

# AKS Graduate Fellowship, 2018 Spring

The Graduate School of Korean Studies ("GSKS") is an affiliated institution of the Academy of Korean Studies, which operates under the Ministry of Education. It is a research-oriented graduate school in the fields of humanities and social sciences pertinent to Korea, which aims at nurturing scholars who will contribute to the development and globalization of Korean Studies. Since its establishment in 1980, GSKS has been providing intensive research-oriented education through eminent professors' close mentoring of students. In addition, it gained a worldwide reputation for its high standard and quality education. Also its graduates are playing pivotal role in widening and deepening Korean Studies all over the world with their academic excellence. Currently, approximately 280 students, including about 140 international students from 35 different countries, are enrolled in the master's and doctoral degree programs at the GSKS.

The AKS Graduate Fellowship is one of our non-degree programs which invites and supports international students for six months, providing them with a momentum to grow to be a next generation of promising scholars in Korean studies and to play a leading role in the field abroad. AKS Graduate Fellows for the period from March 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 are now being sought. Those who aspire to widen and deepen their knowledge of Korea, one of the most dynamic countries in the world, by conducting research at our Graduate School are very welcome to apply.

## 1. Fellowship Benefits

- A. Monthly allowance of KRW900,000 is provided.
- B. An economy-class round trip airfare at actual expense is provided within the limit prescribed by the GSKS Travel Expenses Policy\*.
  - \* Please see the attachment "Maximum Round-trip Airfares Per Regions"
- C. Fellowship Period : March 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 (6 months in total, extension not allowed)
- D. Access to the AKS facilities including the library and Jangseogak Archives is given.

- E. On-campus dormitory and guest house are available at the following cost;
- Dormitory cost : KRW814,500 for 6 months, double occupancy
  - Guest house cost : approximately KRW600,000 for 1 month (KRW20,000 per day), sole occupancy
- F. Korean language courses are offered free of charge.
- G. Certificate of Completion can be issued for the ones who successfully complete the program.

**2. Number of Fellows Sought :** ○

**3. Recruitment Schedule**

- A. Application Period : 12:00pm on October 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:00pm on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- B. Selection Result Announcement (AKS website ([intl.aks.ac.kr/english](http://intl.aks.ac.kr/english)) - Notice) : 6:00pm on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

**4. Eligibility**

	Qualifications
Nationality	The applicant, either a foreign national or a Korean national who obtained permanent residency in a foreign country or who resides overseas and has completed education outside of Korea which is compatible with Korea's elementary, middle, high school and college education.
Educational Background	As of the application deadline, applicants must meet one of the following conditions : ① Applicants are enrolled in a master's or a doctoral degree program at an overseas university. ② Applicants completed coursework and are in the status of ABD (All But Dissertation) in a master's or a doctoral degree program at an overseas university. ③ Applicants were conferred a master's degree at an overseas university.
Residence	As of the application deadline, applicants must reside in a foreign country outside of Korea.
Research Topic	An applicant's research topic should pertain to Korea/Korean Studies.

- ※ Applications who were previously one of AKS Graduate Fellows are not accepted.
- ※ Higher Korean language ability preferred.

## 5. Required Documents

- A. Fill out and save the Online Application form, including your ID photo. Print it out and put your signature on it at the bottom.
- ※ Online Application website : <http://portal.aks.ac.kr/Entrance/login2.jsp>
  - ※ Applicants should designate one of the AKS' professors whose specialty is most relevant to their research topic as their academic advisor, referring to the list of the AKS' faculty members from the website below.  
<http://intl.aks.ac.kr/english/viewforum.php?f=19>  
Otherwise, the GSKS will designate an appropriate professor as an academic advisor.
- B. Certificate of Graduation and official transcripts for a bachelor's degree
- C. Certificate of Enrollment (or Coursework Completion or Graduation) and official transcripts for a master's degree
- D. Certificate of Enrollment (or Coursework Completion) and official transcripts for a doctoral degree (if applicable)
- E. Personal Statement (2 pages in length, A4 size, free format, must be written in Korean or in English)
- F. Research Plan (3 pages in length, A4 size, free format, must be written in Korean or in English)
- G. Official test results certificate in Korean language proficiency (TOPIK) or English language proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, TEPS and et cetera) if applicable.
- H. A copy of the first two pages of the applicant's passport
- I. Two color ID photos (3.5cmX4.5cm) taken within the recent 6 months
- ※ Both sides of your ears must be shown. Background color of your photo should be white only.
  - ※ The ID photo should be submitted separately; besides being attached on your application form.

## 6. Important Notes

- A. All the certificates must be original copies written in Korean or in English.
- ※ If certificates are written in a language other than Korean or English, they must be translated into and notarized either in Korean or in English. Alternatively, instead of notarization, it is acceptable to submit translated documents which

are confirmed by the issuing institute that the translation is correct.

※ If certain original certificate cannot be submitted due to the lack of re-issuance, applicants may submit a scanned copy of the certificate after it is notarized or confirmed by the issuing institute.

- C. All documents should be submitted via postal service. Applications that arrives after the submission deadline will not be accepted.
- D. Incomplete application with missing documents is not accepted. Any submitted documents will not be returned.

## 7. Submission Guideline

- Complete the online application. Save the data. Print it out and submit it with your signature on the bottom, alongside the original copies of each certificate by post to the following address:
  - The Graduate School of Korean Studies, Office of Academic & Student Affairs
  - The Academy of Korean Studies
  - Haogae-ro 323, Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do
  - Republic of Korea (Zipcode: 13455)
- Email submission not allowed.

