

# **2024 GKS IRTS (International Reconstruction Talent Scholarship) Application Guidelines for Korean Language Training Program**

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# 1. Program Objectives

- **The implementation of Official Development Assistance (ODA) to support human capital development and reconstruction of post-war Ukraine**
  - Cultivating talents who contribute to the economic, social and cultural reconstruction and growth of Ukraine by providing new opportunities to students who have experienced disruption or delay in education
  - Providing new perspectives to Ukrainian students through learning the Korean language and exchanging Korean culture, establishing a foundation for understanding and respect between cultures and peace
- Cooperation between Korean and Ukraine in the field of education strengthens mutually beneficial relations between the two countries and promotes national interests through international solidary and coexistence

# 2. Program and Selection Method

- **Number of Selected Scholars:** 100
- **Program:** Korean language training program
- **Selection Method:** Nominated by Ukrainian government
  - ※ If it is difficult to nominate by Ukrainian government before the MOU between Korea-Ukraine, the selection process will be operated through recommendation by the embassy in cooperation between the Ukrainian government and the Korean embassy

# 3. Available Universities and Specialized Fields

- **Program will be focused on learning the Korean language, and will be organized and operated as special activities in specialized fields for each university in line with the GKS-IRTS program**

No.	University	Specialized Fields	No.	University	Specialized Fields
1	Keimyung University	Medical, Health	3	Chonnam University	AI, SW
2	Dong-A University	Urban Reconstruction	4	Chungnam University	Energy, Environment

- Applicants can apply for 2 Universities, but **depending on the quota of students of each university, you may be assigned to a university other than the ones you applied to during the selection process.**

## 4. Eligibility and Restriction

### ◆ Eligibility

#### ○ Nationality

- All applicants must hold **Ukrainian nationality**

- **Applicants' parents (or legal guardians) must hold citizenship from another country other than Korea.** If applicants or their parent hold dual citizenship (one who has both Korean citizenship and citizenship of another country), such applicant is NOT eligible to apply
- Applicants and their parents who had previously held Korean citizenship must submit documentation issued by the Korean government that proves their renunciation of Korean citizenship
- If an applicant's citizenship is changed during the selection process, he or she will be excluded from the evaluation.

#### ○ Level of Education

- A person who (is expected to) graduate from **High school**
- ※ Applicants who currently enrolled at a university or community college can also apply

- Applicants who are expected to graduate must first submit a certificate of expected graduation at the time of application. If such applicants pass the selection, must submit their final transcript and graduation certificate by July 31, 2024. **Failure to submit will result in cancellation of admission.**
- Applicants who submit their provisional graduation certificate will be considered as expected to graduate

#### ○ Grades

- CGPA of the entire curriculum from the previous (degree) program must meet one of the two conditions below;
  - ① Score percentile should be 80% or above on a 100-point scale or be ranked within the top 20% within one's class
  - ② CGPA must be equal to or above 2.64/4.0, 2.80/4.3, 2.91/4.5 or 3.23/5.0
- ※ Previous program: High School (for both high school graduates and college students), or University (for Associate Degree or Degree holders)
- ※ CGPA: **Cumulative Grade Point Average**

- If your transcript does not provide CGPA information or is unable to convert grades into any one of the accepted scales, the applicant must submit additional documents officially issued by their school/university describing the institution's grading system
- Applicants who are expected to graduate should calculate the most recent CGPA at the time of application

○ **Age**

- Must be under 40 years of age (born after September 1, 1984)

○ **Health**

- All applicants must be in good health, both mentally and physically, to study in Korea for the full duration of the program

○ **All applicants must have no grounds for disqualification (e.g., criminal history) for overseas travel**

◆ **Restriction**

○ **A person who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean high school (including international schools) or who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean (associate) degree program is NOT eligible to apply**

- A person who graduated from an online curriculum arranged by a Korean school/university cannot apply
- A person who is currently in their final year at a Korean high school/university cannot apply

