

2025 ADB-Korea Fellowship Program

Launched in 2025, the **ADB-Korea Fellowship Program (KFP)**—established through a partnership between the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of the Republic of Korea (represented by the Ministry of Economy and Finance)—provides government officials from ADB’s developing member countries (DMCs) with the opportunity to pursue Master’s degree programs in fields critical to public sector capacity building.

1. Program Objectives

ADB-Korea Fellowship Program (KFP) aims to strengthen the institutional capacity of governments in developing countries by equipping officials with advanced knowledge and skills and applying their expertise to drive national development and policy reforms.

2. Program Overview

- Program Title: **2025 ADB-Korea Fellowship Program**
- Degree: Master of International Studies(International Development Major)
- Duration: September 1, 2025 ~ December 31, 2026 (16 months)
- Number of Participants: 10 government officials from ADB’s developing member countries (DMCs)

3. Admission Quota: 10 people

4. Scholarship Benefits

- Round-trip Airfare, Tuition, Monthly Allowance

5. Applicant Eligibility

The candidate must:

- a. be a national of an eligible country (as notified by ADB to the Designated Institutions (GSIS)) with no borrowing constraints imposed by ADB’s Board of Directors or the Government of Korea;
- b. not hold dual citizenship of any country which is not an ADB developing member country

(DMC);

c. have gained admission to an approved master's course at a Designated Institution (GSIS);

d. hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent with superior academic record;

Note: *The bachelor's degree equivalent will be determined by the Designated Institution (GSIS) in consultation with ADB.*

e. have at least three (3) years of full-time working experience as government officials (acquired after a university degree) at the time of application. The candidate must have proficiency in oral and written English communication skills to be able to pursue studies;

f. not be more than thirty-five (35) years old at the time of application, unless waived in exceptional cases with the expressed endorsement of the GOK;

g. be in good health;

h. agree to return and work in his/her home country for at least two (2) years after completion of studies under the Program in order to contribute to its development;

i. not be an executive director, alternate director, management, staff and consultant of ADB, or be a close relative of the aforementioned by blood or adoption, with the term "close relative" defined as: spouse, mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, sister, stepsister, brother, stepbrother, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew;

j. not be staff of a Designated Institution (GSIS);

k. not be living or working in a country other than their home country; and

l. not be already enrolled in graduate degree programs.

(1) Nationality

- All applicants must be a national of one of the ADB borrowing member countries with no borrowing constraints imposed by the ADB Board of Directors and the Government of Korea; Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cook Islands, People's Republic of China, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Fiji, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam
- Not hold dual citizenship of any country which is not a DMC;

(2) Level of Education: Bachelor's Degree

- All applicants must have obtained a bachelor's degree or must be expected to graduate by July 31, 2025.

(3) Age

- Must be under 35 years of age (born after September 1, 1990)

(4) Health

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

6. Documents to Submit

- The application documents must be submitted **as a single scanned file** to the office of the Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University, via email at gsisadmin@snu.ac.kr or POST.

Room 301, Building 140-1, GSIS Office
Graduate School of International Studies
Administration, Seoul National University
1 Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul 08826, Korea
Tel. +82-2-880-8509
Email: gsisadmin@snu.ac.kr

If submitting via email, please use the following subject line:

[2025 ADB-KFP Scholarship] + Applicant's Name

- Only the **final selected candidates** must submit the original application documents by mail to the office of GSIS, Seoul National University.
- Important notes regarding application submission
 - **Graduation certificate and transcript must be confirmed by Consulate, Embassy or Apostilled. (Notarized or original documents are not acceptable)**
 - All application documents must be presented in their original forms. If an applicant has to submit photocopied documents, applicant **MUST** have the photocopies notarized, apostilled, or receive consular confirmation and submit those certified documents.
 - Documents written in languages other than Korean or English must accompany a complete Korean or English translation, authenticated by the issuing institution or notarized by a notary public.
 - For the research papers and awards, submit photocopies of the documents notarized/certified by the issuing institution.
 - A set of documents submitted must be combined by a pair of tongs or pincers **(Do not use stapler to bind them)**
 - The application documents must be arranged in the same order as written on the

‘Required Documentation’.

- Individual certificates or documents must be in order of original one front, and notarized one back.
- All documents must be numbered and labeled on the top right corner.

■ List of required documents

Type	No.	Application Documents	Master's
Documents to complete	1	(Form 1) Application for Admission	Required
	2	(Form 2) T W O Letters of Recommendation	Required
	3	(Form 3) Personal Statement and Study Plan	Required
Certificates Must be Apostilled or Consular Confirmed	4	Applicant's Proof of Citizenship (Copy of Passport)	Required
	5	Parent(s)' Proof of Citizenship (Copy of Passport or ID) *Required for both parents	Required
	6	Official Document indicating family relationship	Required
	7	Bachelor's Graduation Certificate (or Diploma), Degree Transcript	Required
	8	Certificate of employment(or career) from international organizations	Required
	9	Certificate of English score* (original copy) Scores must be obtained on/or after March 5, 2023	Required
Other documents	10	Certificate of Korean Score* (original copy) Scores must be obtained on/or after March 5, 2023	Optional
	11	Reference Materials (Awards or published papers)	Optional
	12	Recommendation letters from prestigious overseas universities	Optional

<Proof of Language Proficiency >

[English] TOEFL iBT 80 / IELTS Academic Band Score 6.0 / TEPS 269

[Korean] TOPIK(or TOPIK IBT) level 3 OR completion of level 4 at language centers in Korean universities

*Official documents or school profiles verifying that all courses were conducted in Korean or English.
(Applicable only if the entire bachelor's or master's curriculum was completed in Korean or English)

7. Selection Procedure and Schedule

■ Application Timeline

- 1) Application submission: **by April 14, 18:00 (KST)**
- 2) Interview: **Late April ~ Early May, 2025 (TBD)**

Attachment: SNU Application Forms