

2020 Korea Forestry Promotion Institute (Kofpi) Scholarship Program

1. Program Objective

The objective of the program is to spread Korea's development experience in forestry field and to provide international students with the opportunity to conduct advanced studies at the graduate course of university in Korea in order to cultivate forestry experts and promote mutual friendship between countries.

2. Main schedule

- (1) Application period : 24 June ~ 10 July 2020 (24days)
 - * Deadline : 6pm Korean time 8 July 2020
- (2) Selection of candidate : 22 July 2020
 - * the date may be subject to change
- (3) Starting semester : September 2020

3. Qualifications

Prospective applicant must meet the following qualification criteria :

- (1) be studying forestry or wood science at the graduate courses (Master or Ph.D course) of relevant universities in Korea.
- (2) Applicant should be a citizen of DAC list of ODA Recipients.
- (3) Have an adequate health, both physically and mentally.
- (4) Not receives another scholarship from any Korean institute simultaneously.
- (5) Among the graduate students satisfying the qualifications above, currently studying in Korea, but is not benefiting from the Kofpi scholarship program.

Course	Qualification
Ph.D.	have more than 2 school years left
Master	have more than 1 school year left

- * Because of the Immigration limitation due to the COVID-19, this year's sholarship program is only open to the students who are currently studying in Korea.

- (6) Applicants who meet the following criteria will receive additional points.
 - in the Ph.D. course
 - have language proficiency in Korean or English
 - from the nations which has bilateral forest cooperation with Korea
 - currently or experienced government officer or researcher in forestry

4. Procedure

- (1) Kofpi puts a notice regarding the scholarship program on the Web site (<http://www.kofpi.or.kr/eng>) and send an official letter to the institute related.
- (2) If an applicant is interested in this program, he/she could get recommendation letter from the professor at university he/she is currently studying in.
- (3) Application documents could be delivered to Kofpi through e-mail or by mail.

Document	Submission	Remark
Recommendation letter	Make it sealed and mail it or the professor directly send it to the person in charge	lge95@kofpi.or.kr
Self-introduction Video	by e-mail	video title format : Name_Nation_course (ex. Gildong_Korea_PhD)
for the rest	by e-mail or mail	if email, it should be in PDF format

- (4) Final candidates are going to be selected and contacted by Kofpi.
 - * Evaluation criteria : Self-Introduction essay(30%), Study Plan(30%), Study Ability(20%), Self-Introduction Video(10%), Professor's evaluation(10%)

5. Scholarship Payment

(1) Scholarship Period

Course	Period
Ph.D.	Among 6 semesters of Ph.D. course, excluding the semesters already completed
Master	Among 6 semesters of Master's course, excluding the semesters already completed

- * The leave of absence is accepted in the case of collecting data for writing thesis, etc., but students should notify the leave of absence to Kofpi in advance.

(2) Scholarship Benefits

- ① Airplane ticket or airfare : The grantees will receive an airplane ticket or be paid an economy class airfare when the grantees leave Korea after the completion of their study.
 - * The fees for the domestic flights both in the grantee's country and in the S. Korea are not compensated.

- ② Monthly Allowance
 - The master course : 1,000,000 KRW per month
 - The Ph.D course : 1,100,000 KRW per month
- ③ Tuitions (an entrance and a registration fee) is paid directly to relevant University by Kofpi.
- ④ Korean Language Training Expenses : for 1 semester only, Kofpi pays directly to the entrusted language training institution which is operated by the university.
- ⑤ Expenses for textbooks and references : Within 200,000 KRW each semester
- ⑥ Expenses for graduation qualifying examination and thesis reviewing : within 500,000 KRW
- ⑦ Expenses for graduation thesis printing : within 1,000,000 KRW
- ⑧ Any grantee who gives up one' s study during the scholarship period will not receive airfare and allowance for repatriation except for the cases approved by Kofpi such as severance of diplomatic relations, war or other natural disasters.
 - * Any grantee who quits the program in 3 months after one' s entrance into Korea, should refund all scholarship fees (The airfare of arriving Korea, settlement allowance, monthly allowance, Korean language training expenses, etc.).

6. Cancellation or temporary suspension of Scholarship

- (1) If a grantee is found engaged in any of the following activities during one' s stay in Korea, his/her scholarship will be suspended and then will be disqualified from a grantee position.
 - ① When any documents of the scholarship application has been found false.
 - ② When the grantee is punished by university or involved in any form of political activity.
 - ③ When the grantee has violated the written pledge which he/she has given to Kofpi.
 - ④ When the grantee has been cautioned more than 2 times due to an unexcused absence or the temporary departure without permission or notification.
 - ⑤ When the grantee does not return to university within a month after taking a leave of absence without any proper reason.
 - ⑥ When the grantee has given up one' s studies.
- (2) After the grantee begins the study at graduate course, the grantee should obtain a proper approval from the his/her professor when he/she has to go abroad more than 30 day. The allowance of the period of absence exceeding 30 days will not be given
- (3) When the grantee goes abroad for a while for the purpose of credit exchange program such as exchange student, qualification of scholar will be preserved, but monthly allowance will not be provided for the period.

7. Required Documents

(1) Submission : E-mail or Mail

(2) Address

① E-mail address : lge95@kofpi.or.kr

② Postal address :

International Cooperation Division, Korea Forestry Promotion Institute
5F, 475, Gonghang-daero, Gangseo-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Tel) +82-2-6393-2705

(3) Deadline : by 6 PM, 8th July 2020

(4) Required Documents

① A completed application form <form 1>

② A self-introduction essay <form 2>

③ A study plan <form 3>

④ A recommendation letter from the applicant' s current professor.<form 4>

⑤ A Pledge <form 5>

⑥ A personal medical assessment <form 6>

⑦ Self-Introduction Video

- Should be less than 1 minute 30 seconds.

- Film it with your upper body showing up.

- Tell us briefly about your motive, ambition, field of interest, ongoing studies and etc.(free topic)

⑧ copy of certificates of graduation, degree, and transcript for the latest course

⑨ copy of passport, visa and alien registration card(both two sides)

⑩ One copy of a certificate of English or Korean proficiency <if applicable>

⑪ A certificate enrollment and transcript of current university in Korea.

⑫ A proof of employment or certificate of career <In case you are currently or used to be a government officer>

(5) Note

① All required documents should be written in English or Korean. Certificates, credentials, etc. issued in languages other than English or Korean must include official translation(English ver.) verified by a notary.

② Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicant.

③ Incomplete or incorrect documents are subject to rejection by Kofpi.

8. Important things

- ① The grantee should acquire some knowledge about the Korean climate, customs, culture and etc.
- ② The grantee will begin to receive their monthly allowance from the beginning of education course.
- ③ The grantee is strongly asked not to bring one' s family to Korea in principle. However, if the grantee who is already married wants to bring his/her family, then the one can bring only his/her spouse and children. If the grantee wishes to be accompanied by one' s family, the living expenses will not be provided for family dependents and the grantee should make a proper preparations.