○ **A person who had previously received a scholarship for a degree program from the Korean government is NOT eligible to apply**

- A previous GKS scholar who has received scholarships from GKS for exchange and self-funded students
- A previous (or current) GKS scholar who are currently in, have completed, or graduated from a GKS associate degree program
- A previous GKS scholar whose scholarship was cancelled after their enrollment
- ※ 'Cancellation of scholarship' means a GKS scholar either withdraws from the program or his/her scholarship was forfeited during their scholarship period
- A person who had previously received a scholarship for their degree program from another Korean government agency other than NIIED

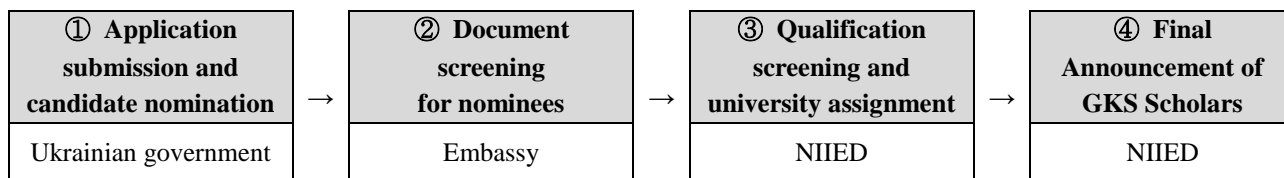
○ **Former GKS degree program applicants who has withdrawn from the program or was disqualified from the scholarship after being selected as GKS scholars in recent three years cannot apply**

## 5. Application and Selection

### ◆ Selection Procedure

※ The schedule is subject to change

#### ○ Selection Procedure



※ NIIED announces the final successful GKS Scholars, and there is no need for the Ukrainian government or embassy to announce the results during the selection process

#### ○ Selection Schedule

Candidate Nomination (Ukrainian government)		Document Screening for Nominees (Embassy)	Qualification Screening and Final Announcement (NIIED)	
Process	Application screening and interview	Sending documents to NIIED after screening	Qualification and university	Final GKS Scholar announcement
Schedule	<b>Submit documents by May 31<sup>st</sup></b> (Ukrainian gov. → Embassy)	<b>Submit documents by June 10<sup>th</sup></b> (Embassy → NIIED)	University assignment	<b>June 28<sup>th</sup> Final Announcement</b>

#### ○ Timeline

<b>Application Submission and Candidate nomination</b> (Ukrainian government)	▶ April ~ May 2024 (set by Ukrainian government) -Review application requirements and qualification (Ukrainian government)
<b>Candidate Nomination</b> (Ukrainian gov. → Embassy)	▶ ~ May 31th, 2024 -Submit the list of nominees and application documents to embassy
<b>Document Screening and send final documents</b> (Embassy → NIIED)	▶ ~ June 10th, 2024 -Submit the list of nominees and application documents to NIIED
<b>Selection of Final GKS Scholars</b> (NIIED)	▶ June 2024 -Qualification screening and university assignment
<b>Final Announcement of successful GKS Scholars</b> (NIIED → University, Embassy)	▶ June 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 -Announce on the website(www.studyin korea.go.kr) and official document

<b>Result Announcement</b> (NIIED → GKS Scholars)	▶ June 28 <sup>th</sup> ~ July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 -Send a NIIED Invitation Letter, GKS Scholar's Notice, consent of Personal Information, etc.
<b>Visa application/issuance</b> (GKS Scholars → Embassy)	▶ July ~ August 2024 -Documents: visa application, invitation letter, passport, etc.
<b>Announcement of Entry date and airfare</b> (University → GKS Scholars)	▶ July ~ August 2024 -Notification of scholars flight ticket purchase and entry schedule
<b>Entry of Korea</b> (University)	▶ August 2024 -Scholars departure and entry support
<b>Korean Language Training Program</b> (University)	▶ September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 ~ August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 -Korean language training program at a university assigned by NIIED
<b>2024 GKS Scholars Orientation</b> (NIIED, University)	▶ September 2024 -Guide of GKS scholars regulations, immigration policy and Korean culture, etc. -University's orientation will be set by each university