## 8. Fellows' Obligations

- A. Fellows must designate one of the AKS' professors whose specialty is most relevant to their research topic as their academic advisor.
- B. Course Enrollment
  - 1) Fellows must take at least one major-specific course taught by their academic advisor or an individual study with their academic advisor.
  - 2) Fellows must obtain "S(Successful)" for courses taken.
    - ※ Credits are not given for courses taken.
    - ※ Courses are graded S(Successful) or U(Unsuccessful).
- C. Toward the end of the fellowship period, there will be a presentation which fellows must present their research findings.
  - If fellows must leave Korea earlier than the fellowship period due to the

compelling issue, they should have individual presentation. To do so, academic advisor and the international student advisor from the Office of Academic & Student Affairs must attend the presentation.

- Time and place of the individual presentation must be settled by fellow him/herself and his/her academic advisor. This must be informed to the Office of Academic & Student Affairs at least 1 week ahead.

#### D. Final Report and Evaluation Report

- 1) Completing their research, fellows must submit either a thesis or a report summarizing their research findings to both the international student advisor in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs and their academic advisors before they leave the country.
- 2) A thesis or a report must be minimum 16,000 letters(including spaces) in length when written in Korean, and minimum 5,000 words when written in English. Excluding the bibliography.
- 3) After submitting the research result report, the evaluation report must be sealed and signed by the academic advisor and then submitted to the international student advisor in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs by the fellow him/herself.

E. When publishing a thesis or a book with research findings found during the fellowship period, fellows must state that they are the outcome of the research conducted with support of the Graduate School of Korean Studies in the Academy of Korean Studies.

#### F. Stay in Korea

- 1) Fellows must stay in Korea and concentrate on their research during the fellowship period. Exceptions can be made when fellows temporarily leave the country in order to present their research at an academic conference with a prior approval of the Dean of the Graduate School of Korean Studies.
- 2) Towards the end of the fellowship period, fellows must present their passport to the international student advisor in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs to prove their stay in Korea. If the advisor found out that a fellow stayed abroad during the fellowship period without prior notice, monthly allowance will be deducted for the number of days spent overseas.
- 3) During the fellowship period, fellows are not allowed to be engaged in other occupations for financial purposes.

- 4) During the fellowship period, fellows are not permitted to register at another educational institutions in Korea.
- G. As for items not stipulated here, fellows must abide by the rules and regulations of the AKS and decisions of the Graduate School Committee.
- H. Every obligations (especially submitting research result report, evaluation report, having a presentation on the results of research, and passport check;) must be done at least 2 weeks before departure.
- ※ For those who haven't presented their returning flight ticket, this also should be submitted to the international student advisor in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs at least 2 weeks before departure. The ticket must include the following information; the name of the passenger, the date of purchase, and the date of departure)

## **9. Notes for Applicants**

- On-campus dormitory is available sometime around February 20<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> of 2018, as new students of AKS GSKS Fall semester are coming. On-campus guest house can be used after then until August 31<sup>st</sup> (the end of the fellowship period) at the rate of KRW20,000 per day if necessary.

## **10. Provision of Monthly Allowance and Airfare**

### **A. Monthly Allowance**

- 1) The monthly allowance is provided in the beginning of each month, except for the first month of the fellowship period. First month's allowance will be provided after fellows get their Alien Registration Cards issued by Seoul Immigration Office. Also after their Korean bank accounts being made.
- 2) When the deduction cause arises; such as delayed entrance, early departure, and staying abroad, the allowance will be calculated by number of days and then granted.

### **B. Airfare**

- 1) Round trip airfare is provided in the final month after all of the obligations been kept.
- 2) Only 50% of the round trip airfare is offered in the following cases :
  - a) If fellow arrives Korea before the notification of the selection result and reside in the country

- b) If fellow stays in Korea after the fellowship period (August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018)
- 3) Airfare is not provided under the following cases :
  - a) If fellows fail to complete the required number of classes (15 weeks) and give up their research
  - b) If fellows fail to submit a final report or obtain "U(Unsuccessful)" for courses taken
- C. The provision of the AKS Graduate Fellowship can be cancelled and monthly allowance & airfare been paid can be redeemed according to the decision of the Graduate School Committee, including the following cases :
  - 1) If it turns out that the provided information on the application form is false and that the applicant is not qualified.
  - 2) If a fellow fails to meet obligations specified above.

## **11. Contact Us**

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Attachment : Maximum Round-trip Airfares Per Regions. The End.

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## Maximum Round-trip Airfares Per Regions

Region	Country	Maximum Round-trip Airfares (in Korean Won)
East Asia	China, Japan, Taiwan	600,000
South Asia	India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives	1,400,000
Southeast Asia	Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Brunei, Indonesia	700,000
Southwest Asia	Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Iran, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan	2,000,000
Middle Asia	Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia	1,300,000
North Africa	Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco	2,100,000
Middle Africa	Congo, Gabon, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia	2,500,000
South Africa	Namibia, The Republic of South Africa, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Botswana, Swaziland, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe	2,800,000
East Europe	Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Yugoslavia, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, Albania, Serbia, Russia	1,600,000
West Europe	UK, Ireland, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein	1,600,000
North Europe	Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland	1,800,000
South Europe	Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Italy, San Marino, Vatican, Greece, Croatia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Slovenia	1,600,000
North America	USA, Canada, Bahamas, Mexico	1,800,000
Middle America	Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama	2,500,000
South America	Guyana, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Surinam, Argentina, Ecuador, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru, Guiana, Malvinas	3,000,000
Oceania	Australia, New Zealand	1,100,000