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# **2026 MOF-PKNU Doctoral Scholarship Program in Fisheries Sciences**

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## **Application Guidelines for Admission**

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## Scholarship Information

The MOF–PKNU Doctoral Scholarship Program supports outstanding doctoral candidates in fisheries sciences by strengthening academic expertise and research capacity. The program aims to cultivate future leaders capable of addressing global challenges in fisheries management, climate change adaptation, and the sustainable use of marine resources.

## Program Overview

- Project Title:  
Global Partnership Exchange and Capacity Building for Overseas Fisheries
- Scholarship Program:  
MOF-PKNU Doctoral Scholarship Program in Fisheries Sciences
- Sponsor:  
Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries (MOF), Republic of Korea
- Host Institution:  
Pukyong National University (PKNU), Busan, Republic of Korea
- Scholarship Duration:  
2 years of coursework (4 semesters), followed by 1 year of research

## Scholarship Benefits

- Round-trip airfare (one-time)
- Full tuition coverage
- Monthly living allowance: KRW 1,000,000
- Monthly accommodation support: KRW 600,000
- Settlement allowance: KRW 200,000 (one-time)
- Research grant: KRW 240,000 per semester
- Medical insurance (actual costs covered)

## Eligibility Requirements

- Government Nomination:  
Applicants must be government officials formally nominated by their respective governments.
- Educational Background:  
A Master's degree is required for admission.
- Health Condition:  
Applicants must be in good physical and mental health.
- Language Proficiency:  
Applicants must demonstrate sufficient English proficiency for doctoral-level study.
- Other Requirements:  
Applicants must not have previously withdrawn from the Korea Government Scholarship Program.

## Academic Information

- Department: Graduate School of General Studies
- Credit Requirements:
  - Maximum Course Load: Up to 12 credits per semester (excluding Korean language courses)
  - Minimum Credits for Graduation: 36 credits
  - Degree Awarded: Doctor of Science

## About Pukyong National University

Pukyong National University, located in Nam-gu, Busan, was founded in 1996 by merging Busan National Fisheries University and Busan National University of Technology. Its origins date back to Busan Fisheries College, established in 1941 as the first university in Busan. The university has a long-standing history of research in marine science and technology in South Korea.

## About the College of Fisheries Science, Pukyong National University

The College of Fisheries Science, established in 1941, is a leading institution in Korea for fisheries and aquaculture research and education. It aims to cultivate international specialists by teaching and researching the full range of fisheries science, from resource management and sustainable aquaculture to seafood product development and fisheries policy. The college emphasizes practical applications of knowledge and the responsible management of aquatic ecosystems.

### The College of Fisheries Science consists of ten major divisions and departments:

No.	Division / Department	No.	Division / Department
1	Marine Production System Management	6	Aquatic Life Medicine
2	Food Science & Technology	7	Food Science and Nutrition
3	Biotechnology	8	Aquaculture and Applied Life Sciences
4	Marine Biology	9	Fisheries Education
5	Marine & Fisheries Business and Economics	10	Resource and Environmental Economics

## Overall Application Process

- a. Contact the coordinator to confirm your eligibility before applying by submitting required documents below
  1. Nomination(Recommendation) Letter from the government
  2. Employment Certificate issued within one year of the application date
  3. Copy of Passport
- b. After receiving confirmation, submit your application through the Study in Korea website.
- c. After completing the online application, email the PDF copy of your application to the coordinator and prepare the original documents.

## Schedule of the Admission Process

- **Important Notice:**
  - All applicants must contact the coordinator prior to submitting their application.
  - Applicants are required to maintain close communication with the coordinator throughout the application process.
- **Office Email Addresses:**
  - [rladbsgml051@pknu.ac.kr](mailto:rladbsgml051@pknu.ac.kr) (C.C: [yunheepknu@gmail.com](mailto:yunheepknu@gmail.com))

Classification		Dates and Deadlines	Remarks
Application	Online Registration	13 April - 15 May 2026	Online Registration <a href="http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr">www.studyinkorea.go.kr</a>  *You must finish eligibility check before the Registration date finish
	Submission of Original Documents	13 April - 15 May 2026	Submit all original documents by post (Address) #507, Chang-ui Hall(D15), Dae-yeon campus, Pukyong National University, 45, Yongso-ro, Nam-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea.
Document and Interview Screening by the Selected Committee		June 2026	Notification will be sent by email
Announcement of Admissions result		July 2026	Notification will be sent by email
Tuition Payment		July 2026	
Receipt of Certificate of Admission		July 2026	
Class Registration		August 2026	
Freshman Orientation		August 2026	
Classes begin		1 September 2026	

## Steps for Online Registration (Study in Korea)

a. Complete the application form on the Study in Korea website.

※ Search for “Pukyong National University” and proceed under the “Doctoral Degree” category

b. When uploading documents to the Study in Korea website, only a copy of your passport is required.

※ No additional documents need to be uploaded on the website

c. Download the application file after completing the registration and email it to [rladbsgml051@pknu.ac.kr](mailto:rladbsgml051@pknu.ac.kr) (C.C: [yunheepknu@gmail.com](mailto:yunheepknu@gmail.com)) along with scanned copies of all required supporting documents.

