

2023 KF Fellowship for Korean Language Training

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Since 1993, the Korea Foundation has offered an annual fellowship program for Korean language training(KLT) for the general promotion and dissemination of the Korean language, which is the basis of promoting Korean studies and Korea-related activities overseas. In accordance with the guidelines listed below, the Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2023 KLT program.

Program Outline

The KF Fellowship for Korean Language Training (KLT) program provides an opportunity for graduate students of Korean studies, Korean studies researchers and those working in Korea-related fields overseas to learn Korean in an intensive immersion program at a university in Korea for at least six months.

Number of Available Fellowship Awards

Approximately 40 per year

Eligible Applicants

Those who are majoring in Korean studies (humanities, social sciences, and arts & culture), are currently involved in Korea-related research, or are working in a Korea-related field and correspond to one of the following profiles may apply for the KLT program. All those who apply must be able to understand and speak at least basic Korean.

Type	Details
MA/PhD candidates	Graduate students pursuing a major or minor in a Korea-related field with a detailed thesis proposal on a Korea-related topic
University professors, university lecturers and researchers	Professors or lecturers who are currently teaching Korea-related or Korean language courses or researchers who are conducting Korea-related research at a university or research institute (non-profit, government-funded, university-affiliated, etc.).
Professionals	Professionals engaged in Korea-related activities (e.g. curators of a museum's Korean gallery, Korean studies librarians at a university, journalists who mainly deal with current affairs in Korea, etc.)
Undergraduate students	① Undergraduate students whose major or minor is Korean Studies (or Korean Language & Literature) and who are at least in the 3rd year of their respective courses.

	<p>② Undergraduate students who are at least in the 3rd year of their respective courses and have taken over 8 Korean studies or Korean language classes at a university that does not offer any Korean studies or Korean language degrees.</p> <p>Please note: Applicants must attach evidence that the university does not offer any Korean studies or Korean language degrees on (3) Grade Transcript of Coursework. (e.g. a screenshot of offered degree courses on the respective schools' websites). Applicants must submit detailed transcripts for all classes.</p> <p>If a Korea-related degree is offered at an applicant's school, she or he is ineligible to apply even if the applicant has previously taken more than 8 Korea-related courses.</p>
Former Diplomat Fellows	Former fellows who have completed the KF Korean Language and Culture Program for Diplomats and wish to take more courses focused on language training (applicant pool determined separately)

※Persons corresponding to any of the following profiles will NOT be considered for the fellowship:

- Korean citizens
- Individuals already studying or conducting research in Korea
- Individuals planning to enroll in a degree program at a higher educational institution in Korea

(Please note: During the fellowship period, one may not register for a degree program at a Korean university.)

- Individuals who have received the KF Fellowship for Korean Language Training within the last 2 years (2021-2022).

1. Tuition and fees for educational institution

2. Living expenses (paid on a monthly basis)

① Undergraduates, BA or MA degree holders or individuals with less than three years of related career experience: KRW 1,000,000

② PhD candidates and those with at least three years of related career experience: KRW 1,200,000

3. Travel allowance: KRW 300,000 (one-time benefit)

4. Health insurance (accident and medical insurance provided by a Korean insurance company)

Please note: Airfare is not supported

[Terms and Details of Program Support](#)

1. Application Period: July 1, 2022 / 12:00 p.m. to August 31, 2022 / 6:00 p.m. (Korean Standard Time)

2. Korean language proficiency verification interview: November 2022

Please note: Those who passed the document review will receive specific guidance via email. The purpose of this interview is to confirm whether the submitted Korean language proficiency certificates are consistent with applicants' actual Korean proficiency.

3. Notification of Results: December 2022

Please note: The notification date is subject to change without prior notice. Applicants will be notified individually via email.

4. Fellowship Period: 6 months (minimum) to 1 year (maximum)

- Applicants should participate in the fellowship program for at least 6 months.
- Applicants may start their fellowship period in March or September 2023.
- If fellowship recipients satisfy both conditions-(scores over 80 and a 90% attendance rate on average for 2 semesters)- their fellowship period may be extended for up to two three-month periods, adding up to a maximum total period of 12 months.

