

Program Information

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Part I

WELCOME MESSAGE



Mayor's Welcome

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Mayor of Seoul

Up until just a few decades ago, when people thought of Seoul, images of ragged, half-starved war orphans would come to their minds. In adoption agencies around the world, photos of these poor young orphans, grasping the Korean national flag in front of them, would represent Seoul.

Over the next several decades, however, by achieving remarkable economic development in the 1970s - often referred to by the world as the "Miracle of the Han River" - and by successfully hosting various international events such as the Olympic Games in 1988 and the FIFA World Cup in 2002, Seoul would slowly but surely gain a stronger presence in the international community.

And in March 2012, the Economist Intelligence Unit ranked Seoul as the 20th most competitive city in the world.

Seoul's success story of overcoming the tragedy of the Korean war and achieving all that it has today to become one of the most representative and most competitive cities in Asia and in the world, would not have been possible without foreign aid and support from the international community.

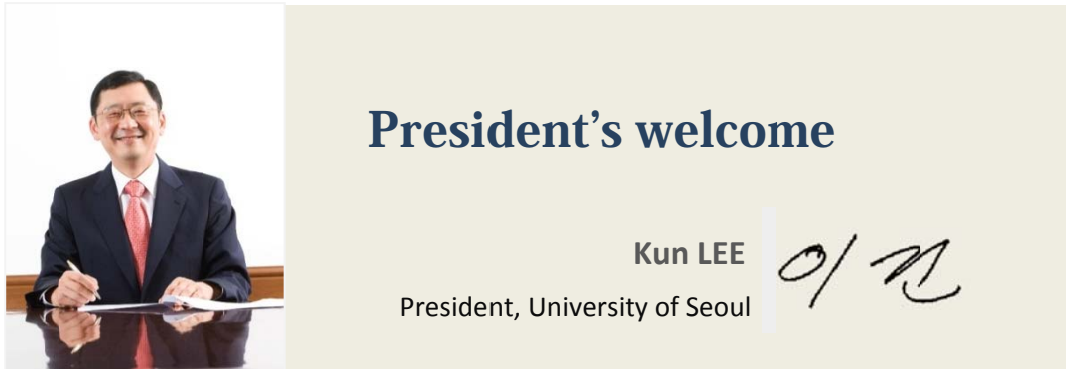
In recent years, Seoul has become the first former aid recipient to join the OECD Development Assistance Committee and become an aid donor. Seoul feels a strong sense of responsibility to give back to the international community, sharing its past experiences and best practices with cities in developing countries so that they too can gain a more competitive edge in the world.

As part of Seoul's efforts to give back to the international community, the Seoul Metropolitan Government has launched an Master of Urban Administration and Planning (MUAP) for public servants in developing countries, along with various ODA projects, to contribute to the further development of these countries.

Since 2008, this program has been providing opportunities to public servants of Seoul's sister and friendship cities in developing countries to come to Seoul, learn more about Seoul's best practices in urban administration, participate in field trips to various facilities, and conduct further research on city governance. After completing this program, these public servants return to home countries to create their cities' own "miracles."

This program also serves as a good platform to strengthen people-to-people ties between Seoul and its sister and friendship cities, for further mutual exchanges and cooperation.

The Seoul Metropolitan Government promises to strive to expand this meaningful program so that Seoul can contribute to further improving the lives of citizens in developing countries.



The history of the University of Seoul is the history of Korea in view of social development. Since its establishment in 1918, the University of Seoul has changed its specialized area from agriculture, to industry in the 1970's, and again to urban studies in the 1980's. The university of Seoul has become more prestigious in recent years as it develops strategically Urban Studies. As the only university sponsored by the Seoul Metropolitan Government, the University of Seoul is leading the education and research in Urban Studies in Korea.

Urbanization becomes a crucial phenomenon now, and the developing world is where this drastic urbanization is occurring. For the first time, more than half of world population live in cities. Over 90 percent of urban growth is taking place in the developing world. Urbanization in the developing world was once considered unmanageable and hence restricted. However, the question is not how to constrain urbanization, but how to prepare for it, maximizing the benefits of urbanization while minimizing the negative externalities of congestion, crime, and slums. Urban planners and administrators need to understand city and urbanization for better quality of life and socioeconomic prosperity.

Seoul Metropolitan Government and University of Seoul (SMG-UOS) jointly offer a master degree program of urban planning and administration, especially designed for public officers of cities from developing countries. It aims to enable public officers to enhance their ability to improve quality of their citizens' lives by providing world-class theoretical knowledge and Seoul's practical development experiences.

