

# **KOICA-KNU Master's Degree Program in Capacity Building on High Value-added Agriculture**

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Korea International Cooperation Agency



Kyungpook National University

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

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## ★ IMPORTANT NOTICE from KOICA

The **2027** KOICA Master's Degree Program application process consists of two main rounds: **(1) KOICA Round** and **(2) Institute (University) Round**.

The first round involves the KOICA Selection, where applicants are recommended by their country's relevant government. The application process will take place at the KOICA country office, or in the case of countries without a KOICA country office, at an affiliated KOICA country office or the Korean Embassy. Detailed eligibility criteria and procedures can be found in **the KOICA Scholarship Program Application Guidelines** (hereinafter **KOICA Guidelines**).

The second round is the Institute (University) Round, which is the university selection process. Only those who pass the KOICA Round can apply to universities. The list of successful KOICA Round candidates will be forwarded to the universities that the applicants applied to. Each university will conduct its own selection process, including document review, local medical check-ups, and interviews (or/and exam), based on their specific admission requirements. Those who have been finally accepted at the university round are required to submit the Original Documents to the University.

**This Program Information (hereinafter PI) serves as a guide for the second round, the Institute (University) Round.**

Before you proceed with your application, we kindly request that you carefully review and comprehend the guidelines outlined in both the **KOICA Guidelines** and **Program Information(PI)**. It is essential to note that the responsibility for any inaccuracies in the information provided rests with the applicant. Additionally, please be mindful that each university may have unique selection procedures, document submission requirements, and deadlines. Therefore, we recommend you to pay close attention to these specific details during the application process.

Lastly, please note that the schedule may be subject to changes depending on KOICA/Institute circumstances. Any updates will be announced on the KOICA CIAT website (<https://www.koica.go.kr/sites/ciat/index.do>). Regularly check the website for the latest information. For any inquiries, please refer to Section **VII.CONTACTS** and contact us accordingly.

① KOICA Round Conducted by KOICA country Office (Korean Embassy)	
July 2026	Submission of Application (Via Email/ to KOICA country Office or Korean Embassy)
	Document Screening (Submitted documents are non-returnable)
	On-site Interview
	First Round Result
② INSTITUTE(University) Round (Only for those who pass the First Round)	
September to December 2026	Submission of Application Package (Via University email/system)
	Document Screening (Submitted documents are non-returnable)
	Local Medical Check-up
	Interview Test of University (or/and Exam/Essay)
	Second Round Result
	Original Document Submission (to the University)

**NOTE: Upon successfully passing the second round of the selection process, candidates who have also cleared the medical check-up in Korea will be ultimately confirmed as scholarship recipients. Detailed guidance regarding the post-second-round selection process will be provided exclusively to successful candidates.**

# I . PROGRAM OVERVIEW

▣ **Program Title: KOICA-KNU Master's Degree Program in Capacity Building on High Value-added Agriculture**

▣ **Duration Details**

- **Academic Duration: 2027. 03. 01 ~ 2028. 08. 18**

*In accordance with the university regulations, the diploma will be issued in August 2028.*

○ Pre-Course: (Offline) : 2027. 02. 15 ~ 2027. 02. 26

○ Regular-Course : (Offline) : 2027. 03. 01 ~ 2028. 06. 16

- **Stay Duration: 2027. 02. 15 ~ 2028. 06. 20**

*During 17 months in KNU students are strongly recommended to complete their thesis.*

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

▣ **Degree: Master of Agriculture**

*\* 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.)*

▣ **Objectives :**

- 1) To develop the agricultural experts from developing countries through advanced graduate education, enhancing sustainable agricultural income and rural development
- 2) To strengthen the policy and technical capacity in high-value agriculture and smart farming through knowledge transfer and academic training
- 3) To build a sustainable Korea-partner country cooperation through human capacity development and professional networks in the agricultural sector

▣ **Training Institute: Graduate School of KNU (<http://graden.knu.ac.kr>)**

▣ **Number of Participants: 20 Government Officials**

▣ **University Admission Qualification:**

- 1) Government or municipal officials, or researchers/instructors at public institutions in the agricultural sector, holding at least a 4-year bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification (private sector employees are not eligible);
- 2) Strong command of spoken and written English for participation in English-medium courses and academic writing
- 3) Clear post-return application plan (RAP) outlining post-return affiliation and role, policy/project challenges, and alignment with national needs;
- 4) Preferably under 40 years of age and in good physical and mental health to complete the program

▣ **Language: English (fluency that requires no translation)**

▣ **Accommodations: 대구광역시 북구 대학로 80 경북대학교 진리관(생활관), Jinri-gwan,  
Kyungpook National University, 80 Daehak-ro, Buk-gu, Daegu, Republic of Korea  
(Postal Code : 41566)**

