

# **POSCO ASIA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**(2008 FALL)**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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## Admissions Information for POSCO Asia Fellowship at GSIS SNU

The POSCO Asia Fellowship is a scholarship program designed to invite promising Asian graduate students to the Master's Program at the Graduate School of International Studies(GSIS), Seoul National University(SNU), supporting their studies at one of the most prestigious institutions of higher learning in Korea. The fellowship, offered by the POSCO TJ Park Foundation, covers full tuitions for up to 4 semesters at GSIS-SNU and monthly living stipends for two years in Korea.

A total of 9 fellowships for this year have been awarded to students from Asia. The POSCO Asia Fellowship Foundation has continued to expand the scope of its social contributions and hopes to provide additional Asian countries with more scholarships in the future. **For the Master's program at GSIS SNU AY 2008, Asian universities are invited to recommend students to the Fellowship.**

Fellowships are provided to promote mutual understanding between Asian countries and Korea, and to strengthen professional abilities of Asian elite students. Knowledge sharing projects such as the POSCO Asia Fellowship hope to benefit the different societies, economies, and cultures of the world.

### Financial Support

Number of Selection AY2008	Tuition	Duration	Monthly Stipend	Duration
5	Full	4 semesters	₩1,000,000 (USD1,050)	24 months

※ Please note that the POSCO Asia Fellowship program only provides **tuition and monthly stipend**. The program is **NOT** responsible for other additional spending such as dormitory, travel expenses, visa fee, books, etc. You must be able to manage to pay such costs with the monthly stipend the Fellowship provides.

### Eligibility and Requirements for Admission

- Submitted documents become the property of SNU and will not be returned to the applicants. Documents that are not in English or Korean must be accompanied by an English or Korean notarized translation. **Please submit the original documents as well.**
- International applicants with unusual cases and individual circumstances may be given special consideration.

#### Eligibility for Application

- **Applicants must be an Asian National.**
- Applicants must meet *all* of the following requirements:
- Common Requirements
  - 1) He or she holds a Bachelor's degree; 2) He or she is not a citizen of Korea; 3) His or her parents are not citizens of Korea

#### Required Documents

1. One completed Application Form (Form 1)

2. Study Plan and Personal Statement (in English, no particular format)
3. A letter of Recommendation (**Form2**) from **the university the applicants are currently attending in his/her country**
4. Official documents:
  - Official Undergraduate Studies Transcript
  - Notarized Certificate of a Bachelor's Degree
  - Undergraduate School Graduation Certificate
5. A copy of the applicant's passport (or other official document indicating your nationality)
6. Copies of both parents' passports (or other official documents indicating parents' nationality)
7. Official document indicating parent-child relationship between the applicant and his/her parents
8. TOEFL score report
9. Optional materials
  - Certificates of relevant work experiences, test scores and/or other achievements

## **Application Instructions**

*Please observe the following instructions before beginning your application.*

### **Form 1: Application Form (SNU Form1)**

- Form 1 contains your personal information. Please specify your desired area of study, using Appendix of this booklet as a reference. Indicate the college or professional school and corresponding major.

### **Form 2: Recommendation (SNU Form2)**

- A letter of recommendation from **the university** is required.
- Complete your part of this form and give it to the professor along with a stamped and addressed envelope. Be sure to give him or her adequate time to complete the forms before the application deadline. A recommendation should be sealed in an official envelope and signed across the back by the professor.

### **Study Plan & Personal Statement**

- The Study Plan should state your academic goals and career aspirations. You may include questions that you hope to answer through your program of study and/or a timeline for how you plan to meet your objectives. It is advised that you review the requirements for the desired degree.
- This is an opportunity for you to convey information about yourself and your accomplishments that could not be adequately expressed through other portions of the application.
- Include family background, academic achievements, extracurricular commitments and accomplishments, volunteer work, employment experience, and your reasons for applying to SNU. You may even include personal interests such as music, art, sports, etc.

### **Transcripts, Graduation Certificates, Degree Certificates**

- These documents detail your academic achievements and are required from every institution you attended in the past.
- Transcripts must provide a record of the courses you have taken in each year of study along with the final grades. If an institution cannot provide a year-by-year record, then the school official must at least provide us with a list of the disciplines you have studied (i.e. English, Biology, History, etc.) and a summary of your achievements in each.
- Please submit official transcripts issued *directly* by the institutions you have attended. You must also submit official evidence of the conferrals of all degrees, diplomas, or professional titles showing the date of the conferrals (month and year).