The University of Seoul warmly welcomes to all the SMG-UOS Master of Urban Administration and Planning participants and encourages all of you to keep your passion.

Thank you.

University of Seoul, The Birthplace of Korea's Urban Study

The University of Seoul was founded in 1918 and has provided higher education opportunities for the intelligent, motivated, and creative scholars. As a public institution, the University of Seoul is committed to addressing the social, regional, technological, and creative issues of the urbanized world. It has thus dedicated itself to cultivating leaders who will shape the urban future of Korea and the world. Its faculty, students, and administrative body are also distinguished by a commitment to civic values and a dynamic urban civilization.

The University of Seoul insists on quality and breadth. It is committed to both theory and practice, and endorses openness towards students and Korea's noticeable institutions. With more than 10,000 students enrolled, the University of Seoul consists of seven undergraduate colleges and almost 90 fields of study in the Graduate School. With diverse and specific programs that integrate research and policy, practice and education, the University of Seoul seeks a balance between academic and professional concerns, between visionary goals and practical research. Along with basic research, the University of Seoul functions as a think-tank in formulating and supporting the major policy goals of the Seoul Metropolitan Government.

In this sense, the International School of Urban Sciences has maintained a dominant position in a field of urban sciences. These range from environmental and civic engineering, architecture, urban planning and landscape design to public law and administration, taxation science, economics, urban sociology and management. With Korea's largest and finest group of human and informational resources focused on the future of the world's city, it boasts a unique array of research institutions working on the solutions to its problems and creative visions for its future.



Part II	PROGRAM OVERVIEW
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- **Program Title:** Master of Urban Administration & Planning (MUAP)
- **Duration:**
 - August 2015 ~ August 2017 (25 months)
 - ON-campus Education: Students will take courses for 13 months (Aug. 2015 ~ Aug. 2016) in the International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul
 - Off-campus Education: Students will prepare a thesis for 9 months (Sep. 2016 ~ May. 2017) in his/her home country and submit a completed thesis by June 2017
 - Master's Degree (Master of Urban Administration & Planning) will be granted in August 2017
- **Objectives:**
 - To train mid-career public officials who specialize in city planning and urban administration by learning Seoul's successful development cases and experiences.
 - To give opportunities to experience Korean culture and to learn language that can increase students' understanding of Korea
 - To develop a basis for collaborative relations between Seoul and its sister cities
- **Hosting Institution:** International Urban Development Program (IUDP),
International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul
- **Language:** English
- **Qualification**
 - Applicant Qualification
 - A foreign national whose parents are both foreign nationals
 - Have excellent command of both spoken & written English
 - Be in good health. (Pregnancy is regarded as a disqualifying condition)
 - Career Qualification
 - Governmental officials who experienced more than 3 years and under 40-year-age
 - College graduates or those with equivalent degrees
 - Applicants who have excellent command of both spoken & written English
 - Applicants who are in good health (Pregnancy is regarded as a disqualifying condition)
- **Financial Support:** The Following expenses will be covered by SMG & UOS
 - Tuition & Dormitory fees
 - Economy class, round-trip airfare between Seoul and the Participant's home country
 - Monthly living allowance based on SMG regulations
 - Others : A medical checkup after arrival / Official field trip expenses

Part III

HOW TO APPLY

1. APPLICATION/ADMISSION PROCEDURE**A. ADMISSION DECISION PROCEDURE**

- Round 1: Evaluation of Application Package
- Round 2: Phone (or Skype) Interview

Note: A phone/Skype interview will be conducted only for those applicants who have passed Round 1. The interview will be conducted in English.

B. APPLICATION & REGISTRATION TIMETABLE

Procedure	Date
Application Due	April 10, 2015 (April 1, 2015 for e-copy submission)
Document Review	April 13 ~ April 23, 2015
Phone/Skype Interview	May 04 ~ May 22, 2015
Final Admission Decision	May 27, 2015
Arrival in Korea	August 3, 2015

※ Please note that the dates are subject to change. All dates are in Korean Standard Time (KST)

※ All forms and documents first have to be submitted as electronic copies via email(muap@uos.ac.kr) by April 1, 2015. Please make sure that electronic copies cannot be replaced with original copies.

C. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All of the following application materials should be sent to the regional KOICA office (if available) or the relevant government office. Please do not send the materials to the University of Seoul directly.