## II. PROGRAM CONTENTS

### 1. ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Term	Date	Contents/Remarks
<b>Preparatory Session (Pre-Courses/offline)</b>	2027.02.15	·Arrival in Korea
	2027.02.15~2027.02.29	·Check in KNU Dormitory & KNU OT ·KNU Entrance Ceremony ·Special Lecture (Thesis, Action Plan, etc.) ·Field Trip ·KNU Campus Tour ·Selection of Thesis Academic Advisor ·Open the Bank Account
	Time and schedule TBA	·KOICA Orientation, Medical Check-up
<b>Spring Semester (1st Semester)</b>	2027.03.02~2027.06.21	·Basic Korean (mandatory) ·Mid-term (week 8) ·Final-term (week 15) ·Field-Based Study Visit ·Policy-Oriented Workshops, Seminar ·Networking and Social Events
<b>Summer Semester (2nd Semester)</b>	2027.06.22.~2027.07.12	·Summer Internship Program (credit-bearing)
<b>Summer Break</b>	2027.06.21.~2027.08.31	·Field-Based Study Visit ·Policy-Oriented Workshops, Seminar ·Networking and Social Events
<b>Fall Semester (3rd Semester)</b>	2027.09.01.~2027.12.20	·Basic Korean (Elective) ·Mid-term (week 9) ·Final-term (week 16) ·Field-Based Study Visit ·Policy-Oriented Workshops, Seminar ·Networking and Social Events
<b>Winter Semester (4th Semester)</b>	2027.12.21.~2028.01.13	·Winter Internship Program (credit-bearing)
<b>Winter Break</b>	2027.12.20.~2028.02.29	·Field-Based Study Visit ·Policy-Oriented Workshops, Seminar ·Networking and Social Events
<b>Spring Semester (5th Semester)</b>	2028.03.02.~2028.06.19	·Application for Thesis Submission ·Submission of Thesis Proposal ·Thesis Presentation and Evaluation ·Networking and Social Events
<b>Wrap-Up Session</b>	2028.07.~2028.08.18	·Submission of Final Thesis ·Master's Degree to Be Granted ·(note) All students must depart by June 20, and their thesis must be submitted online after returning to their home country in accordance with the thesis submission schedule and deadline.

\*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) PRE-COURSE

- KNU will provide an orientation program to support trainees' early adjustment by enhancing their understanding of Korean society, institutional systems, and the academic environment, while also strengthening the foundational academic competencies required for successful completion of the degree program. The pre-course program will include check-in at the KNU dormitory, the KNU orientation session, the KNU entrance ceremony, special lectures (e.g., thesis writing and action plan development), a field trip, a KNU campus tour, selection of a thesis advisor, and assistance with opening a bank account.

#### 1-2) REGULAR-COURSE

- The Master's Degree Program in Capacity Building on High Value-added Agriculture is composed of four curriculum modules and four corresponding special activity modules.

Module	Type	Course
<b>Major Fundamentals</b>	Required	·Field Seminar1 ·Field Seminar2 ·Action Plan and PCP ·Dissertation and Research Ethics
<b>Module 1. Smart and Digital Agriculture– Based Production Innovation</b>	Elective	·Crop Production ·Crop Science ·Horticultural Science ·Plant Biotechnology ·Plant Genomics ·Agricultural Systems Engineering and Design ·Mechanization for Farming ·Smart Farm System Design and Operation ·Agricultural ICT and IoT Applications ·AI and Big Data-Driven Agriculture ·Applications and Understanding of Agricultural Drones
<b>Module 2. Value Addition through Agricultural Processing and Distribution</b>	Elective	·Post-Harvest Technology ·Food Processing Technology ·Food Technology ·Food Safety Control ·Agricultural Value Chain Management and ·Commercialization Strategies ·Agricultural Product Quality Management and ·Certification ·Analysis of Global Agricultural Markets
<b>Module 3. Climate Change Response and</b>	Elective	·Soil Science ·Agricultural Ecology

<b>Carbon-Neutral Sustainable Agriculture</b>		·Integrated Pest Management ·Modeling of Carbon-Neutral Agricultural Systems ·Sustainable Climate-Smart Agriculture
<b>Module 4. Agricultural Policy and Institutional Reform</b>	Elective	·Agricultural Policy ·Climate Change & Crop Production ·Saemaul Movement and Rural Development ·Food Safety and Regulatory Policy ·K-food Industry and Export Strategy

\*THE COURSE TITLES AND DETAILED CONTENTS PRESENTED ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

## 2) GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### a. Credit Requirements

- Completion of at least 24 credits in the major field
- Completion of at least one research ethics education course
- Maintenance of a minimum GPA of 4.2 or higher for eligibility for early graduation

### b. Thesis Schedule (Tentative)




Period	Contents
Mar. 2027	·Submission of a proposal to the academic advisor
Mar. 2027 ~ Feb. 2028	·Conduct of research and data collection
Mar. 2028	·Final stage of the thesis writing process
Apr. 2028	·Application for thesis submission
Apr. ~ Jun. 2028	·Thesis presentation and examination
June. 2028	·Submission of the final thesis

\*DETAILED SCHEDULES AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE.

## 3. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (TENTATIVE)

### 1) Field-based study visit

- Through field-based study visits closely integrated with theoretical coursework, the program deepens students' understanding by adopting a structured approach of **"theory → field application → post-field discussions and assignments (Action Plans and PCPs)."** This approach enhances students' practical understanding of the structure and operation of high value-added agricultural policies and industries, while also enabling them to directly experience best practices in advanced agricultural technologies and policy implementation.

