



Master programs in
**Public Policy, Development Policy &
Public Management**



Application deadline:
May 1, 2018

2018 OAS-KDI SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The [Organization of American States](#) (OAS), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC of the)Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) and [KDI School of Public Policy and Management](#), are offering scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas, to participate in Graduate Programs at KDI in the Republic of South Korea.

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| PROGRAMS*: <i>*Applicants may apply for one program only</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Public Management • Master of Public Policy • Master of Development Policy | |
| MODALITY: | On-site in South Korea | |
| LANGUAGE: | English | |
| DURATION: | 11 months | |
| START DATE: | September 2018 | |
| BENEFITS: | Global Ambassador Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full tuition waiver • Monthly stipend | Seoul G20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full tuition waiver • Monthly stipend • Air Fare |
| CALENDAR: | Open call for applications: April 24th, 2018 OAS scholarship online application deadline: May 1st, 2018 Publication of awardees: July 2018 Classes begin in South Korea: September, 2018 | |

ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The General Secretariat is the central and permanent organ of the **Organization of American States (OAS)**. Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), the General Secretariat supports OAS member states in creating policies and executing programs that promote human capacity development, at all educational levels. By enabling formative opportunities to citizens, the DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. DHDEE does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education; and (ii) by assisting the citizens of the Americas in realizing their full potential, by giving them access to knowledge and skills through training that improves the standard of living for individuals, families and communities in the region.

KDI School of Public Policy and Management was founded in December 1997, under the auspices of the Korean Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development. The School has two overarching missions – to produce international experts with theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the field of development economics and public policy, and to foster future leaders who can cope with the rapidly changing international environment, exercising global leadership in every sector of our society.

KDI School currently offers three Master degree programs: Public Policy (MPP), Development Policy (MDP), and Public Management (MPM), and two Doctorate degree programs (Public Policy and Development Policy). Among the three Master level programs, MPP was accredited by NASPAA in 2014, and KDI School is currently in the process of getting the MDP and MPM programs accredited by NASPAA as well.

The School also offers great diversity, accepting approximately more than 1,400 international alumni members, spread across more than 110 countries around the world. KDI School accepts roughly 350 students each year, of which 50% consists of international students from roughly 80 countries around the world. Most students come from the public sector (e.g. government officials, public corporation employees) and the majority benefit from extensive scholarship schemes offered by various organizations, including KOICA.

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

| 2 TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS WITH KDI: | BENEFITS |
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| 1 >> Global Ambassador Scholarship | Tuition / Monthly Stipend |
| 2 >> Seoul G20 | Tuition / Monthly Stipend / Air Fare |

**100% tuition cost subject to the academic performance of the student. To maintain the scholarship, recipients should not be reported with low academic performance for not attending class and/or for failing a course.*

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF AWARDEES

Expenses not covered by the scholarship, which are the sole responsibility of the grantee:

- ⊗ Subsistence and medical insurance.
- ⊗ Visa processing and immigration.
- ⊗ English translations of recommendation letters.
- ⊗ Pocket money for any personal expenses.
- ⊗ Fees for school administrative services (certificates, issuing documents, etc.), admissions tests, graduation costs, legalization of documents.

- ⊗ Books and study materials, accommodation, and meals, as well as any other additional costs or expenses in which the awardee may incur and which are not covered in this call.

APPLICANT’S PROFILE:

Applicants for Master's degree program must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent;
- Good command of English (all classes and assessments are conducted in English); and
- Preferably, but not limited to, public sector employees.

REQUIREMENTS:

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| <p><u>Master of Public Management</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredit college or University; (min. 3 years); • Good command of English (all classes and assessments are conducted in English); • Letter of unconditional admission to KDI; • The awardee must not have received other academic scholarships from the OAS or from KDI, for the same level of studies and/or programs as requested in the 2017 OAS-KDI application; • Only citizens and/or permanent legal residents of <u>OAS member state</u> will be eligible; • OAS staffs, individuals who maintain employment contracts with the OAS, the staff of the Permanent Missions to the OAS, and their immediate relatives, are not eligible to receive OAS-KDI scholarships; and • No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or KDI and the PAEC OAS-KDI awardees. Similarly, the OAS and KDI shall not assume any type of liability for the student, whether civil, contractual or non-contractual, during the entire scholarship period. |
| <p><u>Master of Public Policy</u></p> <p><u>Master of Development Policy</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredit college or University; (min. 3 years); • Good command of English (all classes and assessments are conducted in English); • Letter of unconditional admission to KDI; • <u>Must be currently employed in the public sector (1) as a division head-level official; or (2) with minimum of 6 years of working experience in the public sector;</u> • The awardee must not have received other academic scholarships from the OAS or from KDI, for the same level of studies and/or programs as requested in the 2017 OAS-KDI application; • Only citizens and/or permanent legal residents of <u>OAS member states</u> will be eligible; • OAS staffs, individuals who maintain employment contracts with the OAS, the staff of the Permanent Missions to the OAS, and their immediate relatives, are not eligible to receive OAS-KDI scholarships; • No type of employment or commercial relationship shall be established between the OAS or KDI and the PAEC OAS-KDI awardees. Similarly, the OAS and KDI shall not assume any type of liability for the student, whether civil, contractual or non-contractual, during the entire scholarship period. |

