



# The Korea-LAC Scholarship Program (KLSP) Improving Public Management in Latin America and the Caribbean



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Scholarship Program  
IMPROVING PUBLIC MANAGEMENT





Quality public management is a powerful tool for generating further development. Dynamic civil servants with the skills necessary to design, implement and evaluate successful public policies are essential for attaining this goal. The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), with the financial support of the Korea Poverty Reduction Fund, has launched the Korea-LAC Scholarship Program (KLSP). KLSP aims at strengthening the public sector workforce of the 22 eligible Latin American and Caribbean countries. Under this initiative, a group of 26 mid-level public officials will receive full academic scholarships to study in a Master's program in public policy or management in English at one of the two competitively selected host institutions in Korea.

## Scholarship components

KLSP scholars will be provided with:

- A roundtrip economy-class air ticket (to and from Korea);
- Full tuition;
- Accommodation;
- Allowance for living expenses;
- Educational materials; and
- Health insurance.

KLSP scholars will also be offered the opportunity to participate in an internship or research assistance at relevant institutions in Korea.

## Host Institutions

Korea Development Institute: School of Public Policy and Management (KDI School)

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



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

Located in Sejong, is an educational institution affiliated to the Korea Development Institute (KDI), a premier government-funded economic think tank. Founded in 1998, the KDI School received accreditation for its Master of Public Policy Program from the Network of Schools in Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) in 2014 –the first NASPAA accreditation in Korea, and the second outside the US. The KDI School offers two degree programs to KLSP

scholars: the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program and the Master of Public Management (MPM) program. For more information, please visit the school website.

- Link to KDI website:

[http://www.kdi.re.kr/kdi\\_eng/main/main.jsp](http://www.kdi.re.kr/kdi_eng/main/main.jsp)

- Link to KDI School website: <https://www.kdischool.ac.kr/>

Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU): Graduate School of Governance (GSG)

### Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)



Located in Seoul, is a prestigious and fast-rising university in Korea sponsored by the Samsung Foundation. SKKU's **Graduate School of Governance (GSG)** founded in 2004 offers a Master of Public Management (MPM) program with a concentration on public policy or public management. The MPM also includes the Samsung-MPM Training Program, a program developed in partnership with Samsung.

- Link to SKKU website:

[http://www.skku.edu/eng\\_home/index.jsp](http://www.skku.edu/eng_home/index.jsp)

- Link to GSG website: <http://gsg.skku.edu/eng/index.php>

## Eligibility

Eligibility requirements apply at the time of application. Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a citizen of one of the 22 eligible LAC countries:

Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay.

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent with superior academic records.

- At least 5 years of full-time professional working experience in the public sector (acquired after a university degree).

- 40 years-old or younger.

- Candidates must agree to return to their home country upon completion of studies. If not, the participant must refund the total amount of the scholarship (the signature of a statement of commitment is mandatory).

- Upon their return, candidates must agree to work in the public sector for at least 24 consecutive months. If not, the participant must refund the total or partial amount of the scholarship (the signature of a statement of commitment is mandatory).

- Applicants living or working in a country other than their home country are not eligible.

- Persons already enrolled in a graduate degree program are not eligible.

- Executive directors, alternate directors, consultants, and relatives of the aforementioned are not eligible.

Applicants must also meet the eligibility requirements of the host institution(s) they are applying for. These criteria are presented in the following links:

- Link to KDI School Admissions:

[https://www.kdischool.ac.kr/#/admissions/cp/international/admissions\\_overview](https://www.kdischool.ac.kr/#/admissions/cp/international/admissions_overview)

- Link to SKKU GSG Admissions:

[http://www.klsprogram.org/out/skku\\_proposal\\_and\\_annexes-16-18.pdf](http://www.klsprogram.org/out/skku_proposal_and_annexes-16-18.pdf)

## **Application**

- Applicants will submit the following required documents to their respective government agency functioning as a liaison (contact info. available at KLSP website:

<http://klsprogram.org/en/>):

- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Purpose

- Each government of the 22 eligible countries will submit a shortlist of 3 candidates to the IDB.

- The 66 shortlisted candidates will submit their applications directly to KDI School and/or SKKU GSG, and follow the respective application process. Candidates may apply to both institutions.

- KDI School and SKKU GSG will contact the 26 selected candidates. The list of selected candidates will also be posted on the KLSP website.

- The 26 selected candidates will sign an Acceptance Letter with the host institution, confirming their admission.

## Timeline

Activity	Date
Submission of shortlist by 22 LAC countries to the IDB with names of candidates	By May 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
Submission of applications to host institutions by 66 shortlisted candidates	By May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 (KDIS) By May 23 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 (SKKU)
Announcement of final results by host institutions to the selected candidates	July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2016 (KDIS and SKKU)
Start of semester	September 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 (KDIS) September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2016 (SKKU)

## Contact us

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