Module	Key Sites (Proposed)	Contents
<b>Module 1. Smart and Digital Agriculture–Based Production Innovation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·Sangju/Miryang Smart Farm Innovation Valley</li> <li>·Gyeongbuk Smart Agriculture ICT Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·Smart farm system design and operation (hands-on practice)</li> <li>·AI·IoT-based analysis of production and environmental data</li> <li>·Assessment of productivity improvement and carbon reduction effects</li> </ul>
<b>Module 2. Value Addition through Agricultural Processing and Distribution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·Smart farm system design and operation (hands-on practice)</li> <li>·AI·IoT-based analysis of production and environmental data</li> <li>·Assessment of productivity improvement and carbon reduction effects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·aT Distribution Center</li> <li>·CJ-affiliated food companies</li> <li>·Local agro-processing and distribution facilities</li> </ul>
<b>Module 3. Climate Change Response and Carbon- Neutral Sustainable Agriculture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·Agricultural Technology Institute</li> <li>·Climate Change Response Center</li> <li>·Low-carbon agriculture demonstration farms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·Practical training in carbon-neutral agricultural technologies</li> <li>·Case studies on water, soil, and energy management</li> <li>·Climate change–responsive agricultural policies</li> </ul>
<b>Module 4. Agricultural Policy and Institutional Reform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·Practical training in carbon-neutral agricultural technologies</li> <li>·Case studies on water, soil, and energy management</li> <li>·Climate change–responsive agricultural policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·Gyeongsangbuk-do Provincial Government</li> <li>·Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs–affiliated agencies</li> <li>·Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI)</li> <li>·International NGOs (INGOs)</li> </ul>
		
<b>Food Processing &amp; Distribution Center</b>		
		<b>Smart Farm</b>

## 2) Forum, Conference and Special Lecture

- KNU offers year-round academic forums, conferences, and special lectures that enable students to learn about global research trends, policy developments, and practical cases in high value-added agriculture through exchanges with domestic and international experts. Participation in these events is open to all students, allowing them to gain practical and global perspectives in agriculture.



		
<b>Hybrid-Webinar Event</b>	<b>Special Lecture</b>	<b>International Forum</b>

### 3) Internship Program (Credit-bearing)

- During the winter and summer vacations, internships will be offered at government agencies and other relevant organizations based on a mutual agreement between Kyungpook National University and partner government agencies under the KOICA-KNU Scholarship Program. Through the internship program, participants will gain a hands-on understanding of the operational mechanisms across the agricultural value chain—from production and processing to distribution, markets, and policy—and strengthen their practical capacity to apply Korea's agricultural policy and industry experience to policy formulation and project planning in their home countries.

Type	Organization	Number of Participants
INGO	World-Agri Vision	Change in accordance with agency
Public Institution	Agricultural Technology Center, Gyeongsangbuk-do Agricultural Research & Extension Services	
Private Company	Agricultural Companies	

### 4) The 6th Industry Value Chain Competition

- The 6th Industry Value Chain Competition will be organized to enable students to design integrated production–processing–distribution models based on agricultural products from their home countries. Through expert mentoring and evaluation, students will strengthen their practical capacity to apply high value-added agriculture concepts to policy and project planning

### 5) Carbon Neutral Value Chain Competition

- A Carbon Neutral Value Chain Competition will be conducted to enhance students' capacity to design climate-smart and low-carbon agricultural solutions across the entire value chain. Students will develop team-based proposals covering low-carbon production, eco-friendly processing, sustainable distribution, and carbon-neutral policy measures. Experts from public institutions and relevant industries will participate in mentoring and evaluation, and outstanding proposals may be considered for linkage with KOICA climate-smart agriculture or development cooperation projects.



**Competition Award Ceremony**



**Carbon Neutral Competition Presentation & Group Photo**



## 6) International Cultural Events

- The KNU-KOICA Scholarship Program offers an annual International Cultural Festival to celebrate global diversity and showcase international artistic talents. All Korean and KNU-KOICA Scholarship Program students bring food, dance, music, and other performances representing the traditions and cultural heritage of their home countries. The festival serves as a vibrant platform for cultural

## 7) Sports Day

- The KNU-KOICA Scholarship Program offers an annual Sports Day, bringing together faculty members and students to participate in various sporting activities and providing an opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities.



**Kimchi-Making**



**Flogging**



**Wearing Hanbok**

### III. TRAINING INSTITUTE

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

##### 1) About the University:



Kyungpook National University (KNU) is a national comprehensive university established in 1946. It was developed around a pre-existing teacher's college, medical school and agricultural college. It then developed into Korea's best university in the fields of IT, agriculture, engineering and business administration. 240,000 students have graduated from KNU. Currently, there are 34,000 students, 1,288 professors and 1,184 staff members at KNU. Kyungpook National University has more than 94 majors in 18 colleges, 15 graduate schools and 134 research institutes.

##### **Student-Centered University**

- 90 billion won worth of scholarships have been provided to KNU students with 36,000 total beneficiaries (excluding duplicates) and a 70% benefit rate.
- KNU offers opportunities to study in some of the best universities in the world. (University of California, Berkeley, Oxford University, Yale University)

##### **Best Teaching Ability**

- The performance of SCI-level theses per professor ranked 1st among national universities in Korea.
- 2 professors in KNU were named on the world's most influential researchers list (HCR).
- 7 professors in KNU published papers in the Journal of Nature and Science.

##### 2) Homepage: To open the link, hold down the Ctrl key and click

- Kyungpook National University : Kyungpook National University
- The Graduate School of KNU : The Graduate School of KNU
- Institute of International Research & Development : 국제개발연구원

##### 3) Campus Tour Video : [Kyungpook National University promotional video](#)

## 2. ACCOMMODATION: 경북대학교 진리관(생활관) / KNUON-CAMPUS DORMITORY

- KNU-KOICA fellow students at Kyungpook National University are accommodated in on-campus dormitories. All rooms are designed for single occupancy to provide a comfortable and study-friendly environment.



