

KOICA–Yeungnam University Fully Funded Master’s Program: Call for Applications

The Government of the Republic of Korea (KOICA), in partnership with Yeungnam University, invites outstanding candidates to apply for the Master’s Program in Future Automotive Industry Expertise. This program offers a comprehensive scholarship package, including full tuition coverage, a monthly living allowance, and practical internship opportunities with Korean companies.

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Program Overview

- ❑ **Program Title:** Master’s Degree Program in Training Future Automotive Industry Specialists Based on Mechanical Engineering
- ❑ **Study Period:** September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2028 (24 months)
- ❑ **Location:** Department of Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School, Yeungnam University (Gyeongsan, Republic of Korea)
- ❑ **Language of Instruction:** 100% English

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Admission Requirements

- ❑ **Nationality:** Open to applicants of Vietnamese nationality (0 positions available)
 - ※ Applicants may apply regardless of their place of residence at the time of application submission. Those expected to obtain a bachelor’s degree from a university in Korea are also eligible to apply.
- ❑ **Academic Background:** Applicants must hold, or be expected to obtain, a recognized bachelor’s degree
 - ※ Applicants must be able to obtain a letter of recommendation from a faculty member (e.g., academic advisor) at their most recent institution
- ❑ **Language Proficiency:** As the program is conducted entirely in English, applicants must be capable of attending graduate-level lectures and completing a thesis in English
- ❑ **Preferred Qualifications:**
 - Preference will be given to applicants under the age of 40
 - Preference will be given to applicants holding a Level 3 or higher certificate in

the Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK)

- Applicants with a strong motivation to study in a diverse, multicultural environment will be favored

□ **Restrictions:**

- Applicants must have no criminal record as indicated in a criminal background certificate issued by the government of their home country (Vietnam). If an applicant has resided long-term in another country (e.g., Korea) for study or employment, an additional criminal background certificate from that country must also be submitted.
- Applicants must not have previously received a master's degree scholarship funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea (e.g., KOICA).
- Applicants must not have been dismissed or repatriated from a KOICA scholarship program in the past due to reasons such as submission of false documents, poor academic performance, or violation of academic regulations.
- Applicants must be in good physical and mental health to successfully complete the program.
 - ※ Applicants who are pregnant or have tuberculosis or other infectious diseases may be disqualified or have their admission revoked.

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Scholarship Benefits

- **Tuition:** Full tuition coverage for four semesters
- **Living Allowance:** KRW 1,200,000 per month for 24 months
- **Accommodation:** On-campus housing provided (Gyeongbuk Global Exchange Center, double occupancy)
- **Airfare:** Round-trip airfare support (up to KRW 1,500,000)
- **Settlement & Repatriation Allowance:** KRW 600,000 for initial settlement and KRW 300,000 for return support
- **Health Insurance:** Monthly coverage for 24 months
- **Additional Benefits:** Free intensive Korean language training and opportunities for practical internships with relevant industries in Korea

4**Admission Schedule**

Admission Step	Contents	Period
Step 1	• Online Application Submission (YU KOICA Application System)	Apr 13 - May 6, 2026
Step 2	• Department Review & Document Supplementation	May 7 - May 13, 2026
Step 3	• Department Evaluation (Including Mandatory Interview)	May 14 - May 20, 2026
Step 4	• Request for Admission Approval (Graduate School)	2026 May
Step 5	• Draft Nominee Report to KOICA	2026 June
Step 6	• Final Confirmation by KOICA	2026 June
Step 7	• Admission Notification & Visa Support	June 10, 2026, 14:00 (KST)
Post Admission	• Arrival in Korea / Orientation	Aug 22, 2026

5**Required Documents****□ Mandatory Submission Documents****○ Application Form:**

- Complete and submit via the YU KOICA online application system.
- After submission, download, print, sign, and submit it along with other documents.
- The application includes personal information, a self-introduction, a study plan, and a consent form for academic verification.

○ **Bachelor's Degree Diploma:** Original preferred; if not in English or Korean, attach a notarized translation.

○ **Transcript:** Must include grading scale.

○ **Criminal Record Certificate** (recommended for PI):

- Must be issued by the applicant's home country confirming no criminal

record.

- If residing abroad long-term (study or work), submit a certificate from that country as well.
- If residing in Korea, also submit the Korean Police Agency's Criminal Record Report.

○ **Recommendation Letter:**

- No specific format required; submit at least one.
- Should be obtained from a faculty member (e.g., academic advisor) at the applicant's most recent institution.

○ **Photocopy of Passport Information Page:**

- Must be valid for at least one year from the application date.
- International passport required for applicants from Uzbekistan.

○ **Verification of Family Relationship and Nationality:** Official documents from the applicant's home country proving the relationship with parents and their nationality.

○ **Alien Registration Card:** Submit both sides if currently residing in Korea.

□ **Additional/Optional Documents**

- **Official Language Test Scores:** Submit English or Korean (TOPIK) scores issued within 2 years of the application deadline.
- **Certificate of Current Employment:** Can be considered during evaluation if the applicant has work experience.

[Important Notes for Submitting Degree and Transcript Documents (General)]

- If submitting the original is not possible, provide a certified copy issued by the awarding institution.
- Degree and transcript documents must be either Apostille-certified or, for non-Apostille countries, consular legalization by the Korean embassy/consulate.

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Application Procedure

The official program guidelines will be announced soon. Outstanding candidates from Vietnam who do not want to miss this opportunity are encouraged to send their English CVs to the contacts below. They will be given priority guidance once the official application process begins.

Application Website: <https://www.koica.yu.ac.kr>

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