

Guidelines for APT – Republic of Korea Scholarship Programme 2023

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), from its inception, has emphasized the human capacity building for its members. The Strategic Plan of the APT, which provides the focus of APT activities for every three-year period of the plan, has included the capacity building as one of the main areas of its annual activities. The current Strategic Plan of the APT for 2021-2023 also specifies capacity building as one of five strategic pillars of the Plan the APT would focus its work during such three-year period.
- 1.2 From 1980, the capacity building programme of the APT has been conducted through training courses, study visit, expert missions, and related events.
- 1.3 In 2018, in order to enhance its capacity building programme, APT and Republic of Korea initiated “**APT – Republic of Korea Scholarship Programme**”. The scholarship programme in 2018 was organized in collaboration with the Smart Farm Research Center of Gyeongsang National University (<http://www.gun.ac.kr>), Republic of Korea with the financial support of the APT Extra Budgetary Contribution from the Government of the Republic of Korea (EBC-K) and the Smart Farm Research Center of Gyeongsang National University.
- 1.4 For 2019, APT promoted the scholarship program in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT), Republic of Korea and Seoul National University of Science and Technology (SNUT) (<http://www.snut.ac.kr>), Republic of Korea. Excellent applicants
- 1.5 For 2022, the number of universities participating in the program increases to three. Excellent applicants will be selected for the scholarship to study at the graduate school (Master’s or Ph.D. degree) of three national universities. In alphabetical order, those national universities are: 1) Gyeongsang National University 2) Jeju National University 3) Seoul National University of Science and Technology. Finally, 3 applicants were selected and are currently participating in the scholarship at Gyeongsang National University and Seoul National University of Science and Technology.

1.6 In 2023, two universities of the Republic of Korea have decided to participate in this program, **1) Gyeongsang National University 2) Seoul National University of Science and Technology**. Excellent applicants will be selected for the scholarship to study at the graduate school (Master's or Ph.D. degree) at those universities. This guideline provides details for the APT – Republic of Korea Scholarship Programme 2023.

2. Tentative Procedure and Timeline* for Scholarship 2023

* The detailed schedule is subject to change depending on the circumstances of each university.

1) Gyeongsang National University(GNU), Republic of Korea

Procedure		Timeline	Remarks
Submission of Application forms and transcripts to the APT (scan – copy only)		~ 18 August 2023	All application forms should be submitted to APT Secretariat at email: ebc-k@apt.int For any inquiries, please contact to email: smartfarm@gnu.ac.kr (Ms. Haeul Jang, Gyeongsang National University) and copy to email: ebc-k@apt.int
Sele ction	1st Phase: Documents examination	1 September 2023 ~ 18 September 2023	Selection will be decided by the GNU
	2nd Phase: Online interview	20 September 2023 ~ 5 October 2023	Selection will be decided by the GNU
Announcement of the selection		10 October 2023	APT Secretariat will inform the final selection to the APT official contact person of APT Member and the final selected students
Application for GNU for registration for the spring semester of 2024		To be determined	Applicants who are finally selected must submit an application to the graduate school within this period.
Administrative arrangement including visa		End of January 2024	All relevant arrangement for registration for the Graduate School of the GNU will be done by the GNU and the selected students
Beginning of Class		March 2024	

2) Seoul National University of Science and Technology (SNUT), Republic of Korea

Procedure		Timeline	Remarks
Submission of Application forms and transcripts to the APT (scan – copy only)		~ 18 August 2023	All application forms should be submitted to APT Secretariat at email: ebc-k@apt.int For any inquiries, please contact to email: dongho.kim@seoultech.ac.kr Prof. Dongho Kim, Seoul National University of Science and Technology) and copy to email: ebc-k@apt.int
Sele ction	1st Phase: Documents examination	1 September 2023 ~ 18 September 2023	Selection will be decided by the SNUT
	2nd Phase: Online interview	20 September 2023 ~ 5 October 2023	Selection will be decided by the SNUT
Announcement of the selection		10 October 2023	APT Secretariat will inform the final selection to the APT official contact person of APT Member and the final selected students
Application for SNUT for registration for the spring semester of 2023		To be determined	Applicants who are finally selected must submit an application to the graduate school within this period.
Administrative arrangement including visa		End of January 2024	All relevant arrangement for registration for the Graduate School of the SNUT will be done by the SNUT and the selected students
Beginning of Class		March 2024	

3. Research topic and total number of selections

3.1 Research topics for this scholarship can be any topics related to the area specified by each university as shown in the tables below. Each applicant should apply to only one area, i.e., multiple choice in the topic areas by each applicant is not allowed.

