vacation for personal reason will be approved and Kangnam University support dormitory during vacation.

(Ex.: Departure on July 1, arrival date to Korea should be max. July 21.)

③ If student returns home after applying for a dormitory during the vacation and exceed 3 weeks (21 days), you will be responsible for the cost of the dormitory and will be deducted from the cost of the dormitory or living expenses subsidy for the next semester.

- (19) Proof of residence

Students living abroad for a short period of time must submit their a 'certificate of entry and departure(출입국사실증명)' from Gugal Resident Center (구갈동주민센터) in March and September every year. (Due date: by 2nd week Friday of March/September)

11. Contacts

- (1) Mailing Address

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