Program Information

2026

KOICA-Yeungnam University Master's Degree Program in Future Automotive Industry Specialists Training Based on Mechanical Engineering

September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2028

Gyeongsan, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Republic of Korea

KOICA
Korea International Cooperation Agency

Yeungnam University
Yeungnam University

We strongly recommend that applicants carefully review and adhere to the instructions provided in the Program Information.

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Ⅰ. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

▣ Program Title: KOICA-YU Master's Degree Program in **Future Automotive Industry Specialists Training Based on Mechanical Engineering**

▣ Duration Details

- **Academic duration: September 1, 2026 ~ August 31, 2028 (24 months)**
- **Stay duration: September 1, 2026 ~ August 31, 2028 (24 months)**

The schedule is subject to change in accordance with internal circumstance or KOICA's Instruction.

▣ Degree: Master of Engineering

**** Please note that the course title and the degree title may differ. The degree will be conferred in accordance with the degree title indicated in the PI. (For KOICA certificates, the program title will be included.)***

****It is not limited solely to the future automotive field; it applies to all areas of mechanical engineering, so support is available.***

▣ Objectives

1) To cultivate engineers and R&D professionals capable of leading industrial transformation in developing countries.
2) To acquire the knowledge and technical expertise required to develop technologies and process methodologies demanded by industry.
3) To foster industry-aligned engineers by integrating Korean language training and internship experience into the master's degree program to meet the needs of the industrial sector.

▣Training Institute: **Department of Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School at Yeungnam University, Republic of Korea**

▣ Number of Participants: 10

▣ Language: English

The training is conducted entirely in English. Therefore, a high level of English proficiency is essential. This includes advanced skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening, equivalent to the proficiency required for university-level studies.

▣ **Accommodations:** Gyeongsangbuk-do Global Exchange Center

- Room Type: Shared One Room (Two bed) (Dormitory)
- Address:

  (ENG) 149, Gyeyang-ro, Gyeongsan Gyeongsangbuk 38616, Republic of Korea

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Ⅱ. PROGRAM CONTENTS

1. ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Term	Date	Contents / Remarks
Preparatory Session	**2026.08.22.**	**Arrival**
	TBD	**KOICA Orientation**
	2026.08.27.	**University Orientation**
Fall Semester (1st semester)	**2026.09.01.-2026.12.20.**	Graduate Coursework Special Korean Language Course I
Winter Break	**2026.12.21.-2027.02.28.**	Special Korean Language Course II
Spring Semester (2nd semester)	**2027.03.01.-2027.06.20.**	Graduate Coursework Special Korean Language Course III
Summer Break	**2027.06.21.-2027.08.31.**	Special Korean Language Course IV
Fall Semester (3rd semester)	**2027.09.01.-2027.12.19.**	Graduate Coursework Special Korean Language Course V
Winter Break	**2027.12.20.-2028.02.28.**	Special Korean Language Course VI
Spring Semester (4th semester)	**2028.03.01.-2028.06.20.**	Graduate Coursework
Internship Program	**TBD**	The industry internship program is offered throughout the semester.

*THE ABOVE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**A DETAILED PROGRAM SCHEDULE WILL BE PROVIDED UPON ARRIVAL.

***ARRIVAL IN KOREA & KOICA ORIENTATION (OFFLINE) / THE SCHEDULE ABOVE IS TENTATIVE.

2. CURRICULUM

1) CURRICULUM & CREDITS

1-1) REGULAR-COURSE

Type	Course Title
Required (3+ Credits)	-Linear Algebra -Introduction to Applied Mathematics -Finite Element Method -Numerical Analysis -Optimization Technique
Electives (6+ Credits)	-Vibrations of Linear Systems -Micro-Optical System -Nano/Micro Fabrication Process -Smart Composites and Applications -Future Mobility Electric Motor -Artificial Intelligence for Advanced Materials Design -Optimal Control Theory -Integrated Robotics Systems -Advanced Condition Monitoring Based on Oil Analysis -Lubrication Engineering -Advanced Machine Design -Mechanics of Composite Materials -Advances Components Convergent Design for Future Vehicles -Advanced Artificial Intelligence -Special Topics in Secondary Battery for Electric Vehicles- -Automotive Illumination Optics -Microsystem Design -Advanced Heat Exchanger Theory -Rotational Machine Design
Research for the Master's Degree (6 Credits)	- Research for the Master's Degree I, II, III
Research Ethics (1 Credit)	- Research Ethics

2) GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a master's degree must complete the following requirements:

① Coursework Requirements

- Complete 24 credits of coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (B) or above
- Coursework must include: 3 credits of basic/common courses (at least 6 credits of major courses and complete 6 research credits and 1 credit in research ethics)
- Submit a master's thesis

※ Additional Requirement:

Students who are assigned prerequisite (supplementary) courses must complete the designated courses in their first semester, as specified by their department.