## 6. Documents to Submit

### ◆ List of documents to submit

Type	No.	Application Documents	Note
<b>Documents to Complete</b>	1	(form 1) Application form	Required
	2	(form 2) Personal Statement	
	3	(form 3) GKS Application Agreement	
	4	(form 4) Personal Medical Assessment	
<b>Required Certificates</b>  *Submit with apostille/ consular-confirmation	5	Proof of citizenship (applicant and parents) and proof of family relationship	Required
	6	High School or (Associate) Degree Program Graduation Certificate(or certificate of expected graduation)	
	7	Academic transcript of high school or (Associate) Degree curriculum	
	8	Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation Document	Required for relevant

	9	Applicant's Passport	applicants
Other Documents	10	(form 5) Letter of Recommendation	Optional
	11	Score report of valid TOPIK or English Proficiency Test	Optional
	12	Awards and other certificates, etc.	Optional

## ◆ Document preparation for application

### ○ Application documents for the first round of selection (Ukrainian government)

#### [Documents to complete\* & Required certificates\*\*]

- **Number of documents to submit:** set by Ukrainian government/embassy

\* **Documents to complete:** Application, Personal statement, Application agreement, Personal medical assessment (form 1~4)

\*\* **Required certificates:** Certificate of (expected) graduation, academic transcript, proof of citizenship

※ All applicant documents sent to NIIED must meet the submission requirements for the second round of selection

### ○ Application documents for the second round of selection (NIIED)

#### [Documents to complete]

- **Submission requirements:** All forms must be filled in English or Korean with applicant's original handwritten signature

※ No need to be apostilled or consular confirmed

- **Number of documents to submit:** ONE original document + THREE additional photocopies

#### [Documents to complete]

- **Submission requirements**

- Documents written in English (or Korean): must be apostilled or consular confirmed
- Documents written in other languages: ① documents written in a language other than English or Korean must be submitted with a certified translation ② obtain apostille or consular confirmation on either the original document or the certified translation

※ Submit your '**required certificates**' with apostille. However, high school graduation certificate and academic transcript can be submitted with consular confirmation

- **Number of documents to submit:** ONE apostilled/consular confirmed document + THREE additional photocopies



○ **Important Note**

- The names, dates of birth, etc. in the ‘(Form 1) List and Status of Recommended Persons’ are used in conjunction with major official documents such as the National Institute for International Education ‘Invitation Letter’, ‘University Standard Admission Letter’, ‘Airline Ticket’, and ‘Visa Issuance Application Form’. Be careful to ensure that there are no errors in it.
- Submitted documents must be submitted in order of the application checklist on the first page of the application form, and the number and name on the checklist must be written in the upper right corner of each document (e.g. 6. Consulate-confirmed copy of graduation certificate)

(example)

6. Graduation certificate (consular-confirmed)

- Recommender application documents must be A4 size (or letter size)
- ※ If the document is smaller than the standard, submit it by attaching it to a separate A4 sheet. If it is larger than the standard, fold it and submit it to fit the A4 standard.

