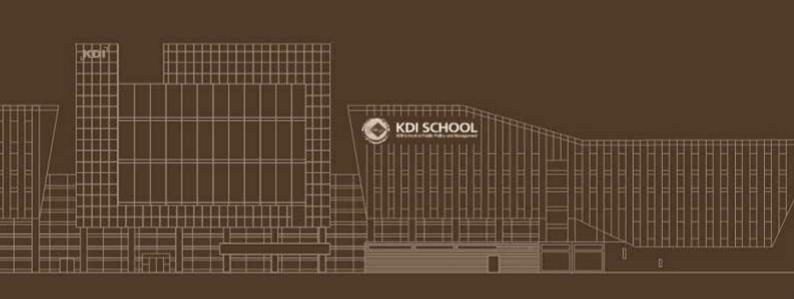
KDI SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

FALL 2024 Application Guidelines for International Students

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Master's Program





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I. Overview

Admission Schedule

No	Procedure	Schedule	Notes	
1	Online Application + Document Upload	April 1 09:00 ~ April 19 18:00, 2024 (KST)	 The online application is available at https://gradnet.kr/kdis/main Online Recommendation Letters must be submitted by the recommenders before 24:00 KST on the closing date. ** Once the online application is submitted, changes CANNOT be made. 	
2	Document Review	April 22 ~ May 12, 2024	 Only applications (including the survey) that are successfully submitted by the deadline will be valid. 	
3	Document Review Result	May 27, 2024	 The document review result will be announced by email and posted on "Notice" on the admissions website Only the applicants who pass the document review will be invited to the interview round. 	
4	Interview (Online)	May 30 ~ June 5, 2024	· The interview will be conducted via Zoom.	
5	Final Result	June 19, 2024	The final result will be announced by email and posted on "Notice" on the admissions website.	
6	Document Submission (for Accepted Students Only) & Registration	~ July 3, 2024	 All documents must be in one envelope and arrive no later than the deadline(July 3, 2024). Please refer to guidelines on V. Apostille/Consular Legalization carefully and send the documents accordingly via post-mail. ** According to the Korean Immigration law, the Visa support letter will only be issued when your academic documents are submitted with proper legalization. Late arrival may result in reduction of monthly stipend or admission revocation. Since the submitted documents will NOT be returned in any case, please process the authentication on the photocopies of original diploma and submit the certified documents. The admitted students will be able to access the Admission Package(documents) from KDIS Student MIS upon successful submission of required documents. 	
8	Program Entrance September 2024 The Fall semester is scheduled to begin in early September students are expected to arrive on campus around the August, 2024(TBA).			

 $[\]ensuremath{\mathbb{X}}$ The above schedule is subject to change.

♦ Important Notice

(1) QUALIFICATION & ELIGIBILITY

- 1. If an applicant submits the application or supporting documents which are *incomplete*, he/she will be *disqualified* from the admission process *immediately*.
- 2. All applicants must hold an official graduation certificate before they apply to KDI School. Expected graduates from Korean or Japanese universities may submit the Certificate of Expected Graduation during application, and re-submit the actual graduate certificate within the respective deadline if admitted (For graduates from Korean universities: before end of August, for graduates from Japanese universities: end of September).
- 3. <u>Accepted students CANNOT defer their admission or scholarship under any circumstances.</u> Any such requests will NOT be granted and will result in withdrawal of admission and forfeiture of scholarship.
- Not registering or leaving the school voluntarily will have a negative impact in future admissions.
- 4. The admission will be cancelled at school's discretion even after registration in the following cases:
 - 1) If any grounds for disqualification are found.
 - 2) If any information in the application (documents) are found to be false, counterfeit or, if any fraudulent acts are found which had been involved during the admission process.
 - 3) If a student has omitted their academic(higher/tertiary education) history(records) from the application.
 - 4) If a student does not submit the documents (with proper legalization) required by the Admissions office before the deadline or submitted false documents.
 - 5) If a student does not enter Korea within the designated arrival period without prior consent from the school and/or if their visa application is rejected by the Korean embassy (or Korea Immigration Service/Office) and thus, unable to enter Korea before the semester begins.
 - 6) If a student is found to have dual registration(being registered in another university/institution at the same time).
- 5. Other details not specified in the application guidelines are subject to the decision of the Admissions Committee of KDI School of Public Policy and Management.

(2) ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TESTS

- 6. From 2024 Fall Admissions, the English Proficiency Test Score is mandatory for ALL applicants, apart from the condition detailed below.
- 7. MOI(Medium of Instruction) is no longer accepted. Submitting an MOI will lead to automatic disqualification.