② Korean Language Requirement

Students must meet one of the following conditions:

- Submit an official Korean language test score: TOPIK Level 4 or higher
- Have obtained a degree in Korea
- Complete Level 2A or higher in the university's Korean language program

※ Test scores must be valid within two (2) years at the time of submission.

③ Comprehensive Examination

Students must pass a comprehensive examination as a requirement for graduation

Eligibility:

- Completion of at least four semesters of enrollment
- Students must have satisfied the Korean language requirement (for international students)
- Subjects and Passing Criteria: Determined according to departmental regulations

④ Completion Requirements

- To be eligible for graduation, students must: Complete at least four semesters of enrollment
- Fulfill all coursework and credit requirements (Satisfy any additional departmental requirements, if applicable)

⑤ Thesis

- Students must obtain approval from the thesis advisory committee
- Submit the final thesis or research report

3. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (TENTATIVE)

1) Intensive Korean Language Program

Yeungnam University includes the Intensive Korean Language Program as a mandatory component of its degree requirements, emphasizing the importance of students demonstrating proficiency in the Korean language. This program is thoughtfully designed to not only enhance students' Korean language skills but also deepen their understanding of Korean culture. It spans

three consecutive semesters, with two class being conducted in each semester. Upon completion of all six classes, students are required to pass a proficiency exam to fulfill the language requirement of their degree program.

2) Industry Internship

Yeungnam University offers industry internship opportunities for international students. This program provides hands-on experience aligned with students' academic majors, effectively bridging theory and practice. Participants acquire practical skills and competencies required in real industrial settings. The internship also enhances global competitiveness through exposure to Korean corporate culture and organizational systems. By engaging in industry-linked projects, students strengthen their problem-solving and professional capabilities. In addition, the program offers valuable networking opportunities with industry professionals, supporting future career development and employment prospects.

3) Conference Presentation

Students will attend at least one major academic conference, such as the Annual Conference of The Korean Society of Mechanical Engineers. This participation offers them a platform to present their solution ideas and policy proposals on topics related to Training Program of Future Automotive Industry Specialists Based on Mechanical Engineering. It also provides a valuable opportunity to receive feedback from experts in the field of Mechanical Engineering in Korea.

4) Forum

This Forum is designed to enhance students' presentation skills and encourage the initiation of technical papers through engagement in forum dialogues with mechanical engineering. By participating in these forums, students gain invaluable opportunities to present the findings from their issue papers at an annual conference. This program not only aids in developing their academic and professional expertise but also provides a platform for them to share their research and insights with a broader audience in the field of mechanical engineering

5) Field Study and Special Lecture

The Field Study and Special Lecture sessions offer students a comprehensive learning experience, combining practical field trips with insightful special lectures from distinguished external experts in mechanical engineering. These field trips are not limited to mechanical engineering sites; they also include visits to places of historical significance in Korea's journey towards industrialization, modernization, and rural development.

Before each trip, YU will organize a pre-trip session to provide essential background information about the site and a list of check-points for students to focus on during the visit. Following the field trips, post-trip sessions are held where students can share their feedback and engage in debriefing discussions with faculty members. This structure ensures that students not only witness the historical and current state of Korea's mechanical engineering firsthand but also actively reflect on and discuss their observations and learnings.

6) Cultural Programs

Yeungnam University seeks to offer a variety of cultural programs throughout the year, aiming to provide students with enriching extracurricular activities. These programs are designed to give students a deeper insight into Korean culture and arts. These activities not only foster cultural understanding but also contribute to the holistic development of students outside the academic realm

7) Training Program for Video Creators

Yeungnam University, in collaboration with the University's Public Relations team, offers a specialized training program for students interested in video production. This program provides an opportunity for students to learn various editing techniques and become proficient in using professional video editing equipment. The focus is on equipping students with practical skills in video creation, enhancing their ability to produce high-quality content.

