

18 December 2025

Mr. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky  
Secretary  
Economic Relations Division  
Ministry of Finance  
Government of Bangladesh  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Dear Mr. Secretary:

**Subject: ADB-Korea Fellowship Program—For Information and Dissemination**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is pleased to introduce the ADB-Korea Fellowship Program, a scholarship program jointly launched by the Government of the Republic of Korea and ADB to support the capacity development of government officials from ADB Member Countries (DMCs).

This program provides full scholarships to exceptional government officials to pursue a master's degree at one of the following designated institutions in Korea:

- Seoul National University – Graduate School of Public Administration (GSPA)
- Seoul National University – Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS)
- Korea Development Institute (KDI) School of Public Policy and Management

The program is designed to equip emerging leaders with advanced knowledge and practical skills in public policy, governance, and international studies, enabling them to contribute more effectively to the development of their home countries upon completion of their studies. In its inaugural year 2025, the program selected 13 scholars who commenced their study in September. For the second cohort to be selected during March to June 2026, the program will support **20 scholars**.

We request your support in encouraging qualified candidates from the government ministries/divisions and agencies to apply. To be considered for the fellowship, applicants must first be admitted to one of the designated institutions. Further details regarding eligibility criteria, application procedures, and deadlines are provided in the attachment.

We believe this initiative will serve as a meaningful platform to strengthen the human resource capacities of Bangladesh and further promote partnership and cooperation between the Republic of Korea, ADB, and the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Hoe Yun Jeong  
Country Director



Attachment: ADB-Korea Fellowship Program Brochure

cc: Additional Secretary, ADB Wing Chief, Economic Relations Division

# KFP ADB-Korea Fellowship Program

Launched in 2025, the ADB-Korea Fellowship Program (KFP)—established through a partnership between the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of the Republic of Korea (represented by the Ministry of Economy and Finance)—provides government officials from ADB's developing member countries (DMCs) with the opportunity to pursue master's degree programs in fields critical to public sector capacity building.

This initiative aims to strengthen the institutional capacity of governments in DMCs by equipping officials with advanced knowledge and skills. Scholarship recipients are required to return to their home countries upon completion of their studies, where they will apply their expertise to drive national development and policy reforms.

## WHAT KFP OFFERS

### Scholars will receive

- ◆ Full tuition for master's degree course up to 2 years including associated fees
- ◆ Monthly stipend covering living expenses, textbooks, and other costs related to academic activities
- ◆ Dormitory fees
- ◆ Medical insurance
- ◆ Travel expenses including economy class air travel

## FIELD OF STUDY

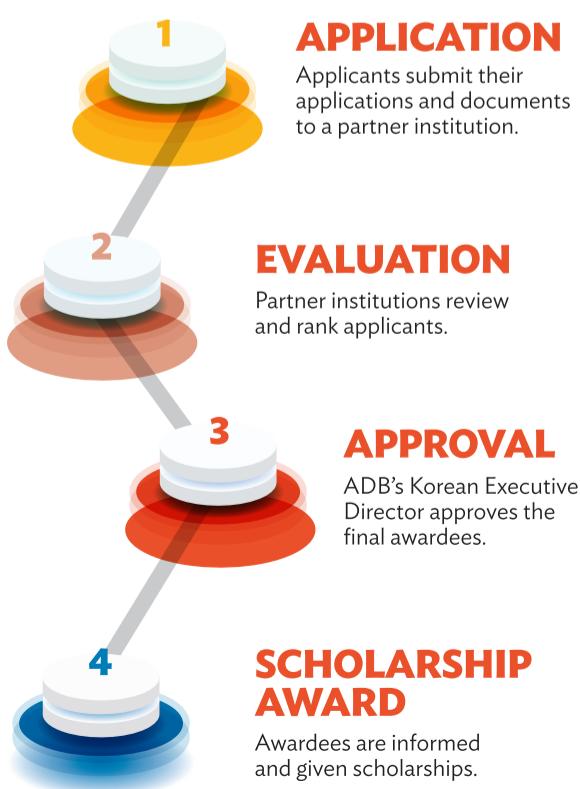
- ◆ Public Administration (Management), Public Policy, and Development Policy
- ◆ International Studies: International Development