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Academic merit and overall credentials, including the candidate's academic and professional background
- Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account national needs as per the United Nations' Development Program Human Development Index and;
- Applicants whose proposals portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

In order to apply for an OAS-KDI scholarship, it is essential to start the admission process in KDI to the study program of you interest. KDI School Online application: <https://apply.kdischool.ac.kr>

Step 1 > Gather application documents to apply

In order to apply for an OAS-KDI Scholarship, the candidate **must fill out the [OAS-KDI Scholarship Application Form](#)** and attach only the following required documentation:

1. Video Essay: Create a YouTube video and provide us with a link when you submit your online application and post on our admissions form. If you decide to submit a video essay, please prepare a one-minute-long video by answering the following question:

“What do you do? And how do you think KDI School education will change what you do?”

NOTE:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to correctly configure the security and access settings for the video. We suggest using YouTube channel with the "Unlisted Video" setting so that only individuals who have the URL can view it.
- The applicant is also responsible for adhering to the terms and conditions of the website used to share the video essay.
- We are unable to watch videos that come in any form other than a URL link. We will not accept videos sent by email or on DVD through the mail.
- Please limit your video to maximum 1 minute. Those exceeding 1 minute may not be evaluated.



2. Two Photos (3cm x 4cm) or Photo File Upload
3. Scan or photo of passport page that contains the applicant's full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
4. Curriculum vitae or resume, in English; no specific format required, please do not include certificates for professional development courses, workshops or similar courses.

5. Certified Copy of TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, TEPS, OPIC Score Report or Certificate of Medium of Instruction:

- The tests must have been taken within 2 years of the proposed date of admission. Take note that the semester starts in February 2018 and the test must have been taken as of February, 2016.
- If you have received your university degree from an English-speaking country, you may submit a certificate of medium of instruction instead.
- Document(s) must be notarized or original.

NOTE: Applicants must ensure that all information provided as part of the OAS Scholarship Application is accurate, true, correct, and documents must be typed. While documents are sent electronically, applicants must be able to present physical and original copies of these documents, if required to do so.

6. Certified copy of undergraduate diploma or degree certificate from an academic institution, certifying compliance with all academic requirements, including approval of final exams/thesis, if applicable. For Documentation Authentication, you must follow the instructions below:

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| <p>Applicants who earned their degrees from China, Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Mongolia, Thailand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Iran, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Nigeria, Ghana, Egypt, Peru must authenticate their academic documents as below:</p> | <p>All other applicants must authenticate their academic documents as below:</p> |
| <p>Apostilled by Designated Government Authority (typically by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country where one earned his/her degree from)</p> | <p>Authenticated by the issuing institution with official seal or signature</p> |
| OR | OR |
| <p>Authenticated by Korean embassy or consulate with official seal or signature</p> | <p>Authenticated by designated government authorities in the country where one earned his/her degree from</p> |
| OR | OR |
| <p>Authenticated by embassy of the country where one earned his/her degree from</p> | <p>Authenticated by embassy of the country where one earned his/her degree from</p> |
| OR | OR |
| <p>Authenticated by Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China (degree earned from China only)</p> | <p>Authenticated by Korean embassy or consulate with official seal or signature</p> |

6. Certified copy of undergraduate academic transcripts of completed programs (must provide a record of all the courses you have taken throughout the years of studying). Certificate of expected graduation must be submitted if one is expected to earn a bachelor's degree prior to the proposed date of admission. Educational attainment equivalent to bachelor's degree (min. 3 years) approved by law. Copies must be certified.