8) Sports Day, Korean Thanksgiving Day and New Year Festival

Yeungnam University organizes special events such as Sports Day, Korean Thanksgiving Day, and New Year Festival to offer more than just recreational activities. These events are thoughtfully designed to foster cultural exchanges among students, thereby enhancing their sense of belonging, togetherness, and cooperation. Through these festivals and activities, students are encouraged to engage with each other and the local culture, creating a vibrant and inclusive community environment.

Ⅲ. TRAINING INSTITUTE

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1) About University:

Yeungnam University, founded in 1947, stands out as a private, comprehensive four-year institution known for its spacious and scenic campus. Located in Gyeongsan, the university is conveniently adjacent to Daegu, a major city home to 2.5 million residents. Daegu is easily accessible from Seoul in under 2 hours by KTX train. Adding to the accessibility, a subway stop is situated right at the campus entrance, offering direct connections to downtown Daegu. The university's esteemed College of Medicine and University Medical Center are also situated in Daegu.

2) About the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School

Established with a vision that resonates with Yeungnam University’s core philosophy of creating a "Safer and Happier World," the Department of Mechanical Engineering stands as a cornerstone of academic excellence and industrial innovation. With a distinguished history spanning over five decades since the inception of its graduate program in 1969, the department has consistently led South Korea’s mechanical and manufacturing sectors. Today, it leverages this rich heritage to address 21st-century global challenges, particularly through its specialized master’s program in "Future Automotive Industry Specialists Based on Manufacturing Engineering" in collaboration with KOICA.

The academic curriculum is meticulously designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of future mobility, focusing on three pivotal areas: innovative design, intelligent control, and advanced energy systems. Beyond traditional classroom learning, the department emphasizes practical, field-ready skills through a unique three-month industrial internship program. This hands-on experience, conducted in partnership with leading automotive component manufacturers in the Gyeongsang region, ensures that students can bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world manufacturing applications.

Furthermore, the department is a leader in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, integrating traditional mechanical engineering with smart manufacturing and AI-driven automotive technologies. It boasts world-class research facilities and laboratories where students engage in high-impact

projects alongside renowned faculty members. Strong partnerships with global industrial giants, such as Hyundai, Mando and Hwasin, provide students with unparalleled networking and career development opportunities.

As a top-tier institution—consistently recognized in national evaluations and supported by major government projects like BK21 and RISE—the department maintains an exceptional faculty-to-student ratio, ensuring intensive and personalized research guidance. By joining this program, students become part of a prestigious global alumni network that spans dozens of countries, all committed to the ethos of "Inspiring minds, joining hands, sharing globally." The Department of Mechanical Engineering at Yeungnam University is not merely teaching technology; it is empowering the next generation of global leaders to build a sustainable and prosperous future through engineering excellence.

3) University Information

- Yeungnam University Homepage: https://www.yu.ac.kr/english/index.do
- University Introduction (PR Video): **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBjtJk7RzMQ**

4) Academic Information

- Department of Information and Communication Engineering (Overview): https://www.yu.ac.kr/english/academics/mechanical.do
- Department Website (Graduate Program): https://megrad.yu.ac.kr/megrad/lab/solid-and-material-field.do

5) Campus Life

- Dormitory Information: https://ggec.happydorm.or.kr/eng/00/0000.do
- Campus Virtual Tour: https://www.yu.ac.kr/_vr_new/en/index.html

2. ACCOMMODATION

Participants of the KOICA-YU Master's Degree Program will be accommodated in on-campus housing, specifically in a university dormitory known as the Gyeongbuk Global Exchange Center. This facility, purpose-built for international students, is conveniently located just a 10-minutes' walk from the main campus.

The Gyeongbuk Global Exchange Center does not offer a meal plan. However, it provides a communal kitchen where students can prepare their own meals. Additionally, students have the option to use the school cafeterias for their dining needs. It is important for residents to be aware that they are required to follow all the rules and regulations established for the dormitory.

The restricted entry hours for the Dormitory are from 00:30AM -05:00AM

Facility	Details
Dormitory Rooms	All rooms are fully furnished shared double rooms with internet access and 220V (nationwide standard) electric outlets. Note that bedding (blankets, bed cover, bed sheet, bed pad, and pillow) is not provided.
Student Lounge	The Center has a lounge on each floor where students can relax, watch TV, check their e-mails, do homework, read, or just hang out. Lounges are equipped with satellite TVs and couches. The space offers comfortable surroundings for casual conversations.
Communal Kitchen	The Center also has communal kitchens on each floor, where all residents can cook for themselves. The facilities in the kitchen include tables, chairs, electric burners, microwaves, refrigerators, cooking utensils, etc.