Test (8 types)	① TOEIC	② TOEFL (iBT,including Home Edition)	③ TOEFL (CBT)	④ TOEFL (ITP)	⑤ IELTS (including Online)	© OPIC	⑦ New TEPS	® Duolingo
Minimum Required Score	750	72	212	543	6.0	IM3	286	100

⁻ The tests must be taken no more than 2 years prior to the application deadline

8. Only applicants who have received their degree(Bachelor's degree or higher) from the following countries are automatically exempt from submitting an English Proficiency Test Report: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Belize, Canada (excluding Quebec), Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, UK, USA

(3) DOCUMENT AUTHENTICATION & SUBMISSION

9. For international students, please make sure to have your academic supporting documents (degree certificates and transcripts) <u>authenticated with an Apostille</u> OR <u>Consular-authenticated by the Korean embassy</u> before you apply to KDI School.

10. Accepted students must submit the required documents to KDI School via post by July 3, 2024.

[Mailing Address]

Admissions Office, KDI School of Public Policy and Management 263 Namsejong-ro, Sejong, Republic of Korea (30149)

- TOEFL iBT and IELTS reports can be submitted online through the test institution's website and will be considered as an original. Other English Proficiency Test Reports must be submitted in **original** certificate.
 - * TOEFL iBT Score Reports can be submitted online via ETS(Institution Code: 6442).
 - * IELTS Score Reports can be submitted online via British Council website(Click).
- * We do NOT accept scanned or photocopied documents, nor the true original diploma certificates.
- ** For authentication/legalization regarding the academic documents, please refer to V. Apostille/Consular
 Legalization section.
- * As it could take up a few months to get the documents legalized depending on where you process the authentication, please initiate the process in advance.
- 11. The documents will <u>NOT</u> be <u>returned</u> to the applicant under any circumstances once submitted according to the policy of KDI School of Public Policy and Management.
- 12. Accepted students will be registered for the **National Health Insurance** according to the National Health Insurance Act and the Enforcement Rules of the same Act.

(4) NEW MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM LAUNCHED

13. Beginning with 2024 Fall admissions, we are excited to introduce a new master's degree program, the Master of Data Science for Public Policy and Mangement(MDSPPM). For latest updates, please visit our official website: https://www.kdischool.ac.kr/Please make sure to check official website for updates.

(5) CHANGES TO 2026 FALL ADMISSION

14. Starting with the 2026 Academic Year, admission for KDIS internal scholarships (GAS, Seoul G20) will only be held ONCE a year (for Spring Admission), indicating that admission for these scholarship categories will no longer be open for Fall Admissions.

Academic Programs

Master's Program	Master of Public Policy (MPP)	Master of Development Policy (MDP)	Master of Public Management (MPM)	Master of Data Science for Public Policy and Management (MDS)			
Program Type	Full-time ¹⁾						
Program Duration ²⁾		year) ntry					
Graduation Requirements ⁴⁾							
Concentrations	 Finance and Macroeconomic Policy Trade and Industrial Policy Public Finance and Social Policy Regional Development and Environment Policy 	Sustainable DevelopmentInternational Development	 Public Administratio and Leadership Strategic Management Global Governance and Political Economy 	- Data Science for Public Policy and Management			
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- 1) Full-time students are NOT allowed to work during their study(stay) period in Korea.
- 2) The stay duration may differ by each scholarship.
- 3) Residence requirement is only for 3 terms and students are required to complete the Graduation Research Project in their home country (may vary by each scholarship's conditions)
- 4) Early graduation is eligible up to one term early in case overall GPA is at least 3.9 and above(out of 4.0).

II. Program Qualifications

Academic Qualifications

(Fall admission) Applicants for the Master's degree program must meet one of the following criteria: (① or ②)

- ① A Bachelor's degree holder from an accredited college or university. (minimum 3 years)
- 2 Educational attainment equivalent to a Bachelor's degree (minimum 3 years) approved by law.
- * Applicants must hold a Master's degree if their Bachelor's degree program duration was less than 3 years.
- * All applicants must hold an official graduation certificate before they apply to KDI School.
- * Expected graduates from Korean or Japanese universities may submit the Certificate of Expected Graduation during application, and re-submit the actual graduate certificate within the respective deadline if admitted (For graduates from Korean universities: before end of August, for graduates from Japanese universities: end of September).