7. OAS - KDI Statement of Purpose: Please download the following form and explain your motivation and qualifications for pursuing your education at KDI School. You must use the following KDI official form: [KDI Statement of Purpose form](#)

8. Two (2) recommendation letters: from a university professor or from a current or most recent employer. Recommendation letters should provide information about your performance in either academic or professional settings. The letters must include the professor's/employer's position, contact information, date

and signature Please used KDI official form. The KDI official form is not required the, but strongly recommended
[KDI Recommendation Letter Form](#)

9. Employment Verification (If applicable and required for Seoul G20 applicant): The employment period and name of position must be specified. The verification should indicate the employment category (e.g. public, private, NGO, etc) and the HR Officer or supervisor of the applicant should write and sign the verification letter). You must use the following KDI official form: [OAS-KDI Employment Verification Form](#)

11. Others (If applicable applicants of Korean origin only): Certified Copy of Birth Certificate & Copy of Both Parents' Passports or Certified Copy of Academic Transcripts or Graduate Certificates of 16 Years of Education in a Foreign Country:

- Only applicable to applicants of Korean origin.
- Birth certificate should prove your relationship with both your parents.
- Copy of both parents' passports should prove their nationality.

Step 2 > Application with the OAS

Applicants must complete and submit the [OAS-KDI Form](#), and upload all the required documents listed above in one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB). If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable to submit the online form. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated above.

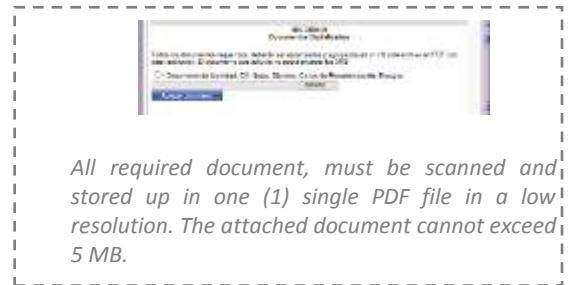
Go to the OAS [Scholarship Application Form](#)



Fill in all your personal information in the corresponding fields in each section of the Application Form:



In SECTION III **Digital Documents**, please attach the PDF with all the documents listed below:



[Click here for the OAS Online Application](#)

OAS applications should be submitted no later than **May 1st, 2018**.

Important: Please review all the information in your application before its submission.

Step 3 > Application with the KDI (*Only for OAS pre-selected candidates*)

Those who pass the document review by OAS will receive an email with instruction and next step to finish the application for this scholarship and admission process in KDI. Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted. Those who are pre-selected by KDI will have a pre-interview call prior to the actual phone or Skype interview.

KDI online application : <https://apply.kdischool.ac.kr>.
The online application system will close by midnight on the deadline.

KDI Deadline: March 26 – May 24 (24:00 KST), 2018

KDI Interview: Mid- June, 2018

Final Results: Early- July, 2018. The final result will be announced via email and posted on the OAS Scholarship website.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Notification of pre-selected candidates The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance. Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted. Scholarship awardees will be provided with instruction and next steps to finish the application for this scholarship and admission process in KDI.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

- All required application documents must be submitted in one package via POSTAL MAIL (or in person) at the admissions office of KDI School by the deadline May 27, 2018 (Korea Standard Time).
- The important notices and announcements are delivered via email entered in each applicant's online application. The admissions office will not be responsible for any consequences caused by incorrect information in the online application.
- Applicants may apply for one study program only. Submitting multiple applications to more than one master program will invalidate candidacy.
- If the information in the application documents is unclear or if any parts of the application documents are missing, the application will not be submitted for evaluation to KDI.
- The submitted application documents will NOT be returned.
- All application documents must be typed (not hand-written) in English. Non-English based documents (original/certified) must be accompanied with notarized English translations.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT

- Selected awardees will be contacted and will be required to complete and sign the "Scholarship Acceptance Form" and return it to the OAS;
- Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this form;
- Comply with all academic guidelines and requirements for admission and permanence, requested by KDI and follow any updates made to these standards by KDI academic authorities;

- Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees", section II.2;
- Applicants with special needs/disabilities should ensure that KDI has the physical, communication skills, necessary technology, capacity and services' infrastructure for their full inclusion and retention in the program, before applying to the OAS-KDI scholarship;
- Awardees must commit to return to work in their country of origin or legal residence; in one of the OAS [member states](#); or at an international organization, for at least the same length of the duration of the scholarship. If the awardee fails to comply with this commitment, the OAS and KDI may require the awardee to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship, at the time in which the declination is processed;
- The awardee must obtain a student visa from South Korea, if necessary, and cover any costs incurred in this process; and
- Neither the OAS or KDI assume any liability arising from the acceptance or rejection of the KDI degree by the government entity, within the country of origin of the awardee.

CONTACT INFORMATION:



For additional information on the OAS application, please send an email with the subject "OAS-KDI scholarship" to SCHOLARSHIPS@OAS.ORG with the subject: OAS-KDI Scholarships.



For information on the master program and submission of documents with KDI, please contact KDI directly:

E-mail: internationaladmissions@kdis.ac.kr

Office Hours: 9:00-18:00, KST

Website: <http://admissions.kdischool.ac.kr/>

Address in South Korea (Document Submission):

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