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3. OTHER INFORMATION

1) Mentorship Program

YU proudly offers a mentorship program designed to achieve two main objectives:
Initial Adjustment and Support: The first objective is to facilitate the smooth transition of new students into their new environment. This aspect of the program pairs seniors or currently enrolled students (mentors) with incoming freshmen (mentees). Mentors play a crucial role in helping mentees adapt to campus life and in guiding their development of specific skills and knowledge for both professional and personal growth.
Long-term Impact and Community Leadership: The second objective extends beyond the immediate YU experience. After completing the YU program and returning to their home countries, graduates are encouraged to assume mentorship roles within their communities. This continuation of the mentorship spirit enables them to guide community leaders back home, leveraging the skills and insights they gained during their time at YU.

2) PC Lab and Library

The Department of Mechanical Engineering provides a comprehensive research environment, including high-performance PC labs and specialized software for 2D/3D modeling and simulation. To support advanced engineering research, students have full access to a 3D printing lab for prototyping, along with professional laboratories for automatic control, fluid mechanics, and solid

mechanics. In addition to the engineering library for focused study, multiple student lounges are located throughout different floors, designed to facilitate both collaborative team projects and comfortable rest.

3) Prayer Room for Muslim Students

To promote a culturally harmonious multicultural environment on the campus, the university provides prayer rooms for Muslim students.

4) Arab Cultural Center

Provided for Arab students for communication & prayer

5) Post Office

Located on the 1st floor of the amphitheater of the campus

6) Wireless LAN Service: Available everywhere on campus for free

7) Daegu Bank Branch and ATM Machine

Students may open a bank account with the Daegu Bank branch office located on campus. It also issues student identification card.

8) Health Care

① National Health Insurance(Covered by KOICA Scholarship)

※ Compulsory insurance for all international students in Korea

- Period & Insurance fee: 88,000 KRW every month

*National Health Insurance Fee is subject to change every year.

- Compulsory insurance for all international students staying in Korea

- For more details, visit website: https://www.nhis.or.kr/english/index.do

- It will be reimbursed.

② YU Health Care Service (University Insurance)

- Period & Insurance Fee: 30,500 KRW every six months

- An insured can benefit from medical services including family medicine, ophthalmology, dental clinic with no extra charge from YU Health Care Center on campus (only scaling charged KRW 10,000).

- An insured can also be reimbursed for some of his/her medical bills, if he/she brings his/her receipt from designated medical clinics or hospitals (full list is on the Health Care Center Website).

- For more details, visit website (http://health.yu.ac.kr/index.jsp)

③ Private Insurance (KOICA Medical Service for Participants)

- KOICA has opted into a ‘New Group Casualty Insurance’ for students prepare for and respond to unexpected accidents or illnesses that may occur during the training period.

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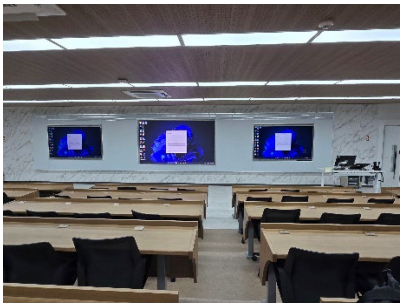
<tr><td> </td><td> </td><td>  </td></tr>
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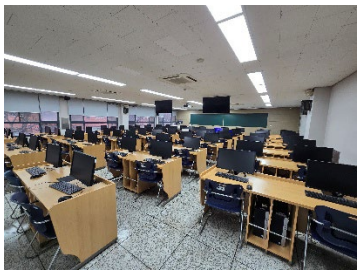
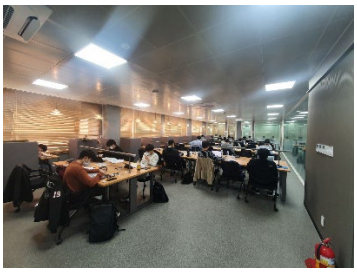
<tr><td>  </td><td> </td><td>  </td></tr>
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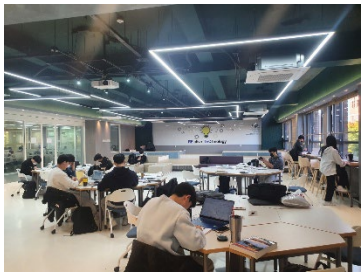
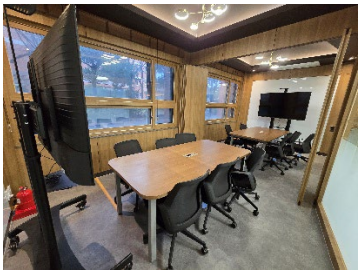
<tr><td> </td><td>  </td><td>  </td></tr>
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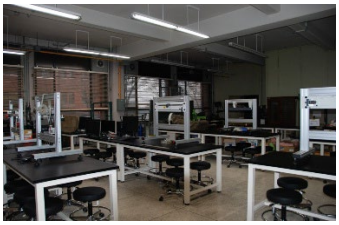
<tr><td> </td><td> </td><td>  </td></tr>
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9) Medical Facilities in City