**<Document submission requirements for the second round of selection at NIIED>**

Documents to Submit	Submission Requirement
<b>Proof of Citizenship and Family Relationship</b>	<p>-Submit the official certificates such as <b>birth certificate</b> or <b>family register</b> issued by a government to prove ① family relationship between an applicant and his/her parents ② their citizenship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If applicants cannot submit necessary documents due to absence of their parent(s), - e.g. divorced or deceased – please <u>provide additional documents (e.g. divorce certificate or death certificate)</u> that explains the reason for not submitting their proof of citizenship</li> </ul> <p>-If applicants’ or their parents’ nationality or citizenship information is not indicated in the above documents, submit <u>a copy of valid passport as supplementary documents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethic, birth place, or current residency in the submitted documents will not be accepted as citizenship information. Please submit a copy of valid passport as supplementary documents</li> <li>• If a copy of passport are not available, please <u>submit other government issued document or a copy of ID card that clearly indicates citizenship information as supplementary documents</u></li> </ul> <p>※ If supplementary documents submitted in alongside a birth certificate or family register fail to provide the necessary information, it will not meet the requirements.</p>
<b>Certificate of Graduation</b>	<p>-Submit a <b>graduation certificate, degree certificate, or a diploma</b> that indicates a <b>date (or month) of graduation</b></p> <p>-Anyone attending a university or college must submit a certificate issued by their high school</p> <p>-Certificate of expected graduation will be accepted only if the document indicates the expected graduation date(or month)</p> <p>-If a certificate of expected graduation cannot be apostilled or consular confirmed due to government policy, submit an apostilled or consular confirmed certificate of enrollment instead. Submit a notarized certification of expected graduation with an authenticated of enrollment</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A certificate of enrollment without expected graduation date is NOT accepted</li> </ul> <p>-Provisional graduation (degree) certificate does not indicate a graduation date will be considered as a certificate of expected graduation</p> <p>-Applicants who are expected to graduate must first submit a certificate of expected graduation at the time of application. If such applicants pass the selection, they must submit an official graduation certificate (or a degree certificate) by the specified date (<u>July 31, 2024</u>).  <b>Failure to submit will result in cancellation of admission.</b></p>
<b>Academic Transcript</b>	<p>-Submit an academic transcript issued by the school of previous program(High school or Degree)</p> <p>-If a CGPA is not indicated in one of the accepted scales (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0 or 100 point scale), the applicant <u>must submit a transcript converted into one of the above GPA scales as a supplementary document</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A converted transcript is only valid if officially issued by their school (or university), with an official seal is required. In such cases, apostille or consular confirm is not necessary for these documents</li> <li>• A converted transcript issued from a website such as <i>scholaro.com</i>, <i>wes.org</i>, etc. is only valid if it confirmed by their school with an official seal. In such cases, apostille or consular confirm is not necessary for these documents</li> </ul> <p>※ If an applicant does not submit the additional documents with the accepted grading scales, it will not be possible to evaluate applicant’s eligibility and academic ability</p> <p>-If a transcript indicates CGPA for the entire academic duration, it will be accepted even if it does not indicate GPA per semester/year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In such case, the applicant can only provide CGPA in the application</li> </ul> <p>-If a transcript of a transferred student does not included the pre-transfer grades, submit an academic record of the previous school as a supplementary document</p> <p>-In case of a graduation examination report is considered as an official academic record of a high school graduation, applicant’s grade eligibility may be evaluated by such graduation exam report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In such case, it is recommended to provide an additional academic record of the entire curriculum as a supplementary document</li> </ul>
<b>Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation</b>	<p>-Required for relevant applicants</p> <p>-Submit supporting documents such as birth certificate or family register that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her ascendant</p>
<b>Copy of Passport</b>	<p>-Submit if necessary</p> <p>-Submit a passport copy as a supplementary document if the proof of citizenship (birth certificate, family register, etc.) does not clearly indicates citizenship information</p>
<b>Recommendation Letter</b>	<p>-Submit a recommendation letter written by applicant’s teachers or principal of high school or professors of the university (Optional)</p> <p>※ If the recommendation letter is not sealed or commonly issued to everyone by school, it will not be acceptable</p>
<b>Score Report of Korean or English Proficiency Test</b>	<p>-Submit if necessary (Optional)</p> <p>-Korean: TOPIK / English: TOEFL, IELTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOPIK certificates from the 81<sup>st</sup> ~ 93<sup>rd</sup> exam will be recognized as valid certificates</li> <li>• Submit a printed copy of TOPIK score report from the website (<a href="http://topik.go.kr">topik.go.kr</a>)</li> <li>• Submit a printed copy of English proficiency test score report from the respective website or a photocopy of original certificate</li> </ul>
<b>Copy of Awards and Other Certificate</b>	<p>-Submit if necessary (Optional)</p> <p>-Submit materials such as an award that can prove the applicant’s activities described in the “Personal Statement”. These documents do not need to be apostilled or consular-confirmed</p>

