



The KOICA Scholarship Program(SP) is the post-graduate (Master's and Doctoral) degree courses designed to offer aspiring leaders in developing countries with opportunities to learn from Korea's development experiences while advancing their academic and professional careers. Initiated in 1997, the SP has produced over 5,000 graduates from more than 80 different nationalities. In partnership with leading universities in Korea, KOICA offers master's programs (17 months) and doctoral programs (3 years) aligned with the Korean government's key policies on healthcare, climate change, education and more.

Through the post-graduate program, KOICA seeks to aid in the socioeconomic development of the student's native nations. The KOICA Scholarship Program is targeted at government officials from KOICA's partner countries. For 2025, 334 students have been selected to participate in this program.



CIAT stands for "Capacity Improvement & Advancement for Tomorrow", aiming for the individual's capacity development for a better future and the advancement of their organizations and policies. Like its acronym that sounds like "SEED" in Korean, CIAT hopes to spread seeds of hope across partnering countries.

CIAT is Korea's leading Human Resources Development (HRD) training program where KOICA invites government officials and engineers who will lead the economic and social growth of their countries. Based on Korea's experience, in which human resources played a crucial role in national development, KOICA provides targeted training programs. These programs share Korea's experience and technology for development through partnerships with diverse organizations, including government agencies, think-tanks and universities.

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KOICA CLUB

KOICA CLUB is a KOICA Alumni Association in 58 countries around the globe to assist participants who returned to their home countries after completing fellowship programs. KOICA also runs KOICA Fellowship community social networking page for the participants where they are able to share their memories, experiences and other useful information.

CIAT

<https://koica.go.kr/sites/ciat/index.do>

This is the official English website for KOICA Fellowship Program, which serves public officials, engineers, researchers, and policy makers in partnering countries. The website aims to foster talents who will lead the economic and social development of their respective countries.



KOICA

www.koica.go.kr

You can find what KOICA is, what KOICA does, and where KOICA works. KOICA provides data, news and information on Korea's ODA work.



Social Media

CIAT TV(YouTube), Facebook

You can find more detailed information through the KOICA CIAT Social Media.



Practical Application Cases After Graduation — The KOICA Scholarship Program —



Mozambique _ Mr. Aladino José Manhiça_Seoul National University

In 2021, he served as a Project Officer at the Ministry of Health. Through the "1 District; 1 Hospital Project (2021)," he successfully leveraged additional funding from domestic and international investors to establish and restore health centers nationwide. As a result, a significant number of health centers have been established and restored.

- In 2022, he was promoted to the Director of Central Planning and Cooperation at the Ministry of Health and Welfare.



Nepal _ Mr. Durga Datta Chapagain_Yonsei University

Since 2020, a COVID-19 management program has been implemented. This initiative includes Nepal-China online and offline border meetings, development of cross-border transmission prevention protocols, and organization of dedicated COVID-19 management committees. The program also encompasses community awareness enhancement activities, epidemiological investigations, daily situation reporting mechanisms, and educational workshops.

- In 2021, he received the Nepal Presidential Award.
- He was invited as a speaker at the Australian International Global Health Security Conference.
- In 2023, he was awarded the Young Leader Award in Public Health at Yonsei University.
- In 2024, he was promoted to Public Health Administrator at the Ministry of Health.

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KOICA 2025 Scholarship Program



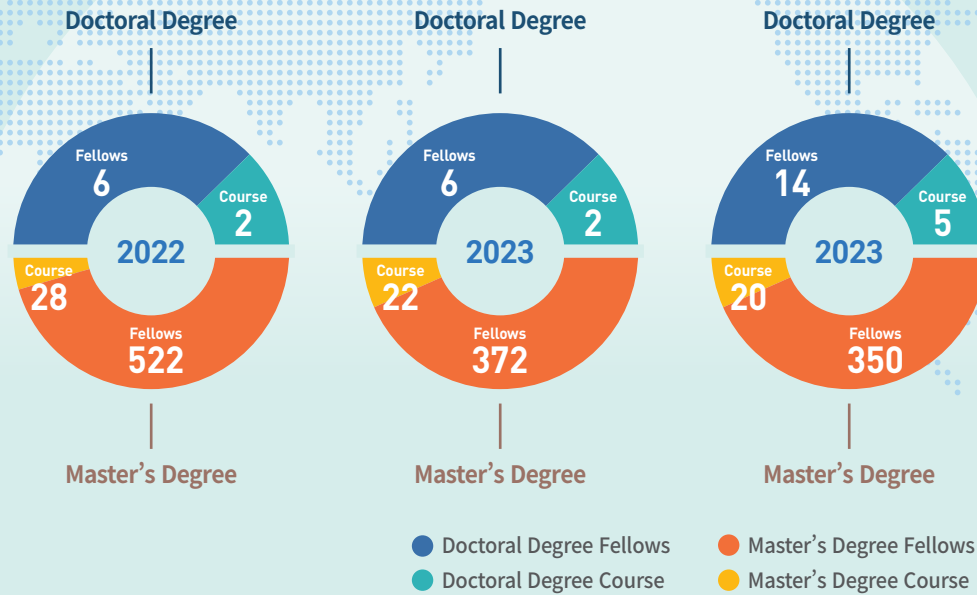
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Performance By Year (2022-2024)



