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**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : The Heads of Councils, Agencies, DOST Regional Offices,  
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FROM : DR. LEAH J. BUENDIA  
Assistant Secretary for International Cooperation &  
OIC, Office of the Undersecretary for S&T Services

DATE : 24 March 2017

SUBJECT : KOICA Scholarship Program

Please be informed that the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) is offering scholarship programs for this year, 2017.

Attached is the letter of invitation and guidelines for recommendation of applicants for your reference. For more details on the field of study and application forms, you may likewise refer to the university's homepage.

If you wish to participate or nominate member/s of your staff, please submit the basic documentary requirements on or before **3 April, 2017** to this office or get in touch with the HRDP Secretariat at tel. number 837-2017 local 2015/2530.

Should you have questions, kindly coordinate with the KOICA Secretariat at tel. no. 403-9780 or e-mail at [ciat.philippines@koica.go.kr](mailto:ciat.philippines@koica.go.kr).

Thank you.

Department of Science and Technology  
Office of the Undersecretary for S&T Services (OUSECSTS)



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17 March 2017

**HON. FORTUNATO T. DE LA PEÑA**

Secretary

Department of Science and Technology  
DOST Compound, Gen. Santos Avenue,  
Bicutan, Taguig, Metro Manila

Dear **Secretary De La Peña**:

We are pleased to inform your office of the KOICA Scholarship Programs for this year, 2017:

Course: **Master's Degree Program in Energy Science and Policy**  
Institute: Graduate School of International Studies, Ajou University  
Duration: August 2017 – January 2019 (18 months)  
Deadline: 12 April 2017  
Homepage: <http://www.ajou.ac.kr/en/>

Course: **Master's Degree Program in Global Health Security**  
Institute: Graduate School of Public Health, Yonsei University  
Duration: August 2017 – January 2019 (18 months)  
Deadline: 12 April 2017  
Homepage: <http://gsph.yonsei.ac.kr/en/>

Course: **Master's Degree Program in Global ICT Policy**  
Institute: Graduate School of Global Development and Cooperation,  
Pusan National University  
Duration: August 2017 – January 2019 (18 months)  
Deadline: 12 April 2017  
Homepage: <https://www.pusan.ac.kr>

Course: **Master's Degree Program in Agricultural Production**  
Institute: Graduate School of Kyungpook National University  
Duration: August 2017 – December 2018 (17 months)  
Deadline: 12 April 2017  
Homepage: <http://en.knu.ac.kr/>

Course: **Master's Degree Program in SMART-Agricultural Engineering**  
Institute: Graduate School of International Development and Cooperation,  
Hankyong National University  
Duration: August 2017 – December 2018 (17 months)  
Deadline: 12 April 2017  
Homepage: <http://www.hknu.ac.kr/web/eng/home>

Course: **Master's Degree Program in Agricultural Economics**  
Institute: Kangwon National University  
Duration: August 2017 – December 2018 (17 months)  
Deadline: 12 April 2017  
Homepage: <http://www.kangwon.ac.kr/english/main/main.php>

Course: **Master's Degree Program in Water Resources Management**  
Institute: Graduate School of Water Resources, Sungkyunkwan University  
Duration: August 2017 – December 2018 (17 months)  
Deadline: 12 April 2017  
Homepage: <http://web.skku.edu/~gswr/>

Course: **Master's Degree Program in Fisheries Science**  
Institute: Graduate School of Global Fisheries, Pukyong National University  
Duration: July 2017 – December 2018 (17 months)  
Deadline: 12 April 2017  
Homepage: <http://gsgf-e.pknu.ac.kr/00main/main.php>

Please be advised however, that there are no specified slots for each participating country since this will be a competition-based academic program. As such, we would like to request through your office to nominate one (1) to two (2) qualified applicants for each program.

Enclosed for your reference are the program overview, guideline for recommendation of applicants, KOICA application forms, and the documents requested by the universities to be accomplished by the applicants. For more details on the field of study and academic information, you may likewise refer to the university's homepage.

Should you have questions, kindly coordinate with our Program Officer, Ms. Mary Gold D. Esparas, at tel. no. 403-9780 or e-mail her at [ciat.philippines@koica.go.kr](mailto:ciat.philippines@koica.go.kr).

We look forward to receiving your nominations in due time. Thank you.

Yours truly,

  
SHIN Myung Seop  
Country Director

# Guideline for Recommendation of Applicants

## 1. Program Overview

The Korea International Cooperation Agency was founded as a government agency to maximize the effectiveness of Korea's grant aid programs for developing countries by implementing the government's grant aid and technical cooperation programs. With a mission to support Human Resources Development (HRD) in developing countries, KOICA invites talented people from developing countries and helps them gain professional and systematic knowledge that will play a key role in their home country's development.

To accomplish this mission, KOICA has been operating master's degree courses with leading Korean universities in the fields of economics, ICT, Health, fisheries science, women's empowerment, rural development, public administration, etc.

By experiencing and learning about Korea's remarkable development throughout the stay, participants will gain considerable expertise and strengthen their analytical abilities. To enhance the effectiveness of the program, KOICA is constantly cooperating with domestic universities to diversify the field and expand their budget.

## 2. Recommendation of Applicants

KOICA receives the recommendations of applicants from the government of its partner countries. Each country can recommend a **maximum of four (4) applicants**. Each University selects **up to two (2) participants for each country** based on the recommendation and the result of selection procedure.

Because KOICA receives the recommendation from the government, the applicant should submit Official Letter of the Government which approves the nomination of the applicant.

## 3. Application Eligibility

Applicants should

- Be a citizen of the Scholarship Program target country
- Be officially nominated by their government

- Be a government official or an employee in the public sector
- Below forty (40) years old
- Be a university/college graduate or have an equivalent educational background
- Have sufficient command of both spoken and written English in order to take classes conducted entirely in English and to be able to write academic reports and theses in English
- Be in good health, both physically and mentally
- Have not previously received a scholarship from the Korean government
- A participant who has once withdrawn from the program due to a failure to attain certain grades, a violation of the rules of the training institute, or a false entry is not allowed to re-apply for Scholarship Program

Specific qualifications for the respective training institute will be listed in the Program Information of each university.

#### **4. Selection Procedure**

The Selection procedure will include two rounds: an interview by the Korean embassy or KOICA office and an evaluation of the application package in Round 1, and a telephone interview by the University in Round 2.

**1) 1<sup>st</sup> round : On-site interview by the Korean embassy or KOICA office and an evaluation of the application package**

The Korean embassy or KOICA office will conduct an interview for each applicant. Based on the result of the interview of the Embassy/KOICA office and the evaluation of application package by the University, the University will select applicants for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

If an applicant lives in a country where the Embassy/KOICA office does not exist or lives far from the capital city, he/she may be exempted from the interview in the 1<sup>st</sup> round in consultation with the Embassy/KOICA office.

**2) 2<sup>nd</sup> round : Telephone interview by the University**

Interviews will be conducted only for those who have passed the first round, and the Embassy/KOICA office in the country will contact the person individually to set an appointment for the interview.

The interview will be conducted in the KOICA office or the Korean embassy. The

candidates will pass the identification process before having the interview.

#### **5. Notification of Final Nominees**

When final nominee is selected, the Korean embassy or KOICA office will notify that individual (The University will not contact the nominees directly.), and the information related to the departure will be distributed to the participants. Postponement or cancellation of the enrollment is not allowed, in principle.