## Required Application Documents

NO.	Documents
1	<b>Application Form and 3 Photos</b> - Photo size: 3.5 × 4.5 cm - A color photo of the applicant's upper body, facing forward, with a white background - Taken within three months prior to document submission
2	<b>Apostilled</b> <b>Master's Degree Certificate</b>
3	<b>Apostilled</b> <b>Master's Transcript</b>
4	<b>Copy of Passport or Residence card</b> - Copy of the applicant's passport or residence card along with Copy of the parents' passports or residence cards
5	<b>Apostilled</b> <b>Certificate of Family Relations (or Birth Certificate)</b> - The document must verify the relationship and nationality of the applicant and their parents. - The document must be translated into English and notarized. - <i>If the applicant's parents are divorced or deceased</i> , submit the relevant certificate (e.g., divorce or death certificate).
6	<b>Applicant's Certificate of Employment</b> *The certificate must include the following information: - Position - Employment status (permanent or temporary) - Date of issue (must be within one month prior to submission)
7	<b>Curriculum Vitae (Free format)</b>
8	<b>1. Master's Program (Thesis Track): Abstract of Master's Thesis</b> <b>2. Master's Program (Non-thesis Track): Academic Performance Report (Free format)</b>
9	<b>Research Proposal (Free format)</b> - Please indicate the tentative academic advisor.

## Important Notes for Document Submission

Please read the following carefully before submitting your documents.

### ○ Document Language Requirements

- All documents must be typed in either English or Korean. Handwritten documents are not accepted.
- Documents in languages other than English or Korean must be accompanied by a certified and notarized translation.

### ○ No-Return Policy

- All submitted documents are non-returnable, and applicants are deemed to have agreed to this policy upon submission of their application.

### ○ Submission of Original Documents

- Only original Apostilled documents will be accepted. Copies are not accepted.
- For documents that cannot be reissued in their original form, applicants should retain the original and submit a legalized copy instead.

### ○ Incomplete Document Submission

- Timely Submission Required: Failure to submit all required documents by the deadline will result in disqualification.
- No Extensions: Applicants who miss the submission deadline will be disqualified without further notice.
- Delivery Delays Not Accepted: Delays caused by accidents or unforeseen circumstances during delivery will not be considered valid grounds for an extension.

### ○ Additional Document Submission Requirements

- No folders, staples, or clips should be used when submitting documents.

### Tentative Academic Advisor

- Visit the college website: <https://fishsci.pknu.ac.kr/eng/view.do?no=69>
- Select a major: Review the list of faculty members for your desired major on the website.
- Check faculty profiles: Review each professor's research field on the faculty webpage.

### Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed based on the following:

- Completeness and quality of submitted documents
  - Timely submission of all required materials
  - Communication with the coordinator throughout the application process
  - Relevance of the applicant's Master's thesis research topic
  - Quality and feasibility of the research proposal
- ※ Please note that these are some of the factors considered during the selection process, and additional criteria may also be applied.

## FAQ

### **Q. What is an Apostille and Legalization?**

**A. Apostille,** A certification issued under the Hague Apostille Convention (1961), which authenticates public documents issued in one member country for recognition in another without additional legalization.

### **Q2. How to obtain an Apostille?**

**A.** (1) Prepare the required document issued by the relevant authority or institution. (2) Obtain a certified stamp from the issuing authority or institution. (3) Obtain an Apostille stamp from your country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (or competent authority).

### **Q3. How to obtain Legalization for Non-Apostille Countries?**

**A.** (1) Have your document issued and certified by the appropriate authority or institution in your country. (2) Obtain a second legalization from your country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (3) Submit the legalized document to the Korean Embassy or Consulate for final legalization.

### **Q2. Do I have to live on campus?**

**A. Yes. Living on campus is mandatory for all applicants during the first semester.** During the semester, freshman will be assigned to the Double room automatically.

### **Q3. Do I need to contact the tentative academic advisor?**

**A. Yes, please consult with a professor at Pukyong National University regarding the doctoral program before submitting your application.** If you can submit a letter of intent(or email) form the professor for doctoral program, it may be advantageous when evaluating your application.

### **Q4. Do I have to submit a certificate to prove my English proficiency?**

**A. No. If necessary,** applicants will be contacted separately by the office. But some of country request the English proficiency proof for Visa application.

### **Q5. Can I submit an appointment certificate instead of a Certificate of Employment?**

**A. No. Please submit a Certificate of Employment** that clearly indicates your job position and whether your employment is permanent or temporary.

### **Q6. Do I need to get an Apostille or legalization for the death certificate?**

**A. Yes. The document must be properly Apostilled or legalized** in accordance with the requirements. Please review the instructions for Apostille or legalization carefully.

### **Q7. Do I need to submit my bachelor's transcript or degree certificate?**

**A. No. Documents related to the bachelor's degree are not required.**

### **Q8. Can I submit a certificate of completion of the course instead of a master's degree certificate?**

**A. No.** The applicant's graduation status and degree title must be officially verified.