Procedure of Application

Procedure process is subject to change.

[NOTICE] The entry schedule to Korea for the 2025 KOICA Scholarship Program varies depending on the university and course. Please make sure to check carefully.

Round	Period		Procedure
	1st	2nd	
KOICA overseas Office(Embassy) Round	February	July	Document Screening
			On-site Interview
Applicants who passed the KOICA overseas Office(Embassy) Round			
University Round	March to July	August to January	Document Screening
			Medical Check-up
			University Interview
			Admissions
			Notifications
Entry to KOREA			
Final Round	August	February	Medical Check-up in Korea

The KOICA Scholarship Program



Application Eligibility

Prospective applicants must meet all of the following conditions

A) Nationality

Countries are selected by the Korean government (KOICA) from the OECD DAC List of ODA Recipients. The list of designated countries is subject to annual changes based on the policies of the Korean government (KOICA).



B) Employee Status and Government Nomination

All applicants must be government officials and receive official nomination from their respective governments for the KOICA Scholarship program.



C) Age

(Preferably) Under the age of 40



D) Health

All applicants must be in good health both mentally and physically. Applicants with disabilities, but good mental and physical health are eligible to apply.



E) English Proficiency

Proficiency in English is required to attend classes conducted entirely in English. Therefore, applicants must have a strong command of both spoken and written English.



F) Restrictions

Individuals who have previously received a scholarship for master's or doctoral degree program from the Korean government are NOT eligible to apply.



However, individuals who have received a bachelor's degree scholarship from the Korean government are eligible to apply for a master's course.

Individuals who were previously KOICA scholars but had their scholarship cancelled after enrollment are NOT eligible to apply.



*(Doctoral Degree) Applicants who wish to apply to the KOICA Doctoral Degree Program must be scholars who have successfully completed the KOICA Master's Degree Program. Also, participants who have no experience of receiving foreign assistance to participate in scholarship programs for doctoral degrees are eligible to apply.

* Please refer to the KOICA CIAT homepage for more detailed information.



The KOICA Scholarship Program targets government officials from KOICA's partner countries.

A master's program selects 15 to 25 participants for each course and lasts for 17 months.

A doctoral program selects 3 participants for each course and lasts for 36 months.

This year(2025), 334 students are chosen to participate in this program. (Master's degree: 325, Doctoral degree: 9)

TITLE	UNIVERSITY	COURSE	QUOTA
2025-1st			
	KDI School of Public Policy and Management	Trade and Industrial Policy for Innovative Growth and Resilience	15
	University of Seoul	Urban Development	15
	Kangwon National University	Agricultural Economics	15
	Kyungpook National University	Agricultural Engineering	15
	KDI School of Public Policy and Management	Sustainable Regional Development	15
	Handong Global University	Policy Competency Based on ICT Convergence	15
	Yeungnam University	Water Resources Management	15
	Seoul National University	Energy Policy	15
	Yonsei University	Global Health Security	15
	Kyungpook National University	Agricultural Production	15
	Korea National University of Education	Global Education Leadership	15
	Korea University	Tax and Fiscal Policy	15
	Seoul National University	Public Management and Administrative Reform	15
	Ewha Womans University	Gender Equality	15
	Hanyang University	Smart-City Management and Technology	15
2025-2nd			
	KDI School of Public Policy and Management	Economic Development Policy for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth	20
	Handong Global University	e-Government and Public Management	20
	Yonsei University	Health Policy and Financing Capacity Building	20
	Incheon National University	Capacity building for manage to climate change and environment	20
	Sungkyunkwan University	e-Government and Public Management 2	20
	KDI School of Public Policy and Management	Economic Development Policy for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth	3
	Handong Global University	e-Government and Public Management	3
	Yonsei University	Health Policy and Financing Capacity Building	3