## ◆ Document preparation for application

### ○ Final Announcement for Successful Candidates

- Final announcement and notification of successful candidates will be conducted by NIIED (Scheduled for June 28th)
- Announcement of successful candidates on the Study in Korea website (www.studyinkorea.go.kr)
- Notification of successful candidates to embassies and universities (Official notice will be issued)

### ○ Sending of invitation letters and entry guidelines to successful candidates (from NIIED to candidates)

## ◆ Notes for Successful Candidates

### ○ Withdrawal after Final Selection

- If a candidate intends to withdraw after final announcement, they must submit a waiver (in free format) with the candidate's signature to the recommending institution
  - ※ Please be aware that withdrawal after final announcement, it cannot be overturned and re-apply to the GKS program as a scholar in the future.
- When the recommending institution requests administrative withdrawal through an official letter to NIIED, the administrative withdrawal process will be completed

### ○ Graduation Certificate Documentation

- Prepare in advance the several apostilled (or consulate-confirmed) graduation certificates required for Certificate of Admission (Korean university) and visa application (embassy, Korean immigration office), and bring them when entering Korea.
  - ※ Documents submitted for review by NIIED, such as graduation certificates, will not be returned (kept for more than 5 years)
- When nominating an expected graduate candidate, the scholars' final graduation certificate and transcript must be submitted to NIIED within the deadline (July 31, 2024), and if not submitted, scholarship will be cancelled.

○ **Candidates Residing in Korea**

- If the final successful GKS scholar already holds a residence visa (D2, D4, etc.) in Korea, please notice them in advance that issuance (or change) of a visa for the university (Korean language training institute) to which the scholar is scheduled to enter may not be possible\* in Korea

\* As soon as the final successful candidate is announced, please inquire at the local immigration office about the new visa issuance process and required documents to avoid any problems with new visa issuance.

- Those residing in Korea as of the date of announcement of final successful candidates are not eligible for support for airfare to enter Korea.

○ **Confirmation of Relevant Laws and Regulations**

- Guide the final successful GKS Scholars to fully familiarize themselves with the laws and regulations related to immigration and stay in Korea, the academic guidelines of NIIED, and the academic management regulations of University

University school rules, academic regulations, etc.	Please refer to each university's website
Immigration and stay related laws	<a href="http://www.immigration.go.kr">www.immigration.go.kr</a>
	<a href="http://www.hikorea.go.kr">www.hikorea.go.kr</a>

## 7. Scholarship Benefits

### ◆ Scholarship Benefits

Scholarship	Airfare	Monthly Allowance	Language Training Fee
<b>Benefits</b>	Economy class flight of initial entry and final departure	Living expenses, health insurance fee, settlement support fund, , TOPIK test fee, etc.	Korean language course tuition
<b>Expense</b>	Actual expense	12.8 million KRW/year	5.2 million KRW/year (1.3 million KRW/semester)
<b>Payment</b>	NIIED → Universities → GKS Scholars		NIIED → Universities

#### ○ Important Notes

- GKS IRTS program provides support for one year of Korean language training, and there will be no additional scholarship support for future degree programs.
- Entry airfare is not supported for those residing in Korea as of the date of final scholar result announcement.
- Travel expenses within the country and entry insurance are not supported
- If a GKS scholar withdraws within 3 months of admission, they must return the full scholarship benefits

## 8. Inquiries and Contact Information

### ◆ Korean Embassy

Country	Office	Phone	Fax	Email
Ukraine	Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Ukraine	380-44-246-3759	380-44-246-3757	koremb@mofa.go.kr