**Communal Kitchen**



**Communal Laundry Room**



**Single Room**

### 1) Room Facilities

- Single room (one person per room)
- Bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, and wardrobe provided
- Free Wi-Fi access available across the KNU campus

### 2) Communal Facilities

- Shared bathroom, communal kitchen, laundry room, student lounge

### 3) Important Notes

- Personal items, including bedding sets (blankets and pillows), are not provided
- The possession or use of electric heating appliances is prohibited
- English-speaking dormitory staff are available to assist international students

### 4) Other Facilities

- **Prayer Room:** provided to support religious equity and cultural diversity for students from various cultural and religious backgrounds
- **Global Lounge:** A multipurpose space where international students can exchange academic information, build friendships, and participate in cultural interaction activities



### 3. OTHER INFORMATION

#### 1) KNU Campus Map



#### ■ Area 1

- |                                                     |                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 100. Main Administration Bldg.                      | 113. Dormitory (Hyangto-gwan)                     |
| 101. Main Auditorium                                | 114. Dormitory (Cheomseong-gwan)                  |
| 102. DGB Culture Center                             | 115. Mobile-Techno Bldg                           |
| 103. Global Plaza                                   | 116. Information Center                           |
| 104. College of Humanities                          | 117. Techno-Park                                  |
| 105. Youngsundong                                   | 118. College of Pharmacy                          |
| 106. Humanities Korea Bldg.                         | 119. Fine Art & Design Bldg                       |
| 107. Graduate School Bldg.                          | 120. College of Music & Visual Arts               |
| 108. CheomSung-In Student Futures Support Building* | 121. Carving & Modeling Bldg.                     |
| 109. Library/Cafeteria                              | 122. Munye-gwan                                   |
| 110. IT Service Center                              | 123. Garage                                       |
| 111. Central Library                                | 124. Dormitory (Nuri-gwan)                        |
| 112. Language Institute                             | 125. College of Agriculture & Life Science Bldg.4 |
- \* Office of International Affairs

#### ■ Area 2

- |                                                   |                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 201. College of Agriculture & Life Science Bldg.1 | 211. Swimming Pool                       |
| 202. College of Agriculture & Life Science Bldg.3 | 212. Gymnasium 2                         |
| 203. College of Agriculture & Life Science Bldg.2 | 213. Gymnasium 1                         |
| 204. KNU Press                                    | 214. Chungryong-gwan                     |
| 205. Bokhyun Bldg.                                | 215. Student Club Bldg. (Baekho-gwan)    |
| 206. Children Education Center                    | 216. R.O.T.C                             |
| 208. Natural Science Bldg.1                       | 217. Biology Bldg.                       |
| 209. College of Natural Sciences                  | 218. Collaborative Experiment Bldg.      |
| 210. Natural Science Bldg.2                       | 219. Integrated Natural Science Building |

### ■ Area 3

301. Teacher's College  
302. Graduate Education School Bldg.  
303. Woodang Bldg.  
304. Common Lecture Bldg.4  
305. Student Union Bldg.  
306. KNU Museum

307. College of Human Ecology  
308. College of Economics & Business Administration1  
309. College of Economics & Business Administration2  
310. College of Social Sciences  
311. Law School/Graduate Law School

### ■ Area 4

401. College of Engineering Bldg.2  
402. College of Engineering Bldg.2A  
403. Environmental Science Institute  
404. College of Engineering Bldg.1  
405. Lab Safety Management Center  
406. College of Engineering Bldg.9  
407. Chemistry Bldg.  
408. College of Engineering Bldg.12  
409. College of Engineering Bldg.3  
410. College of Engineering Bldg.6  
411. College of Engineering Bldg.7

412. Miraechangjik-gwan(College of Engineering Bldg.4)  
413. College of IT Engineering Bldg.3  
414. College of IT Engineering Bldg.4  
415. IT Convergence Engineering Bldg.  
416. College of IT Engineering Bldg.2  
417. Semiconductor Reserch Bldg.  
418. College of IT Engineering Bldg.1  
419. College of Engineering Bldg.8  
420. College of Veterinary Medicine  
421. Veterinary Hospital

### ■ Area 5

501. Dormitory(Jilli-gwan)  
502. Dormitory(Bongsa-gwan)  
503. Dormitory(Hwamok-gwan)  
504. Dormitory (Boram-gwan)  
506. Dormitory (Myeonhak-Gwan)

507. Dormitory (Sungshil-Gwan)  
509. Faculty Apartments  
510. Substation  
511. Business Incubation Center

## 2) The Central Library



- Students can use their ID card to enter the library and borrow books and other materials.
- Circulation services, interlibrary loan services, and multimedia services are available
- Facilities include smart learning rooms, communication rooms, study rooms, café, and a book gallery
- Homepage: <http://kudos.knu.ac.kr/eng/>

### 3) Welfare Facilities

#### a. Banking Information

- Students can open a bank account, deposit money, transfer money overseas, and access other banking services
- Location : 305, Area 3(Student Union Bldg., 1F)

#### b. Post Office


- Students can send letters and packages on campus
- Location : Room 305, Area 3 (Student Union Building, 2F)

#### c. Cafeterias and Convenient Facilities

- Cafés and convenience stores are located throughout the campus, especially near the library and lecture buildings, making them easily accessible to students

Building	College of Engineering	Global Plaza 3fl.	Student Union Bldg. 2 fl.	Student Union Bldg. 2 fl.	General Information Center
Bldg. no.	408	103	305	305	116
Menu	<a href="http://coop.knu.ac.kr">http://coop.knu.ac.kr</a>				

#### d. Shopping Mall

Exterior	Store Type	Location	Service Hours
	Travel agency	Student Union Bldg., 1F	All stores are open during normal business hours
	Flower Shop		
	Stationery Store		
	Clothing Store		
	Mobile Communications		
	Bakery		
	Photo Studio		
	Sporting Goods Store		
	Printing Services		