### **English Language Proficiency Test Scores**

- Applicants must possess a superior level of English language proficiency (Recommended scores of TOEFL CBT 240 / IELTS 6.5 or above)

## Admissions Process

All submitted applications and materials will be thoroughly reviewed by the GSIS SNU faculty and the Foundation(1<sup>st</sup> Round). Fellowship Candidates will then be selected and will be individually notified. Fellowship Candidates who successfully completes his/her application will enter into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the process. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round, the Candidate must pass through the SNU admissions process. Of the students who qualify the SNU admissions process, 5 students will be granted the POSCO Asia Fellowship.

## Application Timeline

Seoul National University's fall semester begins on 1 September.

Please note the following important dates:

\* Exact dates will be announced in mid February on <http://gsis.snu.ac.kr>.

	Admissions to Fall Semester	Notes
Application Deadline	<b>Mid March</b>	<i>An application should be completed and required documents received by GSIS SNU before this date.</i>
Fellowship Candidates Announcement	<b>End March</b>	<i>Results will be provided to applicants individually</i>
Admissions Decision Announcement	<b>Mid June</b>	<i>Results will be posted on the SNU website (<a href="http://www.snu.ac.kr">www.snu.ac.kr</a>) or (<a href="http://oia.snu.ac.kr">http://oia.snu.ac.kr</a>), and provided to applicants, as well.</i>
Registration for Classes	<b>25-29 August</b>	<i>Specific dates and other info will be included in the Certificate of Admission sent to admitted students.</i>
First Day of Class	<b>1 September</b>	

*Note: If the deadline falls on a public holiday, it will automatically be moved to the next day.*

## Submitting Your Application

1. Applicants whose forms and supporting documents are incomplete or unsatisfactory will be disqualified from the admissions process.
2. A high volume of connections are anticipated on the deadline; completing the application prior to the deadline is highly recommended.
3. Any Candidate who wants apply for SNU admission process must pay before the end of March (Exact date to be announced through <http://gsis.snu.ac.kr>), the SNU application fee of US \$80 or KRW 72,000 to:

*Bank name and Account number: Nonghyup 079-01-460777  
Recipient: Seoul National Univ. GSIS*

- Original documents should be submitted. If unavailable, however, copies must be authorized by the originating institution before they are submitted.
- Documents that are not in Korean or English must be accompanied by a notarized Korean or English translation. Please submit the original document as well.

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## **Obligations**

- Participation in a field trip or a round table conference twice a year prepared by the Foundation.
- Submission of a report on your activities in Korea in the third semester and a copy of your master's thesis.
- Student must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above of 4.3 each semester to preserve scholarship eligibility.

## **Important Notes for All Applicants**

- All documents should be in English or Korean. Documents in another language should be accompanied by a notarized English or Korean translation.
- If any of the submitted materials contain false information, admission may be rescinded.
- Original documents should be submitted. Should they be unavailable, however, copies must be authorized by the originating institution before they are submitted.
- Students whose graduations were pending at other institutions during the time of application should submit their Graduation Certificates and the Certificates of their degrees to their departments within 15 days after the first day of class after enrollment at SNU.
- Be sure to make and keep photocopies of *all* completed forms. Submitted documents become property of SNU and will not be returned to the applicants.
- Admitted students may not defer enrollment to a later semester. Students who wish to defer enrollment must reapply.
- Please note that SNU issues the Certificate of Admission for VISA application only to admitted students.
- After the admission, you must be able to maintain a GPA of 3.0 out of 4.3. The students unable to maintain the required grades may not be entitled to the fellowship and in worst case, severed from the SNU program.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## GSIS SNU ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

GSIS SNU offers a course of study leading to the two-year degree of Master of International Studies (MIS), as well as a degree of Doctor of International Studies (DIS). The curriculum is based on four major divisions of study: International Commerce, International Cooperation, International Area Studies, and Korean Studies.

Most courses are taught as lecture-discussion classes or as seminars, and term papers, as well as presentations are frequently required. Lectures and class discussions are generally held in English, with the exception of courses in Korean studies, which are conducted in Korean.