- ① Two Photos, 3X4 cm (with white-colored background)
- ② Application form (Form 1)
- ③ Personal statement (Form 2)
- ④ Study plan (Form 3)
- ⑤ Curriculum vitae
- ⑥ Two letters of recommendation (Form 4; One letter should be from the applicant's current

agency or organization)

- ⑦ Official transcripts of all colleges/graduate schools
- ⑧ Certificate of (expected) graduation of all colleges/graduate schools
- ⑨ Documents for certifying an parents' nationality

Applicants with nationality of People's Republic of China:

- A copy of parents' passport or ID Card (A parents' English name equal to one printed in passport must be put on ID Card)
- Certificate of Household accompanied by notarized one translated into English or Korean (If it does not include parents, the certificate of family relation must be accompanied)

Applicants from nationality of other countries:

- The certificate of parents' nationality or a copy of parents' passport
- Certificate of family relation accompanied by notarized one translated into English or Korean

- ⑩ Certificate of employment
- ⑪ A photocopy of passport and national ID card
- ⑫ TOEFL or IELTS score report from one of the following: (optional but strongly recommended)

★ *Every document and certificate not written in English must be accompanied by notarized ones translated into English or Korean.*

※ Important Notes for All Applicants:

1. All forms should be typed in English and all the supporting documents should be in English. Documents in any other language should be accompanied by a notarized English translation.
2. Original documents should be submitted. Should they be unavailable, however, copies must be authorized by the originating institution before they are submitted.
3. If any of the submitted materials contain false information, admission will be rescinded.
4. Applicants whose forms and supporting documents are incomplete or unsatisfactory will be disqualified from the admission process.
5. Applicants should take full responsibility for any disadvantage due to their mistakes or omissions in the application process.

Part IV

PROGRAM CONTENTS

1. ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Date	Contents
August 3 ~ 29, 2015	Preliminary Session (including Arrival, Medical Checkup, Orientation)
September 1 ~ December 21, 2015	Fall Semester (1 st semester)
December 22, 2015 ~ February 29, 2016	Winter Session (Break & Internship)
March 2 ~ June 21, 2016	Spring Semester (2 nd semester)
June 22, 2016 ~ February 29, 2016	Summer Session (Thesis Presentation Session)
August 31, 2016	Departure

* The above schedule is subject to change. A detailed program schedule will be provided upon arrival.

a. Preliminary Session (4 Weeks)

Students are required to take a three week preliminary session before the first academic semester begins. The preliminary session is designed to help students adjust successfully to the program. Non-credit courses including Korean language & culture, academic writing will be offered during the session. Issuing foreign registration card, medical checkup, and Korean cultural experiences, etc. will be done aside from the coursework,

b. Regular Coursework Semesters (Fall and Spring Semesters)

Students are required to complete 34 credit hour coursework during two regular academic semesters. During the Winter Session between the two semesters, an internship or job shadow opportunity may be offered to enhance the students' practical understanding of urban and regional development. After completing the course work, students are required to pass a thesis submission qualification exam.

c. Thesis Presentation Session (Summer Session)

After completing the required coursework, students will be required to write a Master thesis under the guidance of his/her advisor. Interim thesis draft will be tested on two thesis presentation sessions, where participants will present his/her thesis draft to be evaluated by thesis committee members.

2. CURRICULUM

a. Curriculum

Students are required to take at least 34 credits for graduation, excluding the thesis research. (* The courses are subject to change.)

Course Classification	Course Name
Core Courses	16 Credits (5 Courses)
	Global Network Seminar I · II Research Methodology & Quantitative Analysis Transportation and Infrastructure Urban Administration and Finance Thesis Seminar
Elective Courses	18 Credits (6 Courses)
	Geographic Information Systems Seminar on Public Investment Management Urban Growth and Employment Housing and Land Policy Environment and Climate Change Urban Design and Historic Preservation Issues in Urbanization of Seoul E-Government
Language	Non-Credit
	Basic Korean Academic English Writing
Thesis	Non-Credit
	Thesis
Total	34 Credits

* The courses are subject to change.

b. Required Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Students with a GPA below 3.0 for two consecutive semesters will be automatically expelled from the program.
- Minimum cumulative GPA for graduation within the 16 months of resident is B0 (3.0/4.5). Students with a GPA below 3.0 will be disqualified from acquiring a diploma or a graduation certificate.

c. Thesis Writing

- Each participant should decide his/her thesis adviser during 1st semester and submit his/her thesis proposal (or research plan) on thesis qualification examination during 2nd semester.
- Interim thesis draft will be tested on two Thesis Research Seminars during Summer Session, where participants will present his/her thesis draft to be evaluated by thesis committee members.
- After going back to his/her own countries, participants are supposed to proceed their thesis study with an adviser by e-mail and so on.
- In the 4th semester, two thesis examination will be held officially, and those who passed 1st thesis examination along are eligible for final thesis examination.

3. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a. Field Studies

1) Site Visits

- The program will arrange four half-day site visits which can help students gain more practical knowledge of urban and regional development.
- The site visits will also include cultural activities which can help students better understand Korean culture and society.

2) Field trips

- The program will offer two field trips which can provide students opportunities to learn exemplary development projects in different parts of Korea – southeastern and southwestern parts of Korean peninsula.

b. Internship/Job Shadow Opportunities

The program will provide internship opportunities for the students to gain more practical knowledge of urban and regional development in Korea at sponsoring or cooperating agencies. The students will be able to do an internship/job shadow during the winter break session or thesis writing session. Students who take advantage of the opportunity to take advices, and collect data for thesis writing from institutions where they will do an internship.

c. Events

- Welcoming Ceremony and Orientation
- Home Visiting / Cultural Events
- Seminars, Forums, and Conferences

5. SMG-UOS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REGULATIONS

- General Regulations:

All students are required:

- To abide by the rules of the training institution.
 - To maintain a grade at the level required by UOS for the scholarship recipients.
 - To refrain from engaging in activities or any form of employment for profit or gain.
 - To return to his/her home country upon completion of their training program.
 - Not to extend the length of his/her training program for personal convenience.
 - Not to bring any family members (dependents) to Korea (except purpose of short tour in Korea)
 - To accept that SMG and UOS are not liable for any damage or loss to his/her personal property.
 - To accept that SMG and UOS will not assume any responsibility for illness, injury, or death caused by extracurricular activities, willful misconduct, or undisclosed pre-existing medical conditions.
 - To carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both SMG and UOS with respect to the training program.
- If the participants fail to meet the above conditions, the home institutions of the program participants can be deprived of further opportunities to make recommendation for future programs.
 - UOS may cancel the admission if a participant fails to take a medical check-up.
 - Temporary withdrawal is not allowed in principle.
 - If the participant is found to be in violation of any of the above regulations during his/her stay in Korea, his/her status as a MUAP Program participant can be suspended or terminated.

1. General Overview of University of Seoul (UOS)



practical research.

The University of Seoul is a public university funded and supported by the Seoul Metropolitan Government. Seoul is the economic, political, and cultural center of Korea. It is also the 600-year capital of Korea, a historical city with social, cultural, and physical layers spread out along a vast and complex landscape. The character of the university, academic programs, and research institutions is shaped by Seoul's metropolitan dynamic. Its faculty, students, and administrative body are distinguished by a commitment to civic values and a dynamic urban civilization. Along with basic research, it functions as a think-tank in formulating and supporting the major policy goals of the Seoul Metropolitan Government. With diverse and specific programs that integrate research and policy, practice and education, the University of Seoul seeks a balance between academic and professional concerns, between visionary goals and

The University of Seoul has set a clear goal of becoming an international center for the urban sciences. These range from environmental and civic engineering, architecture, urban planning and landscape design to public law and administration, taxation science, economics, urban sociology and management. More recently, the university has diversified this base to include the arts and humanities. In the area of science and engineering, the university has concentrated on the development of information and media technology. With Korea's largest and finest group of human and informational resources focused on the future of the world's city, it boasts a unique array of research institutions working on the solutions to its problems and creative visions for its future.

For more information, please visit <http://english.uos.ac.kr>.

2. International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS)



The International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS) of the University of Seoul (UOS) was launched in Spring 2013 in an effort to contribute to the development of sustainable urban communities in the world through an interdisciplinary program of teaching, research, and outreach. ISUS offers two graduate programs in global construction management and sustainable urban & regional development. The two-year graduate degree programs seek to provide an interdisciplinary, engaged learning environment in which students from various fields acquire the knowledge and professional skills necessary for becoming leading practitioners in the global urban and regional profession.

In addition to the regular graduate programs, ISUS created the International Urban Development Program (IUDP) in cooperation with partner agencies and institutions in order to share Korea's achievement in urban and regional development with scholars and practitioners from the world. Currently, IUDP offers the Seoul Field Study Program in partnership with several world renowned public administration and public policy schools in the U.S., Japan, and England. The one-week field study program provides graduate students from partner universities with a unique opportunity to learn the best practices of Seoul in various urban administration and development areas. Each year, IUDP also invites about 20 government officials from Seoul's global partner cities for a master degree program, Master of Urban Administration and Planning (MUAP). The MUAP program, sponsored by Seoul Metropolitan Government, is designed for government officials from Seoul's global partner cities & partner countries designated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to acquire academic and professional knowledge and skills that can help them work for the special challenges their home communities have been facing with. Recently, ISUS develops another sponsored graduate degree program in urban and regional development (MURD) in partnership with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) for government officials from KOICA's partner countries. These sponsored graduate programs are expected to contribute to the sustainable urban development in developing countries by providing the academic and professional skills necessary for working in the particular contexts of partner countries.