Type	Medical Facility	Location	Business Hour	Phone Number
General	Yeungnam University Medical Center	170, Hyeonchung-ro, Nam-gu, Daegu	08:30-17:30 (E.R. 24/7)	1522-3114
	Saemyung Hospital	208, Gyeongan-ro, Gyeongsan-si	09:00-17:30	053-819-8800
Orthopedics	Euddum Orthopedics	388 Daehakro . Gyeongsan-si	09:00-18:30 (12:30-14:00 Break time)	053-812-8383
Internal Medicine	Choi Internal Medicine & Kim Department of radiology	192, Gyeongan-ro, Gyeongsan-si	09:00-19:00 (13:00-14:30 Break time)	053-812-9926
	Seoul Yeonhap Internal Medicine	336, Daehak-ro Gyeongsan-si	09:00-18:00 (12:30-14:00 Break time)	053-817-7582
Otolaryngology	Gyeongsan Yeonhap Otolaryngology	191, Gyeongan-ro, Gyeongsan-si	09:00-18:00 (12:30-14:00 Break time)	053-812-1004
Dental	LeeDaeHo Dental	338, Daehak-ro Gyeongsan-si	10:00-18:30 (13:00-14:00 Break time, not open every Thur)	053-817-2204
Dermatology	Siji Mi Dermatology	3204, Dalgubeol-daero, Suseong-gu, Daegu	09:15-18:15 (13:00-14:00 Break time, closes 13:00 every Thur)	053-792-1212
Ophthalmology	Balgeun Ophthalmology	17, Jungbang-ro, Gyeongsan-si	09:00-18:30 (13:00-14:00 Break time, closes 12:30 every Wed)	053-813-9944
Pediatrics	Sagwa Namu Pediatrics	15, Apdok 3-ro, Amnyang-eup, Gyeongsan-si	09:00-18:00 (13:00-14:30 Break time)	053-854-7575

IV. ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

1.Academic Regulation

1) Examination

- The test is conducted in the middle and at the end of each semester; however, additional tests may be conducted if necessary.
- The examination shall be based on a written answer, but may be based on oral statements, thesis, or assignments, etc., depending on the nature of the subject.
- A person who is unable to take an examination due to illness or other unavoidable reasons may report the reason to the dean of the graduate school, along with a written evidence before the commencement of the exam, and may apply for an additional examination with permission.

2) Grading System

Letter Grade	Grade Points	Marks
A+	4.5	95 - 100
A	4.0	90 - 94
B+	3.5	85 - 89
B	3.0	80 - 84
C+	2.5	75 - 79
C	2.0	70 - 74
D+	1.5	65 - 69
D	1.0	60 - 64
F	0	0 - 59
P	-	PASS

- Grade B or higher shall be the top 70%, but A or higher shall not exceed the top 35%.
- The assessment of scholastic performance for each registered course will be based on a 100-point scale and attendance, assignment, and test scores are evaluated comprehensively.
- The results of the midterm and final exams can be reflected up to 80% of the evaluation results for the semester.
- Attendance scores can be reflected up to 20% of the evaluation results for the semester.

3) Attendance

- A person who is absent in more than a quarter of the total number of class hours for each semester shall not get the grades of the subject.

2. Mandatory Dormitory Residence

All students are required to live in the dormitory. Off-campus accommodation is not permitted.