[Program Schedule](#)

[Required Documents](#)

Applicant Type	Document Type	Applicable to All Applicants
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Undergraduate students	<p>1. Certificate of Enrollment (Must have been issued after May 1, 2022)</p> <p>2. Transcripts - Transcript of grades received for all undergraduate academic work (Students who have not yet graduated must submit their grades for the 2022 Spring semester as well.)</p>	<p>1. Online application form</p> <p>① Applicant's personal information</p> <p>② Proposal (Within 400 words in English or 400 syllables in Korean, please explain your reasons and goal for undertaking Korean language training, the necessity for Korean language competency in your studies or current job, and future plans.)</p>
MA/PhD candidates	<p>1. Certificate of Enrollment (Must have been issued after May 1, 2022)</p> <p>2. Transcripts - Transcript of grades received for all undergraduate and graduate academic work (Students who have not yet graduated must submit grades for the 2022 Spring semester as well.)</p>	<p>2. A copy of the applicant's highest academic degree</p> <p>3. Evidence of Korean language proficiency (Submit at least one document which corresponds to the following certificates)</p> <p>① Certificate proving Korean language proficiency e.g. TOPIK or Korean Language Proficiency Test (KLPT)</p> <p>Please note: Applicants with TOPIK Level 3 or 4 proficiency are preferred</p> <p>② University language program transcripts, or other suitable documents.</p> <p>③ Official award that proves an applicant's Korean proficiency e.g. award from a Korean Speech Contest held by a Korean embassy</p>
University professors, university lecturers and researchers		
Professionals		
Former Diplomat Fellows	<p>1. Certificate of employment (Must have been issued after May 1, 2022)</p> <p>2. Transcripts - only the transcript of the applicant's highest degree</p>	<p>④ Official award that proves an applicant's Korean proficiency e.g. award from a Korean Speech Contest held by a Korean embassy</p> <p>4. Two letters of reference Please note: Each letter must come from a different referee</p> <p>① Head of affiliated institution - Undergraduate and graduate students: department head, thesis supervisor, etc. - Professors, lecturers or other professionals: head of applicant's affiliated institution (e.g. the affiliated university's dean or higher authority, director or higher authority of the affiliated division, etc.)</p> <p>② Korean language instructors: must be authorized professors or lecturers specializing in Korean and be capable of evaluating the applicant's level of Korean proficiency.</p>

<Important Reminders for submission>

- One PDF file may be uploaded per attachment category.
- Only scanned files (in PDF format) are valid. (Please convert any jpg, png, or other image files into PDF files)
- The application form and all documents must be submitted in English or Korean. If documents are submitted in other languages, please submit both the original file and a **notarized** translation.

<Notes>

- Those who are selected as fellowship awardees may be required to submit additional documentation to the KF.

- After applicants submit their online application, the online application system will automatically send emails to the referees whose email addresses applicants have provided. Therefore, applicants should inform their referees about their request for a letter of recommendation before applying. (Both recommendations must be received during the application submission period in order for the application to be processed.)

Applications should be submitted via the KF Online Application Portal (<http://apply.kf.or.kr>).

Click on the 'Apply' button at the bottom of this program announcement and complete the online application form.

<Important Reminders for the Online Application>

How to Apply

- You must first register as member of KF Online Application Portal (<http://apply.kf.or.kr>) before applying.
- The 'Apply' button is only activated during the application period from July 1 to August 31, 2022.
- Bibliographies or citations in any publications or dissertations included with the application must follow APA or MLA style.
- Click the 'Temporary Save' button whenever you make any changes to the application, particularly when attaching supplemental documents.

Responsibilities

Fellowship recipients must progress to the next-higher language level for each term of study. After the fellowship period has ended, recipients must submit a final report of their results to the Foundation in accordance with a format provided by the KF.

1. In 2023, the institution at which fellowship recipients will take courses is a university in Korea selected by the KF. Recipients cannot choose another institution.
2. Recipients must begin their fellowship periods in March or September 2023.
3. Recipients may not defer enrollment to the following year.
4. During the fellowship period, fellowship recipients may not receive support from another KF program or another institution.
5. During the fellowship period, recipients may not engage in any type of profit generating or remunerative activity.
6. All personal informations collected as part of your application will be used for the program ONLY and submitting the application will be regarded as your consent for the collection of your personal information.
7. The number of fellowship recipients is subject to change due to budgetary considerations.
8. An email with guidance regarding the interview will be sent in November 2021 for those who passed the document review. Those who fail to take the interview for any personal reasons, including not checking their email accounts, will not be selected.
9. Please refer to the attached FAQ for further inquiries.

Important Reminders for the Fellowship

Inquiries about the program: kwjang@kf.or.kr

For questions regarding the online application portal, please contact: tech-support@kf.or.kr

Contact

Please note: We do not answer questions via phone. Please read the instructions carefully before applying.

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