3. Accommodation

The program participants will reside on campus housing. The university's on campus housing facility, the Dormitory and International House has 190 rooms for male and 103 rooms for female students. Living on campus allows students to meet new friends and experience all that UOS campus offers through many living, dining, and campus life options.



<Picture: Rooms in the International House>

For the International House where the program will stay, each unit has 2 ~ 4 rooms of single occupancy. All rooms are fully equipped with central heating, central air conditioning and free LAN internet access. Each occupant will use a single room but share living room, shower room, toilet and laundry. The rooms are centrally air conditioned but students can set the room temperature using the control switch. Residents are given a set of bedding, including a pillow, a light blanket, and a mattress cover which should be returned when you check out. The electric voltage in Korea is 220V (60hz), and the standard wall socket has two rounded holes. Due to fire hazard reasons, the use of cooker, iron or coffeepot is prohibited in the room.

The International House has a community kitchen for students to cook their own food occasionally. Many international students use this community kitchen to cook their own ethnic food and share it with other international or Korean students.



<Community Kitchen & Cafeteria>

The Dormitory and International House provides coin operated laundry rooms and a gym for its residents' use. These are located on the basement floor and open 24 hours. Seminar rooms, student lounges, and an internet café are also available for the residents.



<Laundry Room and Gym)



<Seminar Room and Internet Café>

4. Other Information for International Students

1) University Library

The University of Seoul Libraries are dedicated to serve for the academic success of all UOS community members. The UOS Libraries are composed of the main library and the following two branch libraries

- Law Library
- Economics and Business Administration Library



Main Library

The Main Library is composed of reading rooms with 2,200 seats and houses almost 800,000 volumes of books, monographs and references. It also holds 1,466 different periodicals, 58,034 units of non-book materials and several online databases.

The Main Library opened the Digitalized Information Service Room in 1998, which allows users to access more non-book materials.

The expanded and computerized library system enables users to confirm, check, renew, reserve, check-out, purchase and send orders via the internet. In 1999, the Main Library reached an agreement with the National Assembly Library for the mutual exchange of academic information through the internet, thus facilitating access to vast amounts of information.

The Main Library also provides printing services for the full-text database of social science theses and dissertations. Most recently, the Main Library has created a new program which allows users better access to information on research resources, and has established the Integrated Retrieval System to facilitate easier access to multimedia data and e-books.

Law Library

The law library was established as a branch of the UOS Libraries with a legal resource room, a postgraduate reading room, and information retrieval equipment in Floors 4~6 on



October 2008. The library has 80,705 legal books (as of January 13, 2011) in 1,600m² to support research activity, lecture, legal information investigation for the Graduate School of Law and legal area. On the 4th floor, it has group study rooms, an IT room, a laptop section and a lounge. On the 5th floor, it has a postgraduate reading room, an IT room and a preservation library. There is a legal study resource room including periodicals, reference books and articles on the 6 floor.

Economics and Business Administration Library

The economics and business administration library was established as a branch with reading rooms, group study rooms and seminar rooms in Floor 3 on March 2011. The library has over 20,000 books, 70 periodicals and 15 database in 1,036.8m² to support the research and learning activity of professors and students in management and economics. It has a 24 seat resource reading room, free reading rooms (148 seats), 5 study rooms (30 seats), a seminar room (8 seats), and information retrieval equipment (11 seats) to provide best service.

2) Computing Facilities

Many computer labs are available in UOS. In Korea, IBM is more widely used than MAC. The most accessible places to the Internet are the Student Lounge on the first floor in the 21 Century Building and Main Library. If you bring a laptop, you can access the Internet in your dorm room with the LAN cable which you need to prepare by yourself.

3) Bank and Money Exchange

Woori Bank is located on the first floor of the University Center Building. The business hours are from 9:00 to 16:00, Monday through Friday and it closes on weekends and holidays.

Foreign currency can be exchanged into Korean currency (won) in banks at the airport, foreign exchange banks, and other authorized money exchange places including the on-campus Woori Bank. Please note that only US Dollars, Euros, Japanese Yens and Chinese Yuans can be exchanged on-campus bank.

Global ATM can be found easily in Seoul. The ATM in the University Center Building is Global ATM.

4) Student Cafeteria and Snack Bars

There are several cafeterias and snack bars on campus. They all serve different menus to meet the need of students and faculty.

