2024 GKS APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE [UNIVERSITY TRACK, UIC Track]

1. Application Schedule

Time(Korean Standard)		Classification(University Track)	Remark
2023.	9. 13.(Wed) 9:00 ~ 10. 20.(Fri) 18:00	Application Period - Submission of Required documents	·Express mail, Courier or in person
	10. 26.(Thu)	Evaluation for Entrance requirements	·PNU International
	10. 26.(Thu) ~ 11. 3.(Fri)	Evaluation(1st round)	·By Department at PNU - Applicant may have interview via Telephone or ZOOM
	11. 10.(Fri)	Announcement of Successful Applicants(1st round)	·PNU International - Individual Notice via E-mail
	mid-Dec.	Evaluation(2nd round)	·NIIED
2024.	1. 5.(Fir) (Tentative)	Announcement of Successful Applicants(Final round)	·NIIED

2. Unit of Quotas

Campus (Location)	College	Field	Dept./Majors	Quotas	Required TOPIK to Undergraduate Program
Busan (Busan)	Natural Science	Natural Science	Biological Science	6 Persons	TOPIK Level 4 or higher
	Engineering	Engineering	Mechanical Engineering		
	Engineering	Engineering	Industrial Engineering		
	Nano Technology and Science	Engineering	Nanoenergy Engineering		
	Nano Technology and Science	Engineering	Nanomechatronics Engineering		
	Nano Technology and Science	Engineering	Optics and Mechatronics Engineering		
	Information and Biomedical	Engineering	Computer Science and Engineering(Computer Engineering Major)		
			Computer Science and Engineering(Artificial Intelligence Major)		

※ **Most of the courses are taught in Korean**, while some courses are taught in English.

※ For department-specific details, please refer to the website.

- Dept. of Biological Science(https://biology.pusan.ac.kr)
- School of Mechanical Engineering(https://me.pusan.ac.kr)
- Dept. of Industrial Engineering(http://www.ie.pusan.ac.kr)
- Dept. of Nanoenergy(https://energy.pusan.ac.kr)
- Dept. of Nanomechatornics Engineering (https://nanomecha.pusan.ac.kr)
- Dept. of Optics and Mechatronics(https://ome.pusan.ac.kr)
- School of Computer Science and Engineering(https://cse.pusan.ac.kr)

3. Qualification

• **Nationality**

- All applicants must hold citizenship of NIIED designated countries that are invited to take part in the GKS program.

- **Applicants' parents (or legal guardians) must hold citizenship from another country other than Korea.** If applicants or their parent hold dual citizenship (one who has both Korean citizenship and citizenship of another country), such applicant is NOT eligible to apply.

    ※ Applicants and their parents who had previously held Korean citizenship must submit documentation issued by the Korean government that proves their renunciation of Korean citizenship.

    ※ If an applicant's citizenship is changed during the selection process, he or she will be excluded from the evaluation(Not applicable to UIC applicants)

• **Level of Education**

  - Bachelor's degree program is for applicants who graduated (or are expected to graduate) from a high school or from an associate degree program.

  - Associate degree program is for applicants who graduated (or are expected to graduate) from a high school.

    ※ Applicants who are expected to graduate must first submit a certificate of expected graduation at the time of application. If such applicants pass the final round of selection, they must submit a graduation certificate (or a degree certificate) by December 31, 2023.

    ※ Japanese nationals who are projected to graduate by March 31, 2024, are eligible to apply for this opportunity. Please ensure that you provide a certificate of expected graduation with your application. If accepted, you must submit your final transcript and graduation certificate by March 31, 2024. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your acceptance.

    ※ Applicants who submit their provisional graduation certificate will be considered as applicants who are expected to graduate.

• **Grades**

- All applicants must have maintained a Cumulative Grade Point Average(CGPA) equivalent to or higher than any ONE of the following from their <u>respective schools</u>[*].

① Score percentile should be 80% or above on a 100-point scale or be ranked within the top 20% within one's class

② CGPA: 2.64/4.0, 2.80/4.3, 2.91/4.5, 3.23/5.0

    ※ Applicants for Bachelor's Degree: High School or Educational Institute of Associate Degree

- If an applicant holds a transcript that does not include information on CGPA or is unable to convert his or her grades into any one of the GPA scales (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0, or 100 point scale), then the applicant must submit additional documents officially issued by their school describing the school's grading system.

