

AKS Research Paper Contest for Korean Studies

The AKS Research Paper Contest for Korean Studies was designed to promote interests in Korean studies among international students and to give them momentum to further enhance their research by awarding prizes for theses of excellence in the fields of Korean studies.

Prize Money

Prize	Prize Money
First Prize	KRW 3,000,000
Second Prize	KRW 1,000,000

Eligibility of Applicant

Classification	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 be enrolled in a master's or a doctoral degree program 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.

Subject & Length of Research Paper

- The research paper should be an unpublished original work in any field of Korean studies.
- The research paper should be written in Korean or in English and sent in a Hwpul(.hwp) or MS-Word(.doc) format.
- When written in Korean, the research paper should be around 20,000 letters (including spaces) in length, while in English, around 6,000 words, excluding the bibliography.

Schedule

- Submission Deadline: **5:00PM 30 September 2015**
- The selection result will be announced in early December, and the prize money will be wired in mid-December.

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2015 AKS International Programs

Established in 1980, the Graduate School of Korean Studies ("GSKS") is a research-oriented graduate school in the fields of humanities and social sciences pertinent to Korea with the aim of nurturing scholars who will contribute to the development and globalization of Korean studies. Currently, 260 students including 130 international students from 35 different countries are studying at the GSKS, aspiring to widen and deepen their knowledge of Korea and promote Korean studies all over the world.

The **AKS** welcomes prospective students
who will lead the next generation



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Master's and Doctoral Degree Programs

Fields of Study

Divisions	Majors
Humanities	Korean History, Paleography, Philosophy, Korean Linguistics-Korean Literature
Culture and Arts	Anthropology-Folklore, Religious Studies, Musicology, Art History, Cultural Informatics
Social Sciences	Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Ethics, Education
International Korean Studies	Korean Culture and History (Only available for a master's degree program)

- Coursework period is 2 years for master's degree programs and 3 years for doctoral degree programs.
- An academic year consists of two semesters and courses are provided for 15 weeks per semester.
- All the courses are taught in Korean except for the Korean Culture and History major whose courses are taught in English.

Benefits for International Students

- Tuition fees are fully waived.
- The Government Grant of KRW750,000 per month is provided for selected students.
- Korean language courses are offered free of charge.
- On-campus dormitory accommodations are available at the rate of KRW477,400 per semester, double occupancy.
- A 4:1 student-faculty ratio enables close one-to-one guidance of students by professors.

Eligibility

Classification	Qualifications
Nationality	<p>Applicants must meet one of the following conditions:</p> <p>① Both the applicant and his/her parents are foreign nationals.</p> <p>② The applicant, either a foreign national or a Korean national who obtained permanent residency in a foreign country or who resides overseas, has completed education outside of Korea which is compatible with Korea's elementary, middle, high school and college education.</p>
Educational Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to be qualified for master's degree programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants who satisfy the above qualification ① in relation to their nationality must hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) conferred by a Korean or an overseas university at the start of the desired semester. - Applicants who satisfy the above qualification ② in relation to their nationality must hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) conferred by an overseas university at the start of the desired semester. • It is acceptable that applicants apply for a major which is not directly related to his/her undergraduate major. • In order to be qualified for doctoral degree programs, applicants must hold a master's degree (or equivalent) at the start of the desired semester. • Applicants are requested to apply for a major which is the same as or closely related to their master's degree major. • Applicants who already have a doctoral degree are not allowed to apply for a doctoral degree program in the same or a similar field.

Admission Schedule

Steps	Schedule	
	Admission for 2015 Fall Semester	Admission for 2016 Spring Semester
Application Deadline	30 April 2015	31 October 2015
Results Announcement	26 June 2015	24 December 2015
Beginning of the Semester	1 September 2015	2 March 2016

AKS Graduate Fellowship

The AKS Graduate Fellowship is one of our non-degree programs which invites international students at overseas universities in the fields of Korean studies to the AKS and supports them for six months in order for them to grow to be a next generation of promising scholars in Korean studies.

Fellowship Benefits

- Monthly allowance of KRW900,000
- An economy-class round trip airfare
- Fellowship Period : 6 months
 - Fellowship Period I : From 1 March 2015 to 31 August 2015
 - Fellowship Period II : From 1 September 2015 to 28 February 2016
 - ※ Applicants should select one of the fellowship periods.
- Fellows are allowed to take major-specific courses and Korean language courses free of charge.
- Access to the AKS facilities including the library and Jangseogak Archives is given.
- On-campus dormitory is available at the rate of KRW716,100 for 6 months, double occupancy.

Eligibility

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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	<p>As of the application deadline, 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 or a doctoral degree program at an overseas university.</p> <p>③ Applicants were conferred a master's degree at an overseas university.</p>
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.

Recruitment Schedule

- Application Deadline: 5:00PM 24 November 2014
- Selection Result Announcement: 6:00PM 26 December 2014

Fellows' Obligations

- Fellows must designate one of the AKS professors whose specialty is most relevant to their research topic as their academic advisor.
- Course Enrollment
 - Fellows must take at least one major-specific course taught by their academic advisor or an individual study with their academic advisor.
 - Fellows must take at least one Korean language course allocated by the GSKS.
 - Fellows must obtain "S(Successful)" for courses taken.
 - ※ Credits are not given for courses taken.
 - ※ Courses are graded S(Successful) / U(Unsuccessful).
- Final Report and Evaluation Report
 - 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.
 - 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.
- Towards the end of the research period, there will be a meeting for reading research papers where fellows must present their research findings.
- Fellows must stay in Korea and concentrate on their research during the fellowship period.