① Student Cafeterias

Student Cafeterias are located in the Student Hall, in the Natural Science Building and in the dormitory. Korean dishes and western dishes are available. Prices normally range from 2,000 won to



5,000 won per person and it subjects to the menu of the day. The cafeterias run from 8:00 to 10:00 for breakfast, from 11:00 to 14:00 for lunch, from 15:00 to 18:30 for dinner on weekdays and Saturdays, and are closed on Sundays.

② Snack Bars

Several snack bars and cafes are also available in the Student Hall and other buildings on campus.



- Annekan: Located in the Student Hall, this campus cafe serves soft beverages and snacks, such as cakes and sandwiches. (Open from 9:00 to 19:00)
- WEB: Located in the Student Hall, this campus cafe serves soft beverages and fast foods such as hamburgers, French fries and bagels. (Open from 9:00 to 18:00)
- PARIS BAGUETTE at ALTI Lounge: Located on the third floor of the General Lecture and Law Institute building, this bakery serves soft beverages, bread, and sandwiches. (Open from 8:00 to 20:00)
- Free Zone: Located in the Natural Science Building, this campus cafe serves soft beverages and snacks, such as cakes and sandwiches. (Open from 9:30 to 18:00)

5) Health Services

The University Health Service Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Student Hall. (Open from 9:00 to 18:00 except Saturday and Sunday) Examination, prescription and medicine for simple illnesses such as cold or indigestion will be offered without cost. On every Wednesday between 14:00~16:00 (exception of vacation), Campus physician is available.

6) Post Office

The post office is located on the first floor of the Student Hall. The campus post office provides general mailing services including mail, parcel, registration, domestic and international EMS, and certain banking services. The business hours are from 9:00 to 18:00 (to 16:00 for banking services).

7) University Gymnasium and Wellness Center



As a place for general physical education, the University Gymnasium and Sport Complex is used for instruction as well as for various sports and recreational activities. Various indoor and outdoor sport facilities and equipment are provided for such sports or recreational activities. The sports center has a fitness room and it costs 20,000 Won per a month. Some other facilities in the Gym include indoor tennis courts and squash courts.

Map of University of Seoul



UOS Building Name

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| 01 Cheonnong Hall | 09 Music Building | 17 University Gymnasium | 25 Campus Maintenance Center |
| 02 The 1st Engineering Building | 10 Architecture Engineering Lab | 18 Birch Hall | 26 Greenhouse |
| 03 Architecture and Civil Engineering | 11 The 2nd Engineering Building | 19 Information & Technology Building | 27 Main Auditorium |
| 04 Changgong Hall I | 12 Student Hall | 20 General Lecture and Law Institute | 28 Main Stadium |
| 05 Liberal Arts Building | 13 University Press and ROTC Building | 21 Main Library | 29 University Museum |
| 06 Baebong Hall | 14 Science and Technology Building | 22 Student Dormitory | 30 Main Gate |
| 07 University Center | 15 The 21st Century Building | 23 Laboratory of Architectural Engineering | 31 Rear Gate |
| 08 Natural Science Building | 16 Design and Sculpture Building | 24 Lumber Mill | 32 Wellness Center |
| 33 Aula spei | 34 International House | 36 International School of Urban Sciences | |

Part VI

SUPPORT SERVICE

1. TRAVEL TO KOREA

UOS arranges and pays for the participant to travel to and from Korea. The participant is to travel by the most direct route between Incheon International airport and a main international airport in the participant's home country. UOS will cover economy class, round-trip airfare.

If a participant wants to change the flight itineraries, he or she should pay the additional fare. The participant is responsible for the issuance of a visa necessary for this Scholarship Program.

If a participant accompanies or invites family members, he or she must be responsible for all the relevant costs and other necessary administrative measures (please refer to the "4. Accompanying or Inviting Family" Section of Part 7. Regulations).

2. EXPENSES FOR STUDY AND LIVING

The following expenses will be covered by SMG-UOS during the participant's stay in Korea.

- Tuition & Dormitory fees
- Economy class, round-trip airfare between Seoul and the Participant's home country
- Textbook and materials
- Monthly living allowance based on SMG regulations
- Others: A medical checkup after arrival / Official field trip expense

3. INSURANCE

During the program participants will be covered by the national health insurance (NHI). The insurance covers expenses for medical treatment and hospital care caused by diseases or accidents within the scope and limit of insurance coverage.

What's Covered

While there are all kinds of specifics, the first question when asking if you're covered is, are you receiving inpatient or outpatient treatment? Get checked into a hospital, and all of the sudden your bills are now 80% covered. They told you to stay the night at the hospital, but you just had to go home, huh? That move could have you paying up to 40% more for your medical bill.