  - (Applicants who are expected to graduate) Calculate CGPA at the time of application.

- **Age: Must be under 25 years of age**(born after March 1, 1999)

- All applicants must have no grounds for disqualification(e.g., criminal history) for overseas travel.

- **Health**

- All applicants must be in good health, both mentally and physically, to study in Korea for the full duration of the academic degree or research programs.

4. Restriction

- A person who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean high school (including international schools) or who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean associate degree program is NOT eligible to apply.

> - A person who graduated from an online curriculum arranged by a Korean school/university cannot apply.
> - A person who is currently in their final year at a Korean high school or Korean university cannot apply.

- A person who had previously received a scholarship for a degree program from the Korean government is NOT eligible to apply.

- A previous (or current) GKS scholar who are currently in, have completed, or graduated from a GKS associate degree program.

- A previous GKS scholar whose scholarship was cancelled after their enrollment.

- A person who had previously received a scholarship for their degree program from another Korean government agency other than NIIED.

> - A previous GKS scholar who has received scholarships from GKS Non-degree program for exchange students CAN apply.
> - 'Cancellation of scholarship' means a GKS scholar either withdraws from the program or his/her scholarship was forfeited during their scholarship period.
> ※ (Exception) Former GKS scholar whose scholarship was forfeited due to a scholar's failure to achieve TOPIK level 3 or above after completing Korean language program may be deemed eligible to re-apply if a scholar submits a valid TOPIK certificate of level 5 or above.

- Former GKS degree program applicants who has withdrawn from the program or was disqualified from the scholarship after being selected as GKS scholars in recent three years cannot apply.

- Duplicate Applicants

- Embassy track applicants who passed the first round of selection (including backup candidates) cannot apply again through a university track.

- Embassy track applicants must apply to only one program between General program and Overseas Koreans program.

- University track applicants must apply to only one program among UIC, Regional University, and Associate Degree programs. Each applicant must apply to ONE university and single department.

- If an applicant applied to more than one track/program/university, his or her application will be disregarded in the evaluation and the scholarship will be cancelled if found afterward.

- **Notice**

- Admission is granted upon meeting the department-specific language proficiency (TOPIK) level requirements.

- Applicants who meet the department-specific language proficiency (TOPIK) level criteria are preferred during the application process.

5. Required Documents

※ ONE original document + TWO additional simple photocopies(Total 3 set)

No.	Require Document	Remark
Documents to complete	(Form 1) Application Form	- Applicant's signature is required.
	(Form 2) Personal Statement	
	(Form 3) Statement of purpose	
	(Form 4) ONE letters of Recommendation	- Recommender's signature is required.
	(Form 5) Applicant Agrement	- Applicant's signature is required.
	(Form 6) Personal Medical Assessment	- Applicant's signature is required. - If a GKS scholar is found to have a serious illness that was not stated in the Personal Medical Assessment, he or she will be disqualified form their scholarship.
Required Certificates	Proof of Citizenship and Family relationship	- Official certificate issued by the government such as Birth certificate or/and family register that can proves ① Family relationship and ② Citizenship ※ If one cannot submit such certificate due to an absence of their parent(s)', please submit supporting documents such as divorce certificate or death certificate. - If the citizenship information cannot be found on the above certificates, submit applicant/parent(s)' valid passport copies. · Passport copies do not need to be notarized. · If valid passport is not available, submit other documents officially issued by the government that includes citizenship information.
	Certificate of Graduation	- **Submit a graduate certificate, degree certificate, or a diploma that indicates a date (or month) of graduation.** - Submit a certificate officially issued by the institution of previous degree program*. * IF an applicant who has an associate degree applies for a bachelor's degree program, the previous degree program of such appliant is associate degree program. - **Certificate of expected graduation** will be accepted only if the documents expected **graduation date (or month).** - If a certificate of expected graduation cannot be apostilled or consular confirmed due to government policy, submit and apostilled or consular confirmed certificate of enrollment instead. Submit a notarized certificate of expected graduation with an authenticated certificate of enrollment. · A simple certificate of enrollment without expected graduation date is NOT accepted. - **Provisional graduation (degree) certificate that does not**