#### e. Sports Facilities



- Various sports facilities are available on campus, including a fitness room, an indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, and basketball courts. For more information, please visit: <http://sports.knu.ac.kr>
- Location: Rooms 213 (Gymnasium 2), Area 2, and 212 (Gymnasium 1), Area



Division	Composition
Great Stadium	Artificial Turf Stadium, Track and Field
Playground	-
Tennis Court	5 student Courts, 5 Faculty Courts, 2 Lesson Courts
Gymnasium 2	2 volleyball Courts
Swimming Pool	6 Lanes of 25m
(Outdoors) Tennis Court	4
(Outdoors) Volleyball Court	6

#### 4) Campus Health Clinic

- Providing disease prevention and healthcare services for students and faculty members, including health counseling, medical examinations, treatment, and other related health services
- The medical costs of KNU Campus Health Clinic are set at the lowest possible level by law for medical expenses

Subject	Date	Hours(Semester)
General Clinic	Mon.-Fri.	10:00 – 15:00
Psychiatry Clinic	Mon.	13:00 – 17:00
	Wed.	09:00 – 17:00
	Thur.	09:00 – 12:00
	Mon.-Fri.	10:00 – 17:00
Obesity Clinic	Mon.-Fri.	10:00 – 17:00

#### 5) International Writing Center

- Providing English writing support services for students, including guidance on academic writing, one-on-one tutoring (by reservation), and writing seminars.

#### 6) Student Counseling Center

- Providing psychological counseling and mental health support services to help students adapt to college life and promote well-being, including individual and group counseling, psychological tests (personality, aptitude, and career), in-depth 1:1 counseling, stress management, and workshops on self-understanding and psychological test interpretation. All services are confidential and free of charge.



## 7) Kyungpook National University Hospital



- Kyungpook National University students can enjoy exclusive medical benefits at KNU Hospital, including a 30% reduction on medical expenses, a 20% reduction on physical examinations, and a 50,000 won discount on PET/CT cancer screenings (insurance-covered items excluded).
- To apply for these discounts, please bring your KNU Student ID, Certificate of Registration, and Alien Registration Card (ARC).
- For inquiries and reservations in English or Chinese, contact +82-53-200-6114. The hospital is located at 130 Dongduk-ro, Jung-gu, Daegu, and is easily accessible via Subway Line 2 (KNU Hospital Station), Bus #306 from the KNU North Gate, or a short taxi ride (approx. 5,000 won).

## 8) Other Medical Facilities

- **Emergency Rescue 119** : In the event of a sudden illness or a traffic accident, dial 119 to request an ambulance for immediate hospital transfer. For medical care at night or on holidays, students can use the university hospital's emergency room. For further emergency assistance—including medical guidelines, emergency room locations, private ambulances, hospitals, and pharmacies—please visit the Central Emergency Medical Center website at <http://www.e-gen.or.kr/>.

Medical Institution	Address	Specialty	Phone
Kwak's Hospital	Sudong, Jung-gu, Daegu	General Hospital	252-2401
Wooridul Hospital	Sudong, Jung-gu, Daegu	Neurosurgery, Orthopedics	212-3000
Bokhyeon Eton United Dental Clinic	Bokhyeon-dong, Buk-gu, Daegu	Dentistry	382-7528
Daegu Fatima Hospital	99 Ayang-ro, Dong-gu, Daegu	General Hospital	1688-7770
Daedong Hospital	Hyomok 2-dong, Dong-gu, Daegu	Internal Medicine, Neurology, and Psychiatry	663-1000
Youngcheon Oriental Clinic	Sinam 2-dong, Dong-gu, Daegu	Oriental Medicine	944-1075

## IV. ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

### 1. Academic Regulations for Graduate Students

#### Attendance and Absenteeism

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered each semester. Any student who, without a valid reason, fails to attend at least two-thirds of the total class hours shall be prohibited from taking the examination.

In the event that a student is absent for any of the reasons listed below, the student must notify the relevant department, faculty member, and department chair and obtain approval in advance:

- ① Death of an immediate family member (parents, spouse, or children) or equivalent circumstances
- ② Academic planning, field trips, on-site training, etc.
- ③ Participation in seminars or conferences (including international conferences) approved by the department chair
- ④ Other events approved by the department chair

In the event of illness or an emergency, students who are absent for fewer than seven days (including weekends and holidays) must submit written notification of the absence to the department chair. For absences exceeding seven days, students must submit a medical certificate issued by a physician.

#### Disciplinary Action

**Article 5 (Disciplinary Action)** Anyone found to be in violation of any rules and regulations set forth by KNU shall be subject to disciplinary action by the President of KNU.

- ⑤ Academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, etc.)
- ⑥ Intentionally disrupting lectures
- ⑦ Violation of any school regulations

#### Types of Disciplinary Action

**Article 6 (Types of Disciplinary Action)** Depending on the severity of the violation, disciplinary actions shall be imposed incrementally, ranging from a warning to probation, suspension, and expulsion.

- ① Probation shall range from one week to one month.
- ② The duration for a finite suspension will range from one week to one month.
- ③ The duration for an indefinite suspension will be more than one month.
- ④ KNU shall order at least 20 hours up to 60 hours of community service but it cannot exceed one month.

#### Admissions, Classes and Years of Study

**Article 70 (Classes)** General and Professional graduate program classes are held during regular daytime hours.

**Article 71 (Years of Study)**

- ① The required period of study for graduate degrees at KNU is two years for a Master's program, two years for a Doctoral program, and four years for a combined Master's and Doctoral program.
- ② In cases where previously earned credits satisfy the required course credits and the student's GPA is 4.2 or higher, the period of study may be reduced by six months for a Master's or Doctoral program and by one year for a combined Master's/Doctoral program.