1) Gyeongsang National University

Application Areas	Digital Agriculture	Smart Farm
Research topics	Using ICT to improve efficiency and productivity of agriculture, wireless communication based on application, data collecting related to agriculture, etc.	e-agriculture, AI based programming, smart farm IoT, etc.
Number of selection & course	Master 1, Ph.D. 1 in Digital Agriculture and/or Smart Farm	
Reference sites for more information	http://smartfarm.gnu.ac.kr/	

2) Seoul National University of Science and Technology

Application Areas	Wireless Communication	Machine Vision and Intelligence
Research topics	Next generation mobile communication, AI-aided communication, Cooperative communication, etc.	Multimedia software, machine learning, pattern recognition, robot vision, etc.
Number of selection & course	3 (Master's or Ph.D.)	4 (Master's or Ph.D.)
Reference sites for more information	http://csp.seoultech.ac.kr/index.do https://sites.google.com/site/btlabsnut	https://square.seoultech.ac.kr/~icom https://sites.google.com/site/gyeminlee https://sites.google.com/view/hcir/home

3.2 Each university can finally select as many applicants as listed above for receiving the scholarship to study full-time for the Master's degree or Ph.D. However, this number may be adjusted later depending on the circumstances of each university. If applicants are not qualified or can't meet the expectation of participating professors, the number of final selected applicants might be less than the number listed above.

4. Requirement for applicants

The following are basic requirements of the applications to receive APT-Republic of Korea scholarship with each university. Please be kindly informed that this program opens not only to employees of your administration, but also to prospective college graduates or those with a bachelor's degree or higher who reside in your country and meet the conditions below. The APT Secretariat hopes that many talented and enthusiastic people will be able to participate in this program through the approval of the APT official contact person.

4.1 English proficiency

Applicants should have adequate proficiency in English. The Application Form must be completed indicating the applicant's proficiency in English. If a certificate in English proficiency from a recognized English training institution is available, it needs to be submitted together with the Application Form.

4.2 Work experience

Work experience is not a mandatory requirement. However, work experience may be given preference in the selection process.

4.3 Education

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Course	Qualifications
Master's degree Programme	Applicants who apply for a Master's programme should hold a 4-year Bachelor's degree or equivalent (or those who will earn degrees by February 2024).
Ph.D. Programme	Applicants who apply for a Doctoral programme must hold a Master's degree or equivalent (or those who will earn degrees by February 2024).

4.4 Residence in APT member countries

The applicant **must be** a citizen or permanent resident of any APT Member countries.

4.5 APT membership

The applicant **needs not** to be an official of a staff of APT Member Administration. Any citizens or permanent residents in APT Member countries could apply.

4.6 Endorsement by APT Member Administration

All applicants **must be** nominated by APT Member and the application forms have to be endorsed by the APT official contact person of APT Member. Each APT Member could nominate up to the number of applicants listed above. Please kindly find **3. Research topic and total number of selections.**

4.7 Health status

Applicants should be in good health condition both physically and mentally. In particular, please be informed that you should meet the health conditions generally required by the Korean

government when you enter Republic of Korea, if any, in the future for smooth participation and implementation of this program.

5. Nomination and application procedure

- 5.1** APT Members shall submit the completed application form and relevant information to the APT Secretariat through the APT official contact person of APT Member no later than the closing date mentioned in the invitation letter. All details should be supplied to avoid delay in processing the application.
- 5.2** Before submitting the application form, APT Members are requested to check all the requirements, especially with reference to qualification of the applicants and their relevance to this scholarship. Please kindly contact each university for more detailed information.
- 5.3** If no acknowledgement has been received from APT Secretariat within a week after submitting the application for this scholarship, APT Members are requested to contact APT Secretariat either by phone no.: +66 2 573 0044 Ext. 106 or fax no.: +66 2 573 7479 to follow up the procedure.