### <Degree Requirements>

To fulfill the requirements for the MIS degree, students must:

\*A minimum of 45 credits is required

\*\* All major courses are categorized as either theory or practical courses

#### 1) Pass the 4 required general courses

\* Required courses for International Commerce, International Cooperation and International Area Majors:

- Understanding International Economic Relations, Understanding International Cooperation, Research Methodology and Skills or Comparative Methodology (Select 1 out of 2 Courses)
- Contemporary World Politics: Theory and Case, Understanding the East Asia, Topics in Area Studies, International Trade Issues in Comparative Perspective (Select 1 out of 4 Courses)

\* Korean Studies Majors

- Korean Students: Understanding International Economic Relations, Understanding International Cooperation, Modern Korean History and Society, and Research Methodology and Skills (4 courses)
- Foreign Students: Introduction Korean Studies, Korean History 2 and Korean Society (3 courses)

#### 2) Pass at least 6 courses from their major program

(Minimum of 3 practical courses must be included).

#### 3) Pass 2 elective courses

(1 practical course must be included).

\* Foreign students in Korean Studies should take 5 elective courses.

#### 4) Pass 2 courses from other GSIS major programs

(1 practical course must be included).

- Not applicable to foreign students of Korean Studies major.
- Korean Studies major courses are not applicable.

#### 5) Take "Dissertation Research" for preparation of their thesis

#### 6) Pass thesis qualifying examinations required for their major

#### 7) Submit thesis proposal and pass their thesis defense

## <Major Programs>

### ***International Commerce***

The International Commerce program at Seoul GSIS offers students professional knowledge and skills necessary to position themselves as international commerce experts amidst sweeping changes and evolving methods in the world of global commerce. The curriculum concentrates on international trade and finance, international business and investment, international trade law and negotiations. The methods of teaching include case studies, seminars by outside experts, and simulated negotiation games. The graduates of the international commerce program will be equipped with skills and knowledge to compete and contribute in both public and private sectors.

### **Courses**

#### International Financial World: Markets, Institutions and Policies

Multilateral Trade Negotiations: History and Major Rounds  
Workshop in International Commerce 1  
Topics in International Commerce 1  
Political Economy of Trade Policy  
Current Issues in International Trade Negotiation  
Understanding Int'l Trade Law  
Global Business Strategy  
Workshop in International Commerce 2  
International Business Relations  
Case Studies in International Business Negotiation  
Special Studies in Trade Negotiations  
World Trade Organization & Multilateral Trade Agreements  
Regional Trade Integrations & Trade Policies of Major Countries  
Foreign Direct Investment  
Dissertation Research  
Int'l Negotiation Simulation Game  
Seminar in International Commerce1  
Multinational Corporations: Case Studies  
Research Project for Trade Dispute  
Advanced Research Method for International Commerce  
Seminar in International Commerce2  
Case Studies in International Commerce  
Fieldwork in International Commerce  
Internship in International Commerce  
Research Project in Commercial Negotiation  
Research Project in International Business  
Research Project in International Economy

### ***International Cooperation***

The International Cooperation Program concentrates on training specialists who will understand the dynamic international environment and be able to apply this knowledge to promote bilateral and multilateral cooperation. With this goal in mind, the program uses interdisciplinary teaching methods to provide both academic and practical knowledge in various related fields including politics, international security, international political economy, international law and organizations, as well as international culture. The dynamics between law and policy, IR theory and diplomacy, as well as other case studies will be investigated. The courses circumscribed in this curriculum will help students acquire a solid grounding in international cooperation, and prepare them to enter both the public and private sectors.



## **Courses**

International Law  
Workshop in International Cooperation 1  
East Asian Regional Order&Inter-Korean Relations  
Labor and Social Policy in Globalizing Economy  
On Globalization  
Case Studies on Transnational Issues and International Cooperation  
Case Studies in International Conflict Management  
Understanding International Political Economy  
Workshop in International Cooperation 2  
Political Economy of Regional Cooperation  
International Organization  
Special Studies in International Cooperation  
Law & Policy of International Environment & Resources Problem  
Dissertation Research  
International Communication and Culture  
Changing World Order and Korea  
Understanding International Human Rights and Refugee Issues  
Seminar in International Cooperation 1  
Global Civil Society and NGOs  
International Negotiations: Strategy and Process  
Law and Economics  
Seminar in International Cooperation 2  
Case Studies in International Cooperation  
Internship in International Cooperation  
Research Project in International Cooperation  
Seminar on Globalization  
East Asian National Security Strategy

## ***International Area Studies***

The International Area Studies Program aims to train specialists equipped with a comprehensive understanding of specific regions of the world. To this end, this program's curriculum is composed of diverse courses on politics, economics, society, culture, history, geography, the arts, and languages of specific regions including Asia, the Americas, and Europe. Through interdisciplinary education and training, students will acquire a comprehensive understanding of their region of study and acquire the skills that are essential for becoming area specialists.