Next, the coverage you get largely depends on where you're being treated. This is another great way that the system encourages efficient distribution of limited healthcare resources. There are four different classifications of hospitals in Korea: clinic (개인병원, 의원), hospital (병원), general hospital (종합병원), and tertiary hospital (대학병원). A tertiary care hospital (or university hospital) is a large facility equipped with a full complement of services and departments, typically housing the most experienced and widest range of specialist doctors. Wouldn't everyone want to go there to get the care they needed if they could? Well, outpatient treatments at these expensive facilities are only 40% covered – leaving you with 60% of the bill, and you even need a referral from a local clinic to get in. Those who demand tertiary level care without a doctor's referral can expect to foot 100% of the bill on their own. This prevents people from cluttering the schedules of the best doctors in the country with minor ailments. The percentage of coverage grows to 70% with a local, privately-owned clinic, encouraging people to visit there to save money – and encouraging doctors to open and operate many local hospitals in Korea. Isn't it nice to have that local ENT clinic? You can thank this aspect of the system for that.

Preventive care also keeps costs down, and public health promotion is emphasized through the 100% coverage of a general health exam offered to everyone covered either annually or biannually, depending on income level. Screenings for at-risk age groups for stomach, breast, liver, colorectal and cervical cancer are 90% covered. Lung cancer examinations are omitted from this list, so the individual is responsible

for the 30-50% copayment generally applied depending on the facility.

The degree to which a country is “advanced” or not is often measured by the rate of death for children under one year of age, or what’s called the “infant mortality rate.” Korea manages to rank an impressive #22 on the list (Singapore is #1, and the United States is #34), thanks to excellent prenatal and childbirth coverage. According to an insider with the NHI, the out-of-pocket delivery expenses from a public hospital are in the W380,000 to W500,000 range for a natural birth, and closer to W700,000 for a cesarean section. Additionally, an expectant mother can make a request from her doctor to receive what is commonly called the “pink card” or “Go Mom” card, this card can essentially be likened to a W500,000 gift, exclusively for pre-natal checkups or pregnancy-related expenses. This program can be especially beneficial for low income families, and helps ensure that every expectant mother can have a fair chance at bringing a healthy baby into this world. Also, all care for infants under 28 days is 100% covered and infants under six years of age are covered 100% for a total of six health examinations.

For those who incur major health care expenses such as long term inpatient care or non-elective surgeries, it is comforting to know that there is also a “Compensation for Excessive Co-payment.” In cases where the co-payment exceeds KRW 1,200,000 within 30 days: 50% of excess amount covered by NHIS.

What’s NOT Covered

As great as NHI in Korea really is, it is not without its faults, inconsistencies, or outright mystery. Nowhere in the company literature is a line by line breakdown of what is NOT covered, and even the call center representatives provided an “it depends on the situation” canned response upon being pressed for specifics.

One that you can be confident of is that an MRI is **not** covered, unless the disease you are being treated for falls in the cancer and catastrophic disease category. This is why every sizeable hospital in Korea has an MRI machine and frequently encourages you to get your very own MRI scan; it’s a big profit center.

There is another rather surprising way that the NHIS manages to provide so much coverage while keeping prices low. As the mission of the NHIS is for “coverage for illness and the promotion of health,” they ensure that people are held responsible for their actions with a policy that states that **accidents and physical injuries not covered.**

That’s right. Break your arm skiing? Break open the piggy bank next. Hit a pedestrian

with your bicycle? You'll be the one paying for their medical bills. An elevator breaks and you're stuck in it when it falls? At least you can expect that the building owner will have to pay for your medical bills.

While most medical professionals must adhere to government price setting, some fields are **not** specifically covered by the NHIS, allowing them to charge whatever they'd like, which can therefore be more lucrative. What's not covered?

"Non-Benefit" Item

- Medicine, medical material, or medical service that is provided or used for a disease that does not affect a patient's daily life seriously
- Medicine, medical material, or medical service that does not improve the essential bodily functions: i.e.) Cosmetic surgery, freckle treatment, snoring treatment
- Exception: Case of reconstructive surgery for burned face, which disrupts masticatory movement"

Being able to charge whatever you want for snoring treatment may nice, but the fields most doctors turn to is obviously plastic surgery and dermatology. Now you know one of the big reasons Korea is the plastic surgery capital of Asia; because it is a profitable field, so many of the best surgeons often choose it as a specialty.