Scholarship Eligibility

- 1. Applicants who have already benefited from any Korean government scholarship(including KDI School) on a Master's or Doctoral level are <u>NOT eligible</u> to receive another scholarship for an equivalent degree at KDI School. In this case, the accepted students must bear full tuition fee and living expenses on their own if they want to register.
- 2. International Applicants must meet one of the following terms: 1) or 2)
 - Those with dual citizenship(nationality) with Korean national are not eligible.
 - 1) A foreign national whose parents are both foreign nationals.
- 2) A foreign national of Korean descent must meet one of the following terms: (① or ②)
 - ① <u>Your parents must be foreign nationals and submit</u> (1) a certified copy of birth certificate proving your relationship with both your parents and (2) a copy of both parents' passports demonstrating their foreign nationalities.
 - ② <u>Must complete at least 16 years of education</u> (elementary, middle, high school, and university) in a foreign country and submit (1) certified copies of academic transcripts and (2) graduation certificates of your entire 16 years of education.

III. Scholarships

Scholarship for Master's Programs

KDI School provides extensive scholarship opportunities for international students. All students who are accepted will be considered for a scholarship at KDI School.

The majority of international students receive 100% scholarship benefits, which are determined by the admissions committee. Therefore, applicants only need to submit their application through our online application system before the deadline. Separate application for a scholarship cannot be made.

For detailed information on scholarships, please refer to the latest school brochure(Click).

Scholarship			Eligibility & Benefits
			All applicants who meet the Academic Degree Qualification ▶ Select 'KDIS Scholarship' when creating an online application
Scholarship Overview Global Lea ** Seoul G may be of - The schol applicants		•	 Accepted students will be given Global Ambassador Scholarship(GAS) or Seoul G20 Global Leaders Scholarship. ※ Seoul G20 Scholarship is provided to a limited number of students only and GAS may be offered instead even if the applicant meets the qualifications. The scholarship will be decided by the Admissions Committee according to applicants' strengths and capabilities and will be announced in the final result. For scholarship benefits, please refer to the Admissions website(Click).
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^{*}The scholarship may be subject to change based on decisions from the sponsoring institutes.

IV. Application Documents (to Upload/Submit)

No	Required	Application Documents							
		Online Application & Online Statement of Purpose(SOP)							
1	Required	 Create the Online Application & SOP through KDI School's application portal(click) Applicants can apply for one program only. Applicant's basic information(name, DOB etc) must match with the ones on their passport. Any information written on the application form should be identical with the ones on submitted documents. Must include all academic history and records, except for primary/secondary education. Please make sure to state correct information such as CGPA(Grade, Score), grading scale(maximum score) and admission&graduation date. * Applicants are NOT allowed to submit their SOP(including study plan) drafted by the Al based software such as ChatGPT. 							
		Applicant's Pho	oto						
2	Required	 Head shots in the Passport size only: 35x45mm File format: JPG only / Size limit: less than 3MB Selfie or full length/group photos are NOT allowed and Please upload a photo that meets the format and secifications. 							
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		A Copy of Passport							
3	Required	 A passport which is valid at least until August 2025 (December 2026 for IBK scholarship). A copy of passport page with the holder's personal information If you have more than one passport, please submit the one which will be used for visa application. X The period of stay will be granted only within passport validity period. Please refer to the notice from the Ministry of Justice & Korea Immigration Service. (click) X If you are a resident in Korea, submit a copy of your Residence Card(ARC) as well. 							
		Online Surve	у						
4	Required	· Online Survey is available on the last step in the application portal and must be done before you complete/submit the application.							
		TWO(2) Online Recommer	ndation Letters						
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Required (*)

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- * Certificate(s) must be ORIGINAL document (certified certificates are NOT acceptable)
- * The tests must have been taken within 2 years of the application deadline.
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Official Diploma or Graduation Certificate

- · Official Bachelor's(minimum 3years) degree certificates from undergraduate institutions
- <u>Applicants who already hold Master's or Ph.D. degree</u> must submit certificates from both undergraduate and graduate institutions.

* The certificate(including translation for non-English document) must be 1) Apostilled Or 2) Consular-certified by Korean Embassy - Please refer to <u>V. Apostille/Consular Legalization</u> section

- * Any unofficial, provisional(temporary) graduation certificates are NOT acceptable.
- ** The certificate must indicate 'Bachelor/Master's/Ph.D. Degree' or 'Equivalent to a Bachelor/Master's/Ph.D. Degree and a date of graduation.

