The Graduate School of Korean Studies in the Academy of Korean Studies is a research-oriented graduate institute established in 1980. We specialize in the fields of humanities and social sciences related to Korea with the aim of nurturing eminent scholars of Korean studies who would search for the essence of Korean culture and contribute to the advancement and globalization of Korean studies. About 240 students including 114 international students from 30 countries are currently enrolled in our master's and doctoral degree programs, enjoying close one-to-one guidance by professors which our 1:4 faculty-student ratio enables.

The AKS(Academy of Korean Studies) Research Grant is one of our non-degree programs which invites and supports international students for six months to provide them with a momentum to grow to be a next generation of promising scholars in Korean studies and to play a leading role in the field abroad. Applications for the AKS Research Grant for the period from 1 March 2013 to 31 August 2013 are now being sought. Those who aspire to widen and deepen their knowledge by conducting research at our graduate school in one of the most dynamic countries in the world are very welcome to apply.

1. **Number of Grant Recipients Sought**: ○○

2. **Eligibility**

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<td>Applicants must meet one of the following conditions:</td>
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<td>① Both the applicant and his/her parents are foreign nationals.</td>
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<td>② The applicant, either a foreign national or a Korean national who obtained permanent residency in a foreign country or who resides overseas, has completed education outside of Korea which is compatible with Korea's elementary, middle, high school and college education.</td>
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Residence

Applicants must reside in a foreign country outside of Korea at the time of application.

Educational Background

Applicants must meet one of the following conditions:

① Applicants are currently enrolled in a master’s or doctoral degree program in the field of Korean studies at an overseas university.

② Applicants completed coursework and are in the status of ABD (All But Dissertation) in a master's or doctoral degree program in the field of Korean studies at an overseas university.

③ Applicants were conferred a master's degree in the field of Korean studies at an overseas university.

3. Grant Period: 6 months (1 March 2013 ~ 31 August 2013)
※ The period can be extended by another 6 months for selected recipients.

4. Grant Benefits

A. Monthly Allowance of KRW900,000 is provided.
B. Round trip airfares (prescribed by the AKS travel expenses policy) are provided.
C. Access to the AKS facilities including the library and Jangseogak Archives is given.
D. On-campus dormitory accommodations are available at the rate of KRW463,500 per person per semester (equivalent to 6 months), double occupancy.
E. Korean language courses are offered free of charge.
F. The Certificate of Award of the AKS Research Grant is issued.

5. Required Documents

A. Application Form (Prescribed form downloadable at www.aks.ac.kr)
※ On the application form, applicants must designate one of the AKS professors whose specialty is most relevant to their research topic as their academic advisor, referring to the list of the AKS' faculty members at http://www.aks.ac.kr/aks/sub/sub_grad_faculty.aspx.
B. Certificate of Graduation and official transcripts for a bachelor's degree
C. Certificate of Enrollment (or of Coursework Completion or of Graduation) and official transcripts for a master's degree
D. Certificate of Enrollment (or of Coursework Completion) and official transcripts for a doctoral degree (if applicable)

E. Research Plan
   ○ It must be at least 3 pages long on A4- or letter-sized paper.

F. Personal Statement
   ○ It must be at least 2 pages long on A4- or letter-sized paper.

G. A Letter of Recommendation
   ○ The recommender must be either an applicant's academic advisor or dean of his/her department of his/her affiliated university.

H. Official transcripts for the Korean language proficiency test (TOPIK) or English language proficiency test (TOEFL, IELTS or TEPS) (if applicable)

I. A copy of the first two pages of the applicant's passport
   ※ All the above documents must be written in Korean or in English.

6. Application Deadline : 20 November 2012

7. How to Apply
   ○ It is preferred that all the required documents are scanned and sent via email to gradaks@aks.ac.kr, but applications sent by post are also acceptable.

8. Subsequent Schedule
   A. The selection result will be notified via email around late December in 2012.
   B. Those who are selected as Grant recipients are required to arrive in Korea by late February in 2013.

9. Requirements of the AKS Research Grant Program
   A. Grant recipients must either enroll in at least one full-time course at the AKS or attend one-to-one private lessons (i.e. individual tutorials) with their academic advisor whom they chose on their application form.
   B. At the end of the program, Grant recipients must submit a report summarizing their research findings and an evaluation report written by their academic advisor.
   C. When publishing a thesis or a book with the research findings during the Grant period, Grant recipients must state that it is an outcome of the research
conducted with support of the Graduate School of Korean Studies in the Academy of Korean Studies.

D. During the Grant period, Grant recipients are expected to concentrate on their research at the AKS and are not allowed to be engaged in other occupations for financial purposes.

E. Grant recipients are not permitted to register at another educational institutions in Korea.

F. When they finish their research, Grant recipients are allowed to leave the AKS from one week before the final date of the research period.

G. As for items not stipulated here, Grant recipients must abide by the rules and regulations of the AKS and decisions of the Graduate School Committee.

※ If it turns out that provided information is false or that the applicant is not qualified even after the selection result is announced, the acceptance of his/her AKS Research Grant program can be cancelled and the Grant paid withdrawn.

10. Notes

A. The monthly allowance is provided at the end of each month. When Grant recipients temporarily leave Korea for personal reasons or give up research to return home, the amount of monthly allowance in the said month will be calculated based on the number of days for which they stay in Korea. However, an exception to this rule can be made when Grant recipients temporarily leave the country in order to attend an academic conference with a prior approval of the Dean of the Graduate School of Korean Studies.

B. Round trip airfares (prescribed by the AKS travel expenses policy) are provided in the final month of the research period. However, only 50% of the round trip airfares are offered in the following cases:

1) If Grant recipients arrive in Korea before the notification of the selection result of the AKS Grant Research Program and reside in the country
2) If Grant recipients give up their research within 4 months after the Grant period starts (or within 6 months after the first Grant period starts for those who extend their Grant period)

C. The Grant and the round trip airfares provided can be redeemed if the Graduate School Committee deems it appropriate, for example, when a Grant recipient fails to meet the requirements of the AKS Research Grant Program. In
particular, the Grant and the round trip airfares are not provided for those who fail to submit a final report summarizing their research findings at the end of the program.

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