** If a fellow stays in external accommodations due to personal responsibility, separate KOICA support will not be provided.*

3. Compliance with Residency Rules

Any student found in violation of residency regulations will be expelled from the dormitory and must promptly return to their home country.

4. Graduation requirements

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Research Ethics Credit: 1</td></tr>
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and submission of the final draft</td></tr>
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5. Participant Responsibilities

Students under the KOICA scholarship program are required to:

1) Begin their scholarship in the academic year it is offered, as deferral is not permitted.
2) Diligently follow the training program and abide by the rules of the training institution (Yeungnam University).
3) Reside in accommodation designated by the training institution for the duration of the course, except during holidays or approved temporary leave. Any leave must be reported to the university in advance.
4) Maintain a satisfactory academic load and progress. Failure to meet the required grades may necessitate returning home, and in such cases, re-application for the KOICA scholarship is not allowed.
5) Actively participate in all aspects of the approved course, including lectures, tutorials, assignments, and examinations, unless prior exemption is granted by the training institution.
6) Inform the academic advisor and the YU-KOICA office at least two weeks before departure by submitting a “Request for Temporary Leave” document. The e-ticket should be submitted once issued.
7) Promptly inform the training institute of any personal or family issues, such as health or family problems, that may significantly impact their studies.
8) Refrain from participating in political activities or engaging in any employment for profit or gain.

6. WITHDRAWALS

1) In principle, a participant is not allowed to withdraw from the course at his or her own option once the course starts.
2) Withdrawal may be permitted for valid personal reasons or issues related to the participant's home country, such as health or work challenges, if deemed acceptable by KOICA. However, participants who withdraw under these circumstances will not be eligible to re-apply for KOICA's scholarship program.
3) If a participant fails to meet the grade requirements set by the training institute, they may be required to withdraw and return to their home country. In this case, these participants will not be eligible to re-apply for the scholarship program.
4) Participants who withdraw must repay the training institution the living allowance they have received for the remaining period from the date of departure from Korea.

7. TEMPORARY LEAVE

1) To maintain a focus on academic pursuits, overseas travel during the program period in Korea is generally discouraged.
2) During school vacations, participants may opt for a temporary leave to their home country or elsewhere abroad, provided it does not interfere with their academic responsibilities, Korean language training, or industry internships, and that prior approval has been secured from the university.
3) Neither KOICA nor the university will cover the airfare for such trips, and the participant's living allowance will be adjusted to account for the duration of the overseas stay, including entry and departure dates.
4) In the unfortunate event of a temporary return to your home country due to the death of an immediate family member, travel expense support may be available, so you must contact the administrative office immediately. 'Immediate family' is defined as parents, children, and spouses.
5) Unauthorized travel, including trips to the participant's home country, other countries, or travel against university advice, may result in the suspension of the KOICA scholarship.

8. ACCOMPANYING OR INVITING FAMILY

1) Due to the intensive nature of KOICA's Scholarship Program, which demands full commitment and concentrated effort, participants are not permitted to bring any family members with them during the program.
2) KOICA does not offer any financial or administrative assistance for the dependents of participants. This includes all aspects of support such as accommodation, living expenses, and visa arrangements.

9. TRAVEL TO KOREA

The KOICA–YU Program provides financial support for a round-trip airfare of up to KRW 1,500,000 per participant. Any airfare costs exceeding KRW 1,500,000 must be borne by the participant. Participants are required to arrange and initially pay for their own round-trip airfare for study in Korea, and reimbursement will be processed after their arrival in Korea. The airfare support provided by KOICA is based on economy class.

Participants are responsible for obtaining the appropriate "Study Abroad Visa [D-2]" required for this Scholarship Program.

If a participant fails to secure the appropriate visa prior to their scheduled entry into Korea, KOICA will not be able to provide assistance. If necessary, the participant may be required to return to their home country at their own expense to obtain the visa

Ⅴ. APPLICATION INSTRUCTION

10. EXPENSES FOR STUDY AND LIVING

KOICA covers the following expenses for participants during their stay in Korea:

1) Tuition Fee: Full coverage for four semesters.
2) Accommodation: Provision of on-campus housing in the dormitory.
3) Settlement Allowance: A one-time payment of KRW 600,000.
4) Living Allowance: A monthly payment of KRW 1,200,000.
(this amount is subject to change).
5) Study Visit: Financial support for study visits conducted as part of the program.
6) Departure Support Fund: A one-time payment of KRW 300,000 to assist with departure costs.
7) Korean Language Training Fee: Full coverage for six designated courses offered by the Yeungnam University Korean Language Institute.
8) Industry Internship Support: Financial support will be provided within the amount allocated in the program budget.

