

KOICA-Chosun NEXT Fellowship Program in Mechanical Engineering (Manufacturing industry)

August, 2026 – February, 2029

Gwangju, Republic of Korea



Korea International Cooperation Agency



Chosun University

Participants are strongly advised to thoroughly read and follow the provided instructions in the Program Information.

I . PROGRAM OVERVIEW

■ **Program Title:** KOICA-Chosun NEXT Fellowship Program in Mechanical

Engineering (Manufacturing Industry)

■ **Duration**

- **Total Stay:** August 2026 - February 2029 (30months)

This integrated program includes intensive Korean language training, academic semesters, and a 6-month industry internship.

- **Academic period:** August 2026 - August 2028 (24months)

Students must complete all coursework and thesis requirements within this period to be eligible for graduation.

-**Degree Conferment:** August 2028

-**Industry Internship:** September 2028 – February 2029

■ **Degree:** Master of Mechanical Engineering

■ **Objectives**

- 1) To foster field-oriented R&D professionals in mechanical engineering who can address the specific industrial needs and technical challenges of developing countries.
- 2) To provide advanced education linked with the manufacturing industry, enabling students to lead technological innovation and sustainable growth in their home countries.
- 3) To enhance global R&D capabilities through an integrated curriculum that combines academic excellence, industry-oriented internships, and intensive Korean language training.

■ **Training Institute:** Chosun University (Gwangju, Republic of Korea)

■ **Number of Participants:** 10

■ **Accommodations**

: KOICA scholars will stay in on-campus dormitories designated by Chosun university.

■ Qualification:

1) General Requirements

- **Nationality:** Must be a citizen of a KOICA-designated partner country. Both the applicant and their parents must hold a non-Korean nationality. (Priority countries: Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Egypt, Cambodia).
- **Academic Background:** Must hold a **Bachelor's degree** (or expected by August 31, 2026).
- **Health:** Must be in good mental and physical health to study and reside in Korea.
- **Language Proficiency:** Must meet at least one of the following minimum requirements (Scores must be valid as of the application deadline):
 - Korean: TOPIK Level 3 or higher.
 - English: TOEFL 530 (CBT 197, iBT 71), IELTS 5.5, CEFR B2, TEPS 600 (NEW TEPS 326)
- **Preference**
 - Applicants under the age of 40 (as of February 1, 2026)
 - Applicants with TOPIK Level 4 or higher

II. PROGRAM CONTENTS

1. ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Session	Date (YYYY.MM.DD)	Contents / Remarks
Arrival	Aug 2026	Arrival & ORIENTATION (KOICA/University)
Preliminary	Aug 2026 – Feb 2027	Intensive Korean Language & Culture
1st semester	Mar – Jun 2027	Major Courses & Korean Language (Advanced)
Summer Break	Jul – Aug 2027	Industry Site Visits & Cultural Experience
2nd semester	Sep – Dec 2027	Advanced Major Courses & Thesis Topic
Winter Break	Jan – Feb 2028	Specialized Industry Training

3rd Semester	Mar – Jun 2028	Coursework & Final Thesis Defense
Degree Conferment	Aug 2028	Master's Degree Conferred
Industry Internship	Sep– Dec 2028	Long-term Industry Internship I
Final Internship	Jan – Feb 2029	Long-term Industry Internship II
Departure	Feb 2029	Final Report & Departure

*The above schedule is subject to change.

**A detailed Program Schedule will be provided upon arrival.

2. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (TENTATIVE)

1) Industrial Site Visits & Career Development

- Industrial Insight Tours: Regular visits to major industrial complexes in the Gwangju/Jeonnam region, including Automotive and Smart Factory hubs.
- Career Support: Specialized job fairs and career development camps tailored for international R&D scholars.

2) Cultural & Social Integration

- Cultural Experience: Field trips to the Asia Culture Center (ACC) and local UNESCO heritage sites to enhance understanding of Korean culture.
- Global Buddy Program: 1:1 matching with Korean student mentors for academic guidance and social support.

3) Student Welfare & Safety

- Settlement Support: Comprehensive assistance from CSU Global Supporters, including airport pick up and bank account setup.
- Health & Safety: Regular health check-ups and mandatory safety training sessions.

III. TRAINING INSTITUTE

1. UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW

▣ Chosun University

- **Location:** Gwangju, Republic of Korea
- **Status:** One of the most prestigious private universities in Honam region, leading the "Glocal University 30" project.
- **Mechanical Engineering Excellence:** Ranked high in industry-academic cooperation with advanced research facilities and strong ties to the regional manufacturing hub.

▣ **Homepage:** Chosun University English Website: <https://eng.chosun.ac.kr/eng/index.do>

2. ACCOMMODATION

1) OVERVIEW

: KOICA scholars will stay in on-campus dormitories. Off-campus housing is not supported. A Tuberculosis Diagnosis Certificate is required prior to admission.

2) Dormitory Options

- **Glocal Baekhak-haksah**
 - Room Type: Double occupancy (2-person)
 - Bathroom & Shower: Public (Shared on each floor)
 - Meals: Breakfast provided at the dedicated dining hall.
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- **Green Village**
 - Room Type: Double occupancy(2-person)
 - Bathroom & Shower: Private (In-room)
 - Kitchen: Individual cooking allowed

3. OTHER INFORMATION

- **Global Lounge:** A dedicated community space for international students to support academic networking and cultural exchange.

- **Prayer Room:** A private and quiet space provided on campus to accommodate the religious needs of Muslim students.

IV. HOW TO APPLY

<Admission process>

Step 1: Complete the online application through the Chosun University Graduate School admission system.

Step 2: Select "KOICA" as the application track.

Step 3: Print the completed form and submit all original physical documents by email or in person.

Step 4: Final admission is confirmed after university screening and KOICA's final review.

■ Application Schedule

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Procedure	Date
Online Application	July 22 – July 30, 2026 (17:00)
Submission of Physical Documents	July 22 – Aug 3, 2026 (17:00)
Announcement of Successful Applicants	Aug 14, 2026 (17:00) (Expected)
Registration Period	Aug 19, 2026 (10:00)~
Standard Admission Letter Issuance	After final registration

※ All dates are based on Korean Standard Time and the schedule may be subject to change depending on the circumstances of Chosun University and KOICA.

Documents not in Korean or English must be accompanied by a notarized translation.

- 1) Admission Application (Including Self-Introduction Essay and Study Plan)
- 2) Letter of Recommendation
- 3) Advisor's Written Opinion (if applicable)
- 4) Request for Academic Records
- 5) Bachelor's Graduation Certificate (or Expected Graduation Certificate)
- 6) Official Academic Transcript
- 7) Proof of Language Proficiency