		indicate a graduation date will be considered as a certificate of expected graduation. - Applicants who were expected to graduate at the time of application will be listed as "Conditional Successful Candidates" unless they submit their graduation certificate to NIIED until the set date before the Final Announcement.
	Academic Transcript	- Official transcript issued by a high school or an educational institute. - If an applicant holds a transcript with a grading system that are not 4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0 or 100 point scale, it must be converted into one of the 4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0 or 100 point scale with supporting documents officially issued by the school/institute. · If an applicant coverts his/her grades through a converting tool such as scholaro.com, the converted grade must be acknowledge by the school/institute with an officially issued letter. · If the grade is not submitted in one of the above scales, applicant's transcript cannot be evaluated. - As long as a transcript has a CGPA of the entire school years, it will be accepted even though it does not indicate GPAs per semester/year. · In that case, applicant do not need to provide GPA per semester/year and only need to provide a CGPA on the application form.
	Proof of Age	- If none of the document indicate applicant's date of birth, submit additional document officially issued by the government that includes date of birth information.
	Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation	- Require for relevant applicants. - Submit supporting document issued by the Korean government that indicates details on the definit loss of Korean citizenship and its date. An application or a receipt for renunciation of Korean citizenship is not accept.
	Proof of Overseas Korean or Adoptee	- Require for relevant applicants. - Submit supporting documents such as family register of birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her lineal ascendant.
	Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	- Require for relevant applicants. - Certificate that are officially issued by the government and certifies the lineal ascendant of an applicant was a veteran who participated in Korean War as a foreign military. - submit supporting documents such as family register or birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her lineal ascendant.
Other Documents	**Score Report of Korean or English Proficiency Test**	- Korean: TOPIK only / English: TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS · TOPIK certificates from the 71st to the 85th exam will be recognized as vaild certificates. · Submit a printed copy of one's TOPIK score report from topic.go.kr. · Submit a printed copy of one's English proficiency test score report from the respective website or a photocopy of original certificate.
	Copy of awards and other certificates	- Submit if necessary(Optional) - Submit materials such as an award that can prove the applicant's activities described in the personal statement and study plan. These documents do not need to be apostilled or consular-confirmed.
	Passport copy	- Submit if necessary(Optional) - Submit a passport copy as a supplementary document if the proof of citizenship (family register, birth certificate, ect.) does not clearly indicate citizenship information.

※ **Instruction on 'Certificates'**

- All certificates must be authenticated by a consulate or apostilled before submission

> ① Certificates that are written either in Korean or English :
> ☞ Submit with and authentication by a consulate or with an apostille.
> ② Certificates that are written in languages other than Korean or English :
> ☞ Both certified translation and(a copy of) original certificate that is written in an original language must be authenticated by a consulate or be apostilled.
> ※ Certificates that are only notarized will NOT be accepted. Consular authentication or apostille is required for all certificates. Certificates written in their original language must be submitted together with their certificated translate.

- For the applicants whose certificate (e.g., diploma) is issued only once and cannot be reissued in the future, we strongly recommend those applicants to get a consular authentication or apostille on a certified true copy of the certificate and keep the original certificate. Please bear in mind that all documents submitted to NIIED will NOT be returned to the applicants in any case.

6. Notes

- 1 set of the original documents should be placed in a single envelope. Recommendation letters sealed by the recommenders and submitted with the seals unbroken.
- Original documents should be submitted. However, should they be available, copies must be authenticated by the issuing institution, confirming that they are the same with the originals.
- The applicant's name on the application form MUST be identical to the applicant's passport name.
- If there is any inconsistency in the applicant's name or birth date on submitted documents, further evidential document must be submitted as verification.
- All documents submitted must be A4 sized. If the document is smaller, attach it to A4 sized paper; if bigger, fold it to make it A4 sized.
- The high school grade transcript must contain a description of the school's grading system. In case the transcript does not have information on the applicant's rank or percentile score, an applicant must submit an additional official certificate issued by the high school, confirming that the applicant's academic achievement meets the requirement written on 5-(5) above.

- All documents must be numbered and labeled on the top right corner.
  (Example. ⑦ Graduation Certificate of High School)
- Mailing address should be stated in full including the postal-code.
- Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicant.
- Incomplete or incorrect documents will result in the disqualification of an applicant.

※ **Contact**

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※ *Since it is conducted simultaneously with the university's Regional Track program, UIC Track applicants must specify in their email that they are applying for the UIC Track, indicate their intended major (department), nationality, name, and contact information.*