11. OTHERS

1) KOICA's responsibility for participants is limited to the scope of the provided insurance coverage. Participants should be aware of the coverage limits and conditions.
2) KOICA is not liable for any loss or damage to the personal property of participants.
3) KOICA will not be responsible for any illness, injury, or death that arises from extracurricular activities, willful misconduct, or undisclosed pre-existing medical conditions.
4) Participants must adhere to all rules set by KOICA and the training institution. Any breach of these rules can lead to the suspension of their status as participant in the KOICA program.

1. APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

1) Nationality of Training Program Candidates: applicants must be citizens of one of the following 13 countries:

※ The 13 eligible countries (in alphabetical order): Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.

※ The applicant’s location at the time of submission is not restricted. Prospective graduates of a Korean bachelor’s degree program are eligible to apply.

2) Applicants must have no criminal record as stated in an officially issued Criminal Record Certificate from the government of the partner country.

- If the applicant has been residing long-term overseas (including in Korea) for study or employment, they must submit both the Criminal Record Certificate previously submitted

for the issuance of the relevant study/work visa and an additional Criminal Record Certificate issued by the country of residence at the time of application.

- The Criminal Record Certificate must follow the official format of the relevant judicial or competent authority (e.g., Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, National Police Agency) of each country and must be verified by the Korean Embassy. Applicants residing in Korea at the time of application must submit a “Criminal History Record Check (범죄경력회보서)” issued by the Korean National Police Agency.

3) Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree officially recognized by the government of their home country or the Government of the Republic of Korea (including degrees obtained in Korea or abroad) at the time of application
However, applicants who are expected to graduate from universities in Korea may apply, provided that they submit their official graduation certificate within the designated deadline.

4) Applicants must obtain a letter of recommendation from their most recent academic institution (e.g., academic advisor).

5) Applicants must have no prior experience of receiving support from a Korean Government master’s degree scholarship program.

6) Applicants must not have previously been repatriated during a KOICA degree program due to submission of false documents, failure to meet academic requirements, or violation of academic regulations.

7) Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in at least one language, either Korean or English.
- Sufficient proficiency to attend master’s-level courses and complete a thesis is required.

8) Applicants must demonstrate enthusiasm for learning in a diverse, multicultural setting.

9) Applicants must be in good physical and mental health to complete the program.
- Pregnancy, tuberculosis, or any kind of contagious disease are regarded as disqualifying conditions.

10) (Preferred) Applicants under the age of 40.

11) (Preferred) Applicants with certified Korean or English language proficiency are preferred. (Korean: TOPIK Level 4 or higher / English: CEFR B2 or equivalent) * CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is an international standard for measuring language proficiency. B2 corresponds to upper-intermediate level (e.g., IELTS 5.5–6.5, TOEFL iBT 72–94).

2. ADMISSION PROCESS

Admission Step	Contents	Period
Step 1	Online Application Submission (YU KOICA Application System) 2026.04.13~2026.05.06. https://koica.yu.ac.kr	April
Step 2	Department Review & Document Supplementation ~2026.05.13.	April~May
Step 3	Department Evaluation (Including Mandatory Interview) ~2026.05.20.	May
Step 4	Request for Admission Approval (Graduate School)	May
Step 5	Final Nominee Report to KOICA	Early June
Step 6	Final Confirmation by KOICA ~2026.05.30.	June
Step 7	Admission Notification (Graduate School) ~2026.06.05.	June
Post Admission	Arrival in Korea / Orientation	August

* The timeline above is based on the local time in South Korea and is subject to change.

1) Online Application Submission (YU KOICA Application System)
- All applicants must submit their applications through the YU KOICA Application System.
- Applicants are required to upload all necessary documents as instructed in the system.

2) Department Review & Document Supplementation
- Submitted applications will be reviewed by the designated department staff.
- If necessary, applicants may be requested to submit additional or supplementary documents via email.