Official Transcripts

- · Official Bachelor's degree transcripts from undergraduate institutions
- <u>Applicants who already hold Master's or Ph.D. degree</u> must submit transcripts from both undergraduate and graduate institutions.
- Must submit an official transcript indicating the final(overall) CGPA/Grade/Score.
- * If your transcript does not have a CGPA/Grading system information or does not meet the grading scale, please refer to 'Grading System' section and prepare a supporting document.
- Must provide **a full record of the courses** you have taken throughout the years of studying. (Examination results are **NOT** acceptable)
- ** The transcripts(including translation for non-English document) must be 1) Apostilled Or 2) Consular-certified by Korean Embassy Please refer to V. Apostille/Consular Legalization section
- * Applicants who transferred to another university must submit the academic records of the previous university as a supplementary document. Applicants must state both academic records in their application separately.

7 Required (*)

8 Required(*)

Grading System

- · If your transcript does not specify the CGPA information and its scale(maximum score) or, does not meet one of the scales below, please submit supporting documents which describe the grading system certified by the university.
- If applicants convert their grades(CGPA) through a converting tool such as scholaro.com, wes.org, etc., the converted one must be officially certified by the university from which they graduated (additional Apostille/Consular legalization is not required for this document).
- Failure to submit the grading system along with official transcripts is considered as 'incomplete submission' and will automatically be disqualified from the admission process.

[Grading Scale(Maximum Score)]

GPA Scale	100% Scale	US Grade	10 Point Scale	20 Point Scale	Degree Class
4.0 or	Percentage (%)	А	1~10	1~20	First Class/Division
4.3 or		В			Second Class/Division
4.5 or 5.0		С			Third Class/Division

* KDI School accepts the following documents as an official grading system:

- 1) A grading system in the official transcripts
- 2) An official letter issued by Registrar office explaining the grading system of the university - must bear the stamp/seal and signature of the issuing university
- 3) A PDF file with the link of the university's grading system uploaded on the university's homepage

Employment Verification/Certificate

- · Must specify the employment **period and position/job title** clearly.
- The verification should indicate the **organization's category** (e.g. Government/Public Institution, Private Company, NGO, IGO, etc.)
- · Must be written and signed by the HR officer or supervisor of the applicant with an official seal/stamp.
- * (Current) Employment Verification MUST be 1) issued within three(3) months from the application deadline 2) original or apostilled/consular legalized document and 3) bear stamp/seal and signature of the issuing institution.
- * Additional official nomination letter(with study leave granted) from (deputy)head of the institution is highly recommended for those working in the government and public
- * Any professional/career experience without a proper employment certificate will NOT be considered.
- * Do **NOT** upload an Appointment letter/Employment contracts/Pay slips.
- * The form can be downloaded from 'Admission Documents' from the Admissions website(Click). However, it is **not** necessary to use the KDI School's form.

Video Essay

- · Create a YouTube video and insert a link when you fill out your online application.
- · Please refer to "VI. Video Essay" for more information.

(For Foreign nationals of **Korean descent only**)

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- · Applicant's birth certificate and both parents' passports
- · OR Graduation certificates with academic transcripts of applicant's entire 16 years of education from foreign countries

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Optional

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- ** For accepted students, required documents(Original documents in hard copies) with (*) mark must arrive at the Admissions Office via post no later than July 3, 2024. Late submissions will result in automatic withdrawal of admission offer.
- ** Applicants from Pakistan are required to prepare an IELTS Score as it is one of the requirements for a student visa application at the Korean Embassy in Pakistan. In addition, as other embassies may have different, unique visa requirements, and applicants are strongly recommended to check with the respective embassies for the latest visa requirements.

V. Apostille/Consular Legalization

The Apostille legalization is used when public documents are being transferred between countries that are a party to the Hague Apostille Convention(1961). Documents issued in signatory country should be legalized with Apostille to ensure the validity in the foreign countries.

Please check the updated signatory country list from the link below and proceed to ① or ② or ③ or ④ depending on where you earned your degree from.

Click https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41

① Academic documents issued in a Apostille signatory country

- Submit Required Documents with Apostille legalization (including translation for non-English document).
- Please obtain an exemplification(등본인증) from the apostille issuing government authority on a notarized copy. Do NOT get the stamp/seal on the true original certificate.

2 Academic documents issued in a Non-signatory country

- Submit Required Documents that are <u>consular-verified by the Korean Embassy</u>(including translation for <u>non-English document</u>).
- If there is no Korean Embassy in the country where your university is located, please search for the Korean embassy in charge.
- Please obtain an exemplification(등본인증) from the Korean embassy on a notarized copy. Do NOT get the stamp/seal on the true original certificate.
- * The requirements for Consular legalization vary by Embassy. Please contact the Embassy for further information.

3 Academic documents issued by Universities in the Republic of Korea

- Documents issued by the Korean institutions does not need to be Apostilled or authenticated by the Korean Embassy.
- Please submit the official documents with a valid verification code issued by the university.