## **Courses**

Contemporary World Politics: Theory and Case  
Understanding Economic Development of World  
Seminar on Area Studies  
History on the Financial Development of World  
Ethnic Conflict and Nationalism  
Workshop in Globalization and Korean Firms  
Dissertation Research  
Theories and Issues in Contemporary Japanese Politics  
Comparative Studies in Regional Integration: The Case of Europe and Asia  
Gender and Family in East Asia  
Minority in Contemporary Japan: History and Issues  
Comparative Studies in Korea and Japanese Firms  
Theories and Issues in Contemporary Japanese Management  
Workshop in Global and Regional Issues  
Fieldwork in International Area Studies  
Understanding the Global Market and Marketing  
Topics in Area Studies  
Research Project in International Area Studies 1

International Trade Issues in Comparative Perspective  
Studies in Regional Monetary and Financial Integration  
Research Project in International Area Studies 2  
Research Project in International Area Studies 3

**- American Studies -**

Studies in History of Korean-American Relationship  
American Foreign Policy  
Latin American Politics  
Economic Development of Latin America  
Workshop in Contemporary Economic Issues in Latin America  
Latin American Society and Culture

**- Asian Studies -**

China's Banking and Finance  
Studies in Korea-Japan Relations  
Issues in the Contemporary Japanese Society  
Banking and Finance in East Asia  
Study of China's Business Culture  
Power and Politics in Contemporary China  
The Politics and Diplomacy of Japan  
Japanese Economy and Industry  
Japanese Society and Culture  
Case Studies in Japanese Firms  
Society and Culture of Southeast Asia  
Industrialization & Development in Southeast Asia  
Economic Development and Leadership in Asia  
Understanding International Relations in East Asia  
An Understanding Civil Societies in East Asia  
Case Studies in Japanese Commerce and Distribution  
Current Issues in China's Foreign Relations  
Workshop in China and World Economy  
Current Issues in Chinese Society  
Economic Development and Democratization in East Asia

**- European Studies -**

Workshop in Macroeconomics of European Union  
Theory and Process of European Integration  
Political Development of the European Union  
European Integration: Law and Institutions of European Union  
Politics in Russia & Eastern Europe  
Economies of Russia & Eastern Europe

***Korean Studies.***

The Korean Studies Program at GSIS SNU aims to educate specialists in research on Korea with a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective. To this end, the courses offered are diverse and cover literature, history, politics, international relations, anthropology, sociology, economics, and culture of Korea. Some courses are held in conjunction with Chinese and Japanese studies. In addition, many practical training programs, including field trips and internships, are provided in order to let students gain an in-depth knowledge of Korea. Courses in each semester are conducted in Korean or English for the benefit of international and Korean students.

**Courses**

Korean History  
Research in Modern Korean Literature  
History of Korean Life Style  
Economic Policies and Economic Development in Korea  
Introduction to Korean Studies

Seminar in North Korea  
History of Korea's Foreign Relations  
Skills of Writing MA Thesis  
Modern Korean History and Society  
Comparative Studies in Korean and Japanese Politics  
Korean Economy  
Korean Religion  
Comparative Studies in Korean Literature  
Korean Society  
Business and Management in Korea  
Fieldwork in Korean Studies  
Great Figures in Modern Korea  
Modernization and Changes in Korean Society  
Dissertation Research  
Internship in Korean Studies  
Seminar in Korean Studies

\* For detailed information, please refer to the Seoul GSIS homepage or contact:  
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## **Accommodations**

Applications for accommodation should be directed to the relevant dormitory office during the student selection period. Applicants should apply online at the Gwanak-sa homepage at <http://dorm.snu.ac.kr>.

## **Visa Issuance**

If you plan to study in Korea, you have to apply for a student visa (D-2) at the Korean embassy or consulate in your country. In the case of short-term visits (less than 90 days) you can apply for a short-term visa, which cannot be extended in Korea. In order to get your student visa (D-2), you have to submit the documents required by the embassy, such as the admission letter from SNU and a certified sponsorship letter. The application procedure varies a little according to embassies or consulates, so you should check the required documents with the Korean embassy or consulate in your area first.