

# Academic Collaboration in the field of development cooperation : A case of South Korea

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# I Introduction

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**‘What is academic collaboration?’ : enlargement of participating ways, channels, opportunities or methods** of university or another academic organization in the field of international development cooperation.

- Introduction of the **participating types of Korean academic organizations** in terms of development cooperation
- mention about challenges of **academic collaboration** in South Korea.

## II Status of International cooperation of Korean universities

MOU status of Korean Universities (Top 20, number)			
China	1251	France	108
USA	733	England	103
Japan	498	Canada	93
Philippines	167	Thailand	90
Vietnam	160	Mongolia	84
Russia	159	India	71
Taiwan	133	Malaysia	59
Germany	116	Spain	57
Australia	114	Kazakhstan	47
Indonesia	111	Mexico	44

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**current status :** mainly engaged with neighbor countries (China and Japan), advanced countries. the universities in developing countries such as the Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia.

academic exchanges (cooperation) are **concentrated mainly in the English-speaking countries, in Korea's academic interests areas (Southeast Asia), and in the countries which more developed in terms of economic aspect.** This trend is highly relevant to the **effectiveness of the business.**

### III Types of academic collaboration in the field of development cooperation

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#### **four categories**

**First type** includes collaborative research and social survey from the perspective of development cooperation.

- include a construction project of database and statistical infrastructure.
- For example, the Seoul National University Asia Center (SNUAC) is set up as a research project in the local poverty area in Blacan, Philippines.

## Types of academic collaboration

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**Second type** is an academic exchange program through workshops, seminars and forum etc.

- Asian Development Study conducted by KAIDEC with Korea Foundation

**Third type** is a human resource exchange business for capacity building:

- Commissioned education program by Korean donor agency with university and academic institute.

**Fourth type**: direct participation of universities and research institute in ODA projects.

- Academic Incubating program sponsored by KOICA and managed KAIDEC help universities to find and form a new ODA business.

# scholarship program

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## scholarship program by Korean donor Agency

### Brief description:

The Scholarship Program provides opportunities for people from developing countries to undertake full-time postgraduate study related to development at participating Korean Universities, in line with Korea's bilateral aid program.

Started in 1997 as a small-scale scholarship program to share Korea's economic development experience with developing countries.

It has now been improved by providing capacity building to target countries and making a bridge to cooperate with the countries. The program provides opportunities to undertake full-time postgraduate study in Korea.

## Host Institution :

Participating Korean Universities

## Target group :

The target group consists of 70 countries.

	Asia	Africa	Americas	Middle East	Oceania	Eastern Europe Central Asia
70 countries	13 countries	23 countries	16 countries	6 countries	3 countries	9 countries
countries	Laos, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines, Mongolia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Nepal, East Timor, Pakistan, Afghanistan	Sudan, Madagascar, Morocco, Algeria, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Tunisia, Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Egypt, Rwanda, Uganda, Libya, Gabon, Mozambique	Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, Colombia, Haiti, Costa Rica, Panama, Uruguay, Venezuela	Yemen, Jordan, Iran, Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon	Solomon Islands, Fiji, Papua New Guinea	Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan, Belarus, Serbia



## Scholarship value

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### **The benefits include :**

Air travel fare/ Full tuition fees/ Accommodation / Living allowance/ Textbooks and materials/ Field study and trips etc./ A medical checkup after entry into the program/ Overseas traveler's health insurance

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## **Eligibility**

Applicant must be a government official, an employee in the public sector, or a researcher in a state institute in his/her home country with a bachelor's degree or higher,

nominated by his or her government,

not previously received a scholarship or participated in a scholarship program from the Korean government.

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## **Application Process**

**two rounds for each selection: the document review and the telephone interview**

After being nominated by his/her government, the applicant should submit the application package to the KOICA office or the Embassy of Korea in his/her country (KOICA Headquarters receives applications only through diplomatic channels).

## Scholarship Program (2015)

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**The fields of studies are determined by donor agency annually, and in 2015 was operated 19 different scholarship programs for 379 participants.**

**The Korean aid agency and participating universities focus on priority sectors in which Korea has significant experience and expertise, such as Public Policy, Economic Development, International Development, Fishery Science, Agricultural Development, etc.**

For example Soongsil University runs Master's Degree Program in Global ICT Convergence with Management and Public Policy. Yeungnam University operates the Master's Degree Program on Community Development Leadership.

No.	Program Title (Number of Participants)	Training University
1	Master's Degree Program in Fisheries Science (20 Persons)	Pukyong National University Graduate School of Global Fisheries
2	Capacity Building of Public Administration (Master's Degree Program in Public Administration Master's Degree Program in International Studies-20 persons)	Seoul National University Graduate School of Public Administration Graduate School of International Studies
3	Master's Degree Program in Global ICT Convergence with Management and Public Policy (20 Persons)	Soongsil University Graduate School of Information Sciences
4	Master's Degree Program on Global e-Policy and e-Government (20 Persons)	SungKyunKwan University Graduate School of Governance
5	KAIST Finance MBA Program for Government Officials of Emerging Economies (20 Persons)	KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology)
6	Master's Degree Program on National Development Policy (All lectures in French-20 Persons)	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies Graduate School of International & Area Studies
7	Master's Degree Program in Urban and Regional Development (20 Persons)	University of Seoul (UOS) International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS)
8	Master's Degree Program on Community Development Leadership (20 Persons)	Yonsei University (Wonju Campus) Graduate School of Government, Business and Entrepreneurship
9	Master's Degree Program in Global Health & Development (20 Persons)	Hanyang University (Graduate School) Department of Global Health & Development

10	Master's Degree Program in International Studies : Capacity Development of Women Leaders (20 Persons)	EwhaWomans University Graduate School of International Studies
11	Master's Degree Program on Food Security and Agricultural Development (20 Persons)	Kyungpook National University
12	Master's Degree Program on International Trade and Policy (20 Persons)	Ajou University Graduate School of International Studies
13	Master's Degree Program in Global Leaders in Economic Policy (GLEP) (20 Persons)	Korea Development Institute (KDI) School of Public Policy and Management
14	Master's Degree Program in Korean Experience of Economic Development and Economic Cooperation (20 Persons)	KyungHee University Graduate School of Pan-Pacific International Studies
15	Master's Program in Agro-livestock Technology (20 Persons)	Konkuk Universtiy Graduate School
16	Master's Degree Program on Community Development Leadership (3) (20 Persons)	Chonnam National University (CNU) Graduate School of Business (GSB)
17	Master's Degree Program in Techno-Entrepreneurship Competency based on EE & ICT Convergence (20 Persons)	Handong Global University Graduate School of Global Development and Entrepreneurship
18	Master's Degree in International Studies (20 Person)	Korea University Graduate School of International Studies
19	Master's Degree Program on Community Development Leadership (1) (36 Persons)	Yeungnam University, Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul (PSPS)

\* Of the 19 programs above, the 6th program is only open to African francophone countries.

\* only women can apply for the course of "Capacity Development of Women Leadership" at Ewha Womans University).

## **IV Challenge of academic collaboration in South Korea**

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- 1) legal and institutional support should be strengthened in the field of international development cooperation.
- 2) financing resources for revitalizing of academic business should be more mobilized and secured.
- 3) academic cooperation programs, such as academic fellowship program should be more differentiated and characterized according to national needs of target countries.
- 4) promotion of private fund in academic cooperation business, like PPP model
- 5) to make a 'business model supported by ODA fund based on government-university-private partnership' for academic collaboration

Thank you!

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