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## The candidate must

- ◆ be a national of one of the ADB DMCs with no borrowing constraints imposed by ADB Board of Directors and the Government of Korea;
- ◆ not hold dual citizenship of any country which is not a DMC;
- ◆ have gained admission to an approved master's course at a partner institution;
- ◆ hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent with superior academic record;  
Note: The bachelor's degree equivalent will be determined by partner institutions in consultation with ADB.
- ◆ have at least 3 years of full-time working experience as government officials (acquired after obtaining a university degree) at the time of application. The candidate must have proficiency in oral and written English communication skills to successfully pursue their studies;
- ◆ not be more than 35 years old and under at the time of application, unless waived in exceptional cases with the expressed endorsement of the Government of Korea;
- ◆ be in good health;
- ◆ agree to return to and work in their home country for at least 2 years after completion of studies under the Program in order to contribute to its development;
- ◆ not be an executive director, alternate director, management, staff and consultant of ADB, or be a close relative of the aforementioned by blood or adoption, with the term "close relative" defined as: spouse, mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, sister, stepsister, brother, stepbrother, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew;
- ◆ not be staff of a partner institution;
- ◆ not be living or working in a country other than his/her home country; and
- ◆ not enrolled in other graduate degree programs.

# SELECTION PROCESS



- ◆ Applicants must obtain information and application forms directly from partner institutions and indicate their interest in the ADB-KFP Scholarship at the time of application.
- ◆ All required documents, including proof of government employment, must be submitted. Incomplete or inaccurate submissions may result in disqualification.
- ◆ Partner institutions will screen, rank, and submit candidates to the ADB Executive Director representing the Republic of Korea for final approval.
- ◆ Once selected, institutions will notify successful applicants, facilitate scholarship arrangements, and ensure that scholars commit to returning to their home country upon completion of their studies.
- ◆ Master's programs will commence in the fall semester (starting in September), with admission decisions typically finalized by May.

# KFP PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

## Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University (GSPA-SNU)



### GSPA

Graduate School of  
Public Administration  
Seoul National University



### ◆ Global Master of Public Administration

- ◆ Founded in 1959, GSPA-SNU is Korea's first professional graduate school in public administration and has played a central role in developing the nation's public policy and governance education. Its graduates have gone on to lead in key areas of public service and policymaking.
- ◆ Launched in 2011, the Global Master of Public Administration (GMPA) Program is designed to enhance the policy and administrative capacities of government officials from developing countries. To date, 441 students from 55 countries have participated in the program, contributing to development efforts in their home countries.

**Website:** <https://gspa.snu.ac.kr/en>

**Email:** [snugmpa@gmail.com](mailto:snugmpa@gmail.com)

## Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University (GSIS-SNU)



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF  
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



### ◆ International Development

- ◆ Established in 1997 in response to the Asian Financial Crisis, GSIS-SNU was created to meet the growing demand for internationally trained professionals who can navigate complex global challenges. It aims to cultivate global leaders capable of working across governments, international organizations, NGOs, and the private sector.
- ◆ KFP applicants must apply to the International Development program, but may take courses offered across GSIS-SNU's diverse curriculum, which covers international commerce, cooperation, development, and area studies. The program is supported by distinguished faculty and strong global networks.

**Website:** <https://gsis.snu.ac.kr/>

**Email:** [gsisadmin@snu.ac.kr](mailto:gsisadmin@snu.ac.kr)

## KDI School of Public Policy and Management (KDI School)



**KDI SCHOOL**  
KDI School of Public Policy and Management



### ◆ Public Policy ◆ Development Policy ◆ Public Management

- ◆ Founded in 1997, the KDI School leverages the Korea Development Institute's global expertise to educate mid-career professionals in the fields of public policy, development, and public management. The School provides an international, policy-oriented curriculum designed to bridge theory and real-world application.
- ◆ KDI School offers three English-language master's programs: Public Policy, Development Policy, and Public Management. Each program spans 1.5 years (4 semesters). While there is no fixed quota by nationality, the school places emphasis on maintaining diversity within each cohort.

**Website:** <https://www.kdischool.ac.kr/admissions/>

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# KFP

## ADB-Korea Fellowship Program

### Scholarship for Development

Launched in 2025, the program supports officials from developing member countries in pursuing master's degrees.