Before we let you go, there's one important organization that we need to tell you about. The "Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service" (HIRA), is a governmental organization commissioned with "determining whether the payments claimed by healthcare institutions are clinically valid, formulated in a cost-effective manner, and calculated according to the Benefit Coverage Standards stipulated in the National Health Insurance Act." This means that they're your watchdog, and if you feel that you have been overcharged in some way on your medical bills, then you have a place to turn. Visit [hira](#) for more information.

Although not perfect, Korean NHI is one of the most cost effective and efficient health programs in the world. For those of us who are covered, we can rest well with the knowledge that we can expect high quality service that is both affordable and effective for the vast majority of health issues we may face.

Obviously we can't cover everything here. For more information, visit [nhis](#) or email intl@nhis.or.kr.

Part VII

REGULATIONS

1. PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Participants are required:

- To take up the scholarship in the academic year for which it is offered (deferral is not allowed)
- To reside in the accommodation designated by UOS for the duration of the course except for holidays or temporary leave
- To maintain an appropriate study load and achieve satisfactory academic progress for the course. If the participant fails to attain certain grades required by UOS, his or her status as a MUAP program participant may be suspended
- To participate in all activities associated with the approved course of study including all lectures and tutorials, submit all work required for the course and sit for examinations unless approved otherwise by UOS in advance
- To notify the Program Chair and the UOS office two weeks prior to the departure by submitting the "Request for a temporary leave" document. The e-ticket should also be submitted when issued.
- To advise UOS of any personal or family circumstances such as health problems or family problems which may seriously affect their study
- To agree to SMG collecting information concerning them and passing that information onto other relevant parties, if necessary
- To return to their home country upon completion of their training program
- Not to extend the length of their training program or stay for personal convenience; neither SMG nor UOS will provide any assistance and be responsible for an extension of their stay
- To either return to their original job post or remain employed in a field related to their degree for at least 3 years.
- To recommend not to purchase personal vehicles with their allowances provided by SMG due to safety concerns and concentration on their studies.

2. WITHDRAWALS

- In principle, a participant is not allowed to withdraw from the course at his or her own option once the course starts.
- A participant may withdraw with valid personal or relating to issues from one's home country (such as health or work issues) when acceptable to UOS. In this case, he/she is not allowed to re-apply for MUAP program for the next two years after the withdrawal.
- If a participant fails to attain certain grades required by UOS, he or she may be forced to withdraw and return home upon withdrawal. In this case, he/she is not allowed to re-apply for MUAP program.
- The participant who withdraws must return to UOS the living allowance he or she has already received for the remaining period from the date of departure from Korea.

3. TEMPORARY LEAVE

- Participants can have a temporary leave within the respective period stipulated as below (to the participants' home country or for a trip abroad), pursuant to the permission from the Program Chair. In such cases, SMG and UOS do not pay airfare for the trip.

Training Period	12 Months (365 Days)	13 Months (395 Days)	14 Months (425 Days)	15 Months (455 Days)	16 Months or more (485 Days or more)
Vacation days	15 Days	16 Days	17 Days	18 Days	19 Days

- The Program Chair may grant an extension of a temporary leave up to 15 days, based on an Academic Petition with valid grounds. If the trip exceeds the days stipulated, UOS will not pay the living allowance for the absent days: Notwithstanding this clause, the research trips accompanied by a professor or the duly-authorized personnel shall not be counted as the days for a temporary leave so long as the participant is approved by the Program Chair, and in such cases, the payment of living allowance shall not be deducted.
- If the participant is found to have made an unreported temporary visit to his or her home country or traveled to other countries or made a trip without the university's disapproval, his or her living allowance will be suspended (from the

day of departure to the day of return), and UOS may impose a disciplinary action on them, including the expulsion from UOS.

4. ACCOMPANYING OR INVITING FAMILY

- As MUAP Program is quite an intensive program which requires students of full commitment to and concentrated endeavors for studying, participants are recommended not to bring any family members.
- UOS does not provide any financial or other administrative support for the dependents of the participants.
- Participants may bring or invite family members within a month to the fullest under the condition that the Program Chair approves the invitation in advance. But they must be able to cover all the relevant expenses such as airfare, accommodation, living cost, visa fee, insurance, etc. of their family. The responsibility for the safety and security of their family may also fall upon the participants.

5. OTHERS

- SMG-UOS will assume any responsibility only within the limit and scope of the insurance for participants.
- SMG-UOS is not liable for any damage or loss of the participant's personal property.
- SMG-UOS will not assume any responsibility for illness, injury, or death of the participant arising from extracurricular activities, willful misconduct, or undisclosed pre-existing medical conditions.
- If the participants break any of the rules of SMG and UOS during their stay in Korea, their status as a MUAP program participant may be suspended.

Part VIII

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