**Completion and Awarding of a Degree**

**Article 73 (Required Credits)** Students must earn at least 24 credits for a Master's degree.

**Article 74 (Credits Taken as Prerequisites)** Credits earned from prerequisite courses (such as Korean language courses) shall not be counted toward the required credits for the Master's or Doctoral program.

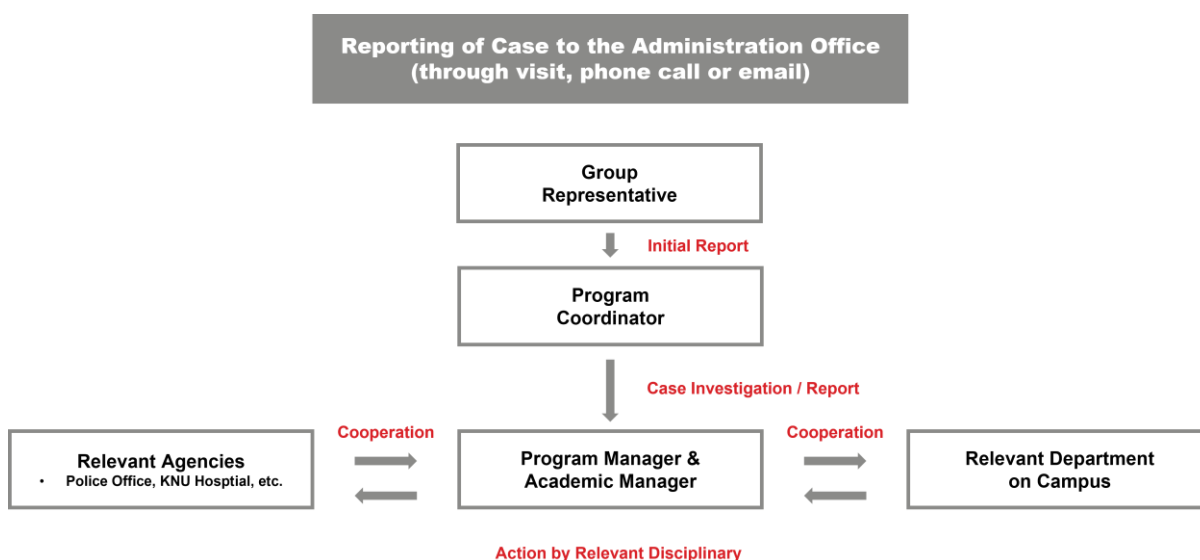
**Article 78 (Graduation with Honors)** Refer to KNU's Rules for Graduation with Honors.

**2. Sexual Violence Prevention**

- KNU is making every effort to educate students on harassment prevention, including sexual harassment and sexual violence. To address these issues, the university has established guidelines and provides special offline lectures.
- Under Korean law, sexual violence refers to acts of rape or indecent acts committed by means of violence or intimidation (i.e., sexual acts involving physical violence or threats). Recently, cases involving sexual acts committed against another person's will have also been recognized as rape or indecent acts by compulsion, even in the absence of physical violence.

Crimes	Scope	Punishment
<b>Rape</b> (Articles 297 and 300)	Individuals who commit or attempt to commit rape by means of violence or intimidation	Imprisonment for a fixed term of at least three years
<b>Indecent Act by Compulsion</b> (Articles 298 and 300)	Individuals who commit or attempt to commit an indecent act by compulsion through violence or intimidation	Imprisonment for up to 10 years or a fine not exceeding 15 million KRW
<b>Quasi-Rape / Quasi-Indecent Act by Compulsion</b> (Articles 299 and 300)	Individuals who commit or attempt to commit sexual intercourse or molestation by taking advantage of another person's unconsciousness or inability to resist	Punished in accordance with the provisions regarding rape and indecent acts by compulsion above
<b>Inflicting Bodily Injury or Causing Death by Rape, etc.</b> (Article 301)	Cases in which a person committing crimes under Articles 297–300 inflicts bodily injury upon or causes the death of the victim	Life imprisonment or imprisonment for a term of at least five years
<b>Sexual Intercourse by Abuse of Occupational Authority</b> (Article 303)	A person who, through fraud or abuse of authority, engages in sexual intercourse with another person under his or her protection or supervision in relation to business, employment, or another relationship	Imprisonment for up to five years or a fine not exceeding 15 million KRW

- Sexual violence or any kind are resolved according to the following procedure within the school.



### 3. Mandatory Dormitory Residence

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

- Requiring students to reside in the KNU dormitory and comply with all dormitory regulations, including room management, visitor control, cleanliness and waste disposal, room inspections, prohibition of smoking and alcohol, protection of university property, and maintenance of a safe and orderly residential environment. Violations of dormitory regulations may result in eviction from the dormitory and repatriation to the student's home country.