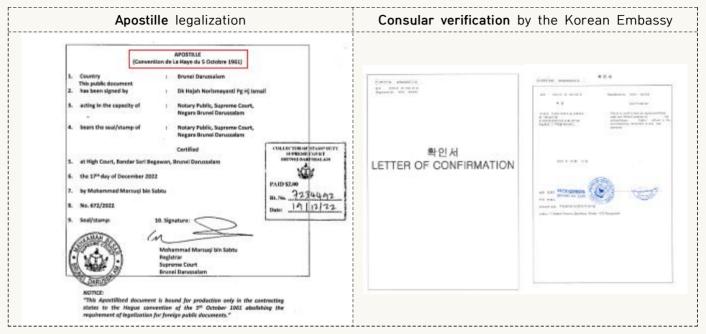
Academic documents issued in China

- Submit Required Documents that are <u>consular-verified by the Korean Embassy</u>(including translation for <u>non-English document</u>).
- The documents must be originally issued by the China Academic Degree & Graduate Education Development Center(CDGDC) or China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center(CHESICC/CHSI).
- * It is the Applicant's responsibility to submit the corresponding documents in time since there will be no visa support for the accepted applicants who submit their documents without proper legalization.
- * It is MANDATORY to process Apostille or Consular Legalization. No exceptions will be made to this requirement. Documents authenticated solely by public notary, commissioner for oaths or advocate attorneys, or universities/working institutions are NOT acceptable.
- Photocopies are <u>NOT accepted</u> in any case.
- * True original diplomas will **NOT** be accepted. Should you submit such a document, they will be disposed of and will not be returned under any circumstances.

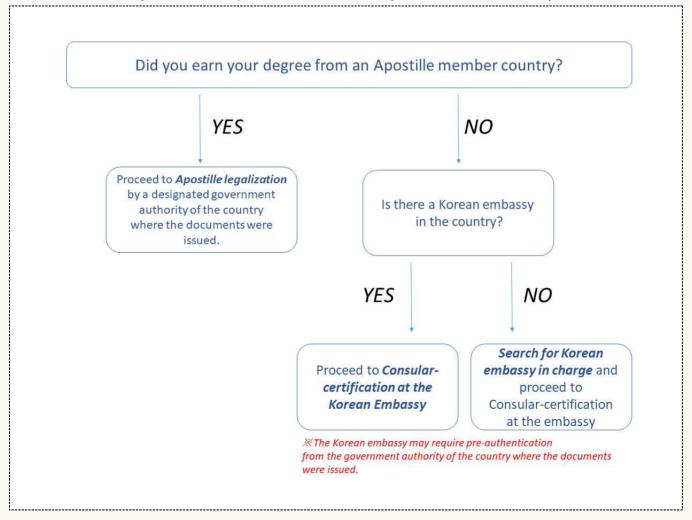


Tips on how to legalize your documents

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〈 Legalization Cases 〉

- CASE 1 If you are a Uzbekistan national, and received your Bachelor's degree in Uzbekistan, your academic documents must be "Apostilled" by your government's designated authority.
- CASE 2 If you are a Thai national, but you received your Bachelor's degree from India, your academic documents must be "Apostilled" by the designated Indian government authority.
- CASE 3 If you are a Cambodian national, and received your Bachelor's degree in Cambodia, your academic documents must be "Consular-certified" at the Korean embassy in Cambodia.
- CASE 4 If you are a Gambian national, and received your Bachelor's degree in Gambia, your academic documents must be "Consular-certified" at the Korean embassy in Senegal since there's no Korean embassy in Gambia.
- CASE 5 If you are a Liberian national, but you received your Bachelor's degree from Sierra Leone, your academic documents must be "Consular-certified" at the Korean embassy in Nigeria since there's no Korean embassy in Sierra Leone.

VI. Video Essay (Optional)

- . If you decide to submit a video essay, please prepare a short video by answering the following question:

 "What do you do? And how do you think KDI School's education will change what you do?"
- . 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 have an access to it.
- . The applicant is also responsible for adhering to the terms and conditions of the website he/she 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 3 minute long.



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VII. Contact Information

Inquiry: internationaladmissions@kdis.ac.kr for KDI School's internal scholarships (GAS, Seoul G20) internationaladmissions2@kdis.ac.kr for other external scholarships

Mailing Address (Document Submission for Accepted Students)

Admissions office, KDI School of Public Policy and Management

263 Namsejong-ro, Sejong, Republic of Korea (30149)

* Please specify the 'Admissions Office' so that the documents can be delivered properly.

Website

Office Working Hours: 09:00~12:00

13:00~18:00 (Monday~Friday, KST)