### ◆ GKS Center at NIIED: [kgspniied@korea.kr](mailto:kgspniied@korea.kr)

### ◆ Other Useful Websites

<b>Korean Language Education</b>	<a href="http://www.sejonghakdang.org">www.sejonghakdang.org</a>
<b>Korean Portal</b>	<a href="http://www.korea.net">www.korea.net</a>
<b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>	<a href="http://www.mofa.go.kr">www.mofa.go.kr</a>
<b>Visa and Immigration</b>	<a href="http://www.immigration.go.kr">www.immigration.go.kr</a> <a href="http://www.hikorea.go.kr">www.hikorea.go.kr</a>
<b>Higher Education in Korea</b>	<a href="http://www.academyinfo.go.kr">www.academyinfo.go.kr</a>

Appendix 1 Capacity of scholars for each university

Appendix 2 GPA conversion table

## Appendix 1. Capacity of Scholars for Each University

※ The number of scholars assigned to each university may vary depending on the scholarship application status

No.	University	Specialized Fields	Capacity	No.	University	Specialized Fields	Capacity
1	Keimyung	Medical, Health	25	3	Chonnam	AI, SW	25
2	Dong-A	Urban Reconstruction	25	4	Chungnam	Energy, Environment	25

## Appendix 2. GPA Conversion Table

4.0 Scale	4.3 Scale	4.5 Scale	5.0 Scale	100 Points Scale
3.97 ~ 4.0	4.26 ~ 4.3	4.46 ~ 4.5	4.95 ~ 5.00	100
3.92 ~ 3.96	4.22 ~ 4.25	4.41 ~ 4.45	4.90 ~ 4.94	99
3.88 ~ 3.91	4.17 ~ 4.21	4.36 ~ 4.40	4.84 ~ 4.89	98
3.84 ~ 3.87	4.12 ~ 4.16	4.31 ~ 4.35	4.79 ~ 4.83	97
3.80 ~ 3.83	4.08 ~ 4.11	4.26 ~ 4.30	4.73 ~ 4.78	96
3.75 ~ 3.79	4.03 ~ 4.07	4.21 ~ 4.25	4.68 ~ 4.72	95
3.71 ~ 3.74	3.98 ~ 4.02	4.16 ~ 4.20	4.62 ~ 4.67	94
3.67 ~ 3.70	3.93 ~ 3.97	4.11 ~ 4.15	4.57 ~ 4.61	93
3.62 ~ 3.66	3.89 ~ 3.92	4.06 ~ 4.10	4.51 ~ 4.56	92
3.58 ~ 3.61	3.84 ~ 3.88	4.01 ~ 4.05	4.45 ~ 4.50	91
3.49 ~ 3.57	3.75 ~ 3.83	3.91 ~ 4.00	4.34 ~ 4.44	90
3.41 ~ 3.48	3.65 ~ 3.74	3.81 ~ 3.90	4.23 ~ 4.33	89
3.32 ~ 3.40	3.56 ~ 3.64	3.71 ~ 3.80	4.12 ~ 4.22	88
3.24 ~ 3.31	3.46 ~ 3.55	3.61 ~ 3.70	4.01 ~ 4.11	87
3.15 ~ 3.23	3.37 ~ 3.45	3.51 ~ 3.60	3.90 ~ 4.00	86
3.07 ~ 3.14	3.27 ~ 3.36	3.41 ~ 3.50	3.79 ~ 3.89	85
2.98 ~ 3.06	3.18 ~ 3.26	3.31 ~ 3.40	3.68 ~ 3.78	84
2.90 ~ 2.97	3.09 ~ 3.17	3.21 ~ 3.30	3.57 ~ 3.67	83
2.81 ~ 2.89	2.99 ~ 3.08	3.11 ~ 3.20	3.45 ~ 3.56	82
2.72 ~ 2.80	2.90 ~ 2.98	3.01 ~ 3.10	3.34 ~ 3.44	81
2.64 ~ 2.71	2.80 ~ 2.89	2.91 ~ 3.00	3.23 ~ 3.33	80