Category	Rules & Guideline
<b>Room</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must maintain and clean their room prior to check out.</li> <li>• Students should have separate indoor shoes. Do not wear outdoor shoes inside the room. • Even among dormitory residents, students of different genders are strictly prohibited from entering each other's rooms.</li> <li>• To prevent damage, students are not allowed to suspend decorations or attach anything to any wall or ceiling.</li> </ul>
<b>Dormitory Access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote a scholarly atmosphere within the dormitory and prevent theft incidents, unauthorized entry of outsiders is prohibited.</li> <li>• It is strictly prohibited to allow outsider who do not reside in the dormitory to enter without prior approval from the office. In case of special circumstances, you must complete an External Visitor Entry Permit Application at the office(GP 1404) in advance and obtain approval before granting access.</li> <li>• If an outsider stays overnight in the dormitory without prior approval, they will be immediately required to leave.</li> </ul>
<b>Room Inspection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The supervising staff may inspect student rooms without prior notice for emergency.</li> <li>• What to inspect: Smoking, using prohibited electrical appliances, drinking, room/bathroom cleanliness or any other regulation.</li> <li>• The act of disobeying instructions from administrators (including professors, staff, and resident assistants) or interfering with administrative tasks through inappropriate behavior is strictly prohibited</li> </ul>

Category	Rules & Guideline
<b>Kitchen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are expected to keep the kitchen clean and sanitary at all times.</li> <li>Do not pour oil down the drain. For every small amount of oil, wipe up with a paper towel and throw it in the trash bag.</li> </ul>
<b>Bathroom</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should keep the place tidy. Clean up after you shower.</li> <li>Do not throw any rubbish or food waste in the toilet.</li> </ul>
<b>Cleaning/Trash</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students do not indiscriminately dispose of waste around or inside the dormitory. When disposing of trash, they must separate and discard it in the designated recycling bins.</li> </ul>
<b>Damage/Liability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students agree to be fully responsible and liable for any damages that may occur to KNU property during their residency. They will be responsible for the cost of repairs.</li> <li>Residents are fully responsible for insuring their own personal property against loss due to fire or theft. Students are strongly encouraged not to bring valuables.</li> </ul>
<b>Others</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smoking is not allowed inside the room or the building.</li> <li>The possession of illegal, non-prescription drugs or alcoholic beverages is not permitted at any time and any place in the dormitory.</li> <li>Students should not block the passage of other students by placing personal belongings in the hallway or emergency stairs.</li> </ul>

## 4. Participant Responsibilities

### 1) Withdrawals

- A participant may withdraw with valid personal or home country's reasons (such as health or work issues) when acceptable to KOICA.

### 2) Temporary Leave

- A participant can have a temporary leave during the school vacation (to the participants' home country or for a trip abroad) on the condition that the trip does not affect their schoolwork and as long as they notify the KNU in advance.
- KNU and KOICA do not pay airfare for the trip and his/her living allowance will be suspended from the day of departure to the day of return during a temporary leave.
- If the participants are found to have made an unreported temporary visit to his or her home country or traveled to other countries or made a trip despite the university's disapproval, he or she may be suspended from the KOICA scholarship.

### 3) Accompanying or Inviting Family members

- As the Master's program is a very intensive, requiring full commitment and concentrated effort for study, participants cannot bring any family members in Korea.

## V . PRECAUTIONS

1. **Possibility of Online Program:** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and related public health regulations, the academic program under this PI may be conducted online. Depending on the regulations of each training institute, blended learning (hybrid learning combining online and face-to-face instruction) may also be implemented, including pre-sessions. In principle, even when the academic program is conducted online, participants must be physically present in Korea and are not permitted to participate from their home countries or outside Korea.
  - **Early Departure:** Due to unavoidable circumstances such as flight cancellations or border closures, participants may be required to depart Korea before the official program end date. In such cases, parts of the academic curriculum, thesis defense, or closing ceremony may be conducted online.
  - **Living Allowance:** Living costs are provided on a per diem basis according to the actual duration of stay. In cases of early departure, allowances will be calculated based on the actual departure date, not the originally scheduled program end date.
  - **Compliance with Entry/Exit Guidelines:** Any additional costs incurred due to failure to comply with entry/exit requirements shall be the participant's responsibility. For example, failure to present a valid PCR test result upon arrival or missing a scheduled flight may result in additional expenses such as rebooking fees.
  - **Vaccination Requirements:** Participants must independently check vaccination requirements with the training institute and prepare accordingly. Any disadvantages resulting from non-compliance shall be the participant's responsibility. For example, failure to provide required vaccination proof may result in inability to access dormitory accommodation, in which case the participant must arrange and cover alternative accommodation costs (up to the equivalent dormitory rate).
  - **Dormitory Check-in:** In principle, all participants are required to check in to the university dormitory.
2. **Religious Meals & Personal Food Preferences:** Religious meals and personal dietary preferences are not provided during the scholarship program or quarantine period upon entry to Korea. Participants may incur additional personal expenses if special arrangements are required.
3. **Regulatory Compliance:** KOICA SP participants should observe KOICA Scholarship Fellows' Guidebook and University internal rules and regulations, otherwise the participant would lose one's status as SP participants and a university student.

## VI. HOW TO APPLY TO INSTITUTE(UNIVERSITY)

■ This page is intended as reference for applicants who have successfully advanced through the KOICA (Korean Embassy) Round conducted by KOICA country office(Korean Embassy).

### ■ Application Method

#### <Submission of Application Documents> (Scanned Copy)

- The designated university personnel will send an email to each successful applicant, providing the necessary documents for university enrollment and guidance on subsequent procedures for applicants who have completed the KOICA screening conducted by the KOICA Overseas Office (Korean Embassy).
- Applicants must send a scanned copy of their application documents to the university via the official email address: [iird@knu.ac.kr](mailto:iird@knu.ac.kr)
- \* E-mail subject form: [Nationality] Application for Master's Degree Program in Capacity Building on High Value-added Agriculture / [Student Name]
- Deadline: by September 14, 2026
- Submission of original documents is not required during the application stage

#### <Submission of the Original copy> (For final participant ONLY)

- Once you are chosen as the final participant for the program, an original copy of the document for apostille should be submitted to the Kyungpook National University by mail(DHL). The Korean Embassy or Consulate must certificate these documents. This is a prerequisite before the University can issue the Certificate of Admission.

