

Guideline for Recommendation of Applicants

1. Program Overview

The Korea International Cooperation Agency was founded as a government agency to maximize the effectiveness of Korea's grant aid programs for developing countries by implementing the government's grant aid and technical cooperation programs. With a mission to support Human Resources Development (HRD) in developing countries, KOICA invites talented people from developing countries and helps them gain professional and systematic knowledge that will play a key role in their home country's development.

To accomplish this mission, KOICA has been operating master's degree courses with leading Korean universities in the fields of economics, ICT, Health, fisheries science, women's empowerment, rural development, etc.

From 1997 to 2015, the program has assisted a total of 2,598 students through 141 courses. And as of 2015, 388 participants will participate in 19 master's degree programs at 19 Korean universities. More detailed information is provided from our website at <http://training.koica.go.kr>.

By experiencing and learning about Korea's remarkable development throughout the stay, participants will gain considerable expertise and strengthen their analytical abilities. To enhance the effectiveness of the program, KOICA is constantly cooperating with domestic universities to diversify the field and expand their budget.

2. Recommendation of Applicants

KOICA receives the recommendations of applicants from the government of its partner countries. Each country can recommend a **maximum of four (4) applicants**. Each University selects **up to two (2) participants for each country** based on the recommendation and the result of selection procedure.

Because KOICA receives the recommendation from the government, the applicant should submit official letter of the government which approves the nomination of the applicant.

3. Application Eligibility

Applicants should

- Be a citizen of the Scholarship Program target country
- Be officially nominated by their government
- Be a government official or an employee in the public sector.
- Be a university/college graduate or have an equivalent educational background.
- Have sufficient command of both spoken and written English in order to take classes conducted entirely in English and to be able to write academic reports and theses in English.
- Be in good health, both physically and mentally.
- Have not previously received a scholarship from the Korean government.
- A participant who has once withdrawn from the program due to a failure to attain certain grades, a violation of the rules of the training institute, or a false entry is not allowed to re-apply for Scholarship Program.

Specific qualifications for the respective training institute will be listed in the Program Information of each university.

4. Selection Procedure

The Selection procedure will include two rounds: an interview by the Korean embassy or KOICA office and an evaluation of the application package in Round 1, and a telephone interview by the University in Round 2.

1) 1st round : On-site interview by the Korean embassy or KOICA office and an evaluation of the application package

The Korean embassy or KOICA office will conduct an interview for each applicant. Based on the result of the interview of the Embassy/KOICA office and the evaluation of application package by the University, the University will select applicants for the 2nd round.

If an applicant lives in a country where the Embassy/KOICA office does not exist or lives far from the capital city, he/she may be exempted from the interview in the 1st round in consultation with the Embassy/KOICA office.

2) 2nd round : Telephone interview by the University

Interviews will be conducted only for those who have passed the first round, and the Embassy/KOICA office in the country will contact the person individually to set an appointment for the interview.

The interview will be conducted in the KOICA office or the Korean embassy. The candidates will pass the identification process before having the interview.

5. Notification of Final Nominees

When final nominee is selected, the Korean embassy or KOICA office will notify that individual (The University will not contact the nominees directly.), and the information related to the departure will be distributed to the participants. Postponement or cancellation of the enrollment is not allowed, in principle.

Attached: Application Schedule of the 2016 Scholarship Program