6. Selection procedure

- 6.1** Each university shall consider only fully completed application forms submitted by APT Member countries. In case, the university required for additional information, such information should be provided without delay within specific timeframe.
- 6.2** APT Secretariat may ask the APT official contact person of APT Members for more details of the applicant for further clarification during the selection process.
- 6.3** Selection process will be in two (2) phases. The first phase is to examine the provided documents to decide shortlisted candidates. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for the second phase. The second phase is an online interview by telephone call or video conference. Each university will set up the interview via the communication with the shortlisted candidates.

6.4 The APT Secretariat will notify the results of the selection to the APT official contact person of the APT Members as soon as the selection process is completed.

7. Scholarship provisions

7.1 Each university* will cover the following expenses.

** As each university provides slightly different support, please contact each university's contact information listed below for more accurate information.*

Tuition fee: Tuition fee will be 100 percent covered.

Living cost (accommodation, insurance, and etc.) per month: about KRW 900,000 for Master's degree course, about KRW 1,100,000 for Ph.D. degree course

Accommodation and insurance fees are included in the living cost subsidy.

Dormitory can be preferentially assigned.

7.2 APT EBC-K Fund will cover the following expense.

Airfare: USD 500 for ticket purchase(one-way) to those who were finally selected for the scholarship and submitted a original air ticket and receipt by mail to the APT office.

8. Important notes

8.1 After the candidates are selected for admission to each university, there may be additional procedures including visa issuance for the registration for the Graduate School of the University, which should be managed by each university and the candidates (students) who are finally selected by each university.

8.2 When submitting the application forms, it is not necessary to submit the certificates for some requirements. However, during the process of registration with the university, if the given information is failed to prove or the certificates could not be submitted, the admission can be cancelled.

9. Contact information

Regarding any inquiries, please contact to each university at the contact information listed

below:

University	Contact Info.
Gyeongsang National University	smartfarm@gnu.ac.kr (Ms. Haeul Jang, Gyeongsang National University) with cc-ing e-mail: ebc-k@apt.int
Seoul National University of Science and Technology	dongho.kim@seoultech.ac.kr (Prof. Dongho Kim, Seoul National University of Science and Technology) with cc-ing e-mail: ebc-k@apt.int

List of APT Members for APT-Republic of Korea Scholarship Programme

	Code	Formal Name	Short Name
1	AFG	Afghanistan (Islamic Republic of)	Afghanistan
2	BGD	Bangladesh (People's Republic of)	Bangladesh
3	BTN	Bhutan (Kingdom of)	Bhutan
4	CBG	Cambodia (Kingdom of)	Cambodia
5	FJI	Fiji (Republic of)	Fiji
6	IND	India (Republic of)	India
7	INS	Indonesia (Republic of)	Indonesia
8	IRN	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
9	KIR	Kiribati (Republic of)	Kiribati
10	KRE	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Korea D.P.R.
11	LAO	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Lao P.D.R.
12	MLA	Malaysia	Malaysia
13	MLD	Maldives (Republic of)	Maldives
14	MHL	Marshall Islands (Republic of the)	Marshall Islands
15	FSM	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Micronesia (Federate states of)
16	MNG	Mongolia	Mongolia
17	BRM	Myanmar (Republic of the Union of)	Myanmar
18	NRU	Nauru (Republic of)	Nauru
19	NPL	Nepal (Federal Democratic Republic of)	Nepal (Republic of)
20	PAK	Pakistan (Islamic Republic of)	Pakistan
21	PLW	Palau (Republic of)	Palau
22	PNG	Papua New Guinea	Papua New Guinea
23	PHL	Philippines (Republic of the)	Philippines
24	SMO	Samoa (Independent State of)	Samoa
25	SLM	Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands
26	CLN	Sri Lanka (Democratic Socialist Republic of)	Sri Lanka
27	THA	Thailand	Thailand
28	TON	Tonga (Kingdom of)	Tonga
29	TUV	Tuvalu	Tuvalu
30	VUT	Vanuatu (Republic of)	Vanuatu
31	VTN	Viet Nam (Socialist Republic of)	Viet Nam