\*The above schedule is subject to change.

Steps	Contents	Period
Step1	Application Package Submission (Via E-mail)	2026.8.12.~2026.9.14.
Step2	Document Screening	2026.9.15~2026.9.30
Step3	Local Medical Check-up	By October 30, 2026
Step4	Interview Test of University	By October 30, 2026
Step5	Second Round Result	November 6 <sup>th</sup> 2026
Step6	Submission of Original University Documents (To the University)	By November 30, 2026
Step7	Admission Notification	December 2026

\*The above schedule is subject to change.

### ■ Detailed Information

#### 1) Step 1: University Documents Submission

- Applicants who have successfully passed the KOICA screening round are kindly requested to submit the required documents to the university via the designated email address. Scanned copies of all required documents must be submitted by email.
- **Official University Email: [iird@knu.ac.kr](mailto:iird@knu.ac.kr)**
- Email subject format: [Nationality] Application for Master's Degree Program in Capacity Building on High

## 2) Step 2: Document Screening

- Documents of applicants who have been nominated by the KOICA country office or the Korean Embassy (in cases where the KOICA country office is not available) will be reviewed and evaluated by the university. The university will assess applicants' educational background and work experience based on the submitted documents, with particular consideration given to institutional affiliation, position, and English proficiency.
- The university will also verify whether the nominated applicants have properly prepared and submitted all required documents. The results of the document screening will be notified to applicants individually.

## 3) Step 3: Local Medical Check-up

- Those who have successfully passed the Step 2: Document Screening **must** submit the medical examination result by the designated date.
- Further guidance will be given by the university.

## 4) Step 4: Interview

- Applicants who have successfully passed the first round of the selection process (document screening) will be invited to participate in an interview, which will be conducted via Zoom or Skype.
- The interview schedule will be arranged and notified to applicants by email.
- Interview questions will cover topics such as personal experience, job-related experience, and basic knowledge of agriculture. The interview questions will be shared with successful applicants before the interview begins. To support understanding, a brief introduction to the interview questionnaire will also be provided.

## 5) Step 5: Submission of Original University Documents:

- Applicants are required to prepare in advance for document authentication (which must be Apostilled/Consular Authenticated), and have them ready to be sent to the university as soon as the result of the 2nd round(Step 4: Interview) has been announced. Those who have been finally accepted at the university round are required to submit original documents to the university directly by international courier(e.g., DHL, EMS). Shipping costs will be reimbursed by the university upon submission of the original receipt after arrival in Korea. If there are issues with the original documents, the final candidates may be placed on hold or disqualified. Please ensure that the submitted documents are accurate and complete. And please check accurately with university staffs.

- Recipient : **Institute of International Research & Development, Kyungpook National University (#1404, Global Plaza, 80 Daehak-ro, Buk-gu, Daegu, Republic of Korea, 41566)**
- Submitting Entity : **Institute of International Research & Development, Kyungpook National University**
- Submitting Deadline : November 30, 2026

※ Bear in mind that if the documents are not properly authenticated OR if there are any missing documents, you may have to supplement them again through express mail at your own expense.

## 6) Admission Notification

- Admission result will be notified to the regional KOICA country office or Korean embassy. Registration instructions, course registration, and information on other necessary steps will be provided individually to the successful applicants.

## ▣ Required Documents



- 1) Kyungpook National University Form 1: (Type in English and print out. Handwritten documents are not acceptable.)
- 2) Kyungpook National University Form 2: Personal Statement and Study Plan (Type in English and print out. Handwritten documents are not acceptable.)
- 3) Kyungpook National University Form 3: Recommendation Letter for Admission from employer
- 4) Official Bachelor's Certificate of Graduation and Transcript
  - These documents must be submitted together with an Apostille or an authentication issued by the Korean Embassy/Consulate or the relevant government authority in the applicant's home country. **(Apostille is unnecessary during the application process.)**
- 5) Certificate of Employment
- 6) A Copy of the Applicant's Passport
  - A copy of the page showing the passport number, date of issue, expiration date, photograph, and name.
  - The passport must be valid for at least three months beyond the program completion date.
- 7) Optional Documents
  - Undergraduate thesis (if completed during your bachelor's degree program)
  - Korean language proficiency certificate or English language proficiency test score report (if available)

#### **☐ Important Notice**

- 1) All application forms must be completed in English, and all supporting documents must be submitted in English. Documents in other languages must be accompanied by a notarized English translation.
- 2) Admission will be rescinded if any submitted materials are found to contain false information.
- 3) Applicants with incomplete or insufficient application forms and supporting documents will be disqualified from admission.
- 4) Applicants are fully responsible for any disadvantages resulting from errors or omissions in their application materials.
- 5) ★The Korean government may request verification of applicants' bank balance or financial capacity to confirm their ability to support living expenses during their stay in Korea.

## **VII. CONTACTS**

### **1. CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **1) Kyungpook National University**

- **Admissions Division**
- E-mail: iird@knu.ac.kr or durikwon@gmail.com
- **Homepage:** <http://iird.knu.ac.kr>
- **Address:** 80 Daehak-ro, Buk-gu, Daegu, 41566, Republic of Korea

#### **2) General requests regarding application process**

- E-mail : [koica.sp@koworks.org](mailto:koica.sp@koworks.org)
- Homepage : <http://www.koica.go.kr/sites/ciat/index.do>

**\*The schedule in PI (Program Information) is changeable according to the KOICA and University's schedule.**