3) Department Evaluation (Document Screening & Interview Selection)
- Each department will first conduct a document screening of all submitted applications.
- Based on the screening results, only selected applicants will be invited for an interview.
- The interview may be conducted online (e.g., Zoom) or by other appropriate means.
- The department will comprehensively evaluate applicants based on both document review and interview results.
- The department will prepare and submit the evaluation report and official decision.

4) Request for Admission Approval (Graduate School)
- Based on the department's evaluation results, the university will formally request admission approval from the Graduate School Committee.

5) Final Nominee Report to KOICA
- The university will submit the list of successful candidates to KOICA for final review.

6) Final Confirmation by KOICA
- KOICA will conduct the final review and confirm the selected candidates.

7) Admission Notification (Graduate School)
- The Graduate School will finalize the admission results and notify successful applicants.

Post Admission
- Detailed instructions regarding arrival, orientation, and enrollment will be provided individually.

3. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Required Application Documents

1) Application Form

Applicants must complete and submit the Application Form through the YU KOICA online application system.

After submission, applicants must download and print the completed application form, sign it, and submit it, together with original copies of all required supporting documents (e.g., diplomas, certificates), to the university.

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280 Daehak-ro, Gyeongsan-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do 38541, Republic of Korea

The Application Form includes Personal Information, Personal Statement, Statement of Academic Purpose, and the Official Agreement for Academic Record Verification.

2) Certificate of Graduation (Bachelor's and/Or Master's)

3) Bachelor's Degree Diploma (Master's Degree Diploma if applicable)

4) Transcript (with Grading Scale)

※ Important Notes on Degree and Transcript Authentication

For documents issued in languages other than Korean or English, applicants must submit the original documents along with a notarized translation in Korean or English.

All academic documents (degree certificate and transcript) must be officially certified. If original documents cannot be submitted, certified copies must be prepared according to the following procedures:

■ Certification and Translation Requirements

The submitted documents must be either:

Apostilled (for Apostille Convention countries), or Consularly legalized (for non-Apostille countries)

If the original documents are not in Korean or English, applicants must ensure that: The translation is notarized, and the document is submitted in one of the following forms:

① Apostille (or consular legalization) applied to the original document, with a notarized translation attached

② Apostille (or consular legalization) applied to the notarized translation

5) Recommendation Letter: No designated format required (at least one letter)

6) Photocopy of Passport Information Page
- The passport must be valid for at least one year from the date of application
- Applicants from Uzbekistan must submit an international passport
- Applicants who do not currently possess a passport are strongly advised to apply for on immediately, as failure to submit a passport promptly after admission may result in cancellation of admission

7) Documents for Verification of Family Relationship and Nationality
- Applicants must submit official documents issued by their home country government that verify the nationality of their parents
- These documents must clearly demonstrate the relationship between the applicant and their parents

8) Alien Registration Card (For Applicants Residing in Korea)
- Applicants currently staying in Korea must submit a copy of both sides of their Alien Registration Card (ARC)
- This is required to ensure there are no issues with visa change or extension

9) Additional Documents
- While not required, applicants may submit: Official Korean and/or English proficiency test report

※ Test scores must have been issued within two (2) years prior to the application deadline.

- Certificate of Current Employment

※ These documents may be considered during the evaluation process

❇ Important Notes for All Applicants

All forms and supporting documents should be completed in Korean or English. Documents in other languages must be accompanied by a notarized Korean or English translation.

Original documents should be submitted. If unavailable, copies must be certified by the issuing institution.

Any false information will result in automatic disqualification.

Incomplete or insufficient applications will not be considered.

Applicants are fully responsible for any disadvantages caused by errors or omissions.

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VI. PRECAUTIONS

1. **Possibility of Online Program**

   Due to the unpredictability of the pandemic and related public health regulations, there is a possibility that the academic program within this PI may switch to an online format. Blended learning approaches, combining online and face-to-face sessions, may be implemented in line with the academic regulations of each training institute. This includes the arrangement of pre-sessions as necessary.

2. **Religious Meals & Personal Food Preferences:**

   Please note that religious meals and specific personal food preferences are not catered for during the scholarship program or the self-quarantine period (in case it is implemented) upon entry to Korea. Participants should refer to the university guidelines for more details. Be aware that additional costs for accommodating special dietary needs may be incurred by the participants.

3. **Regulatory Compliance KOICA SP participants should observe KOICA CIAT Fellows' Guidebook and University's internal rules and regulations, otherwise the participant would lose one's status as a SP participant and a university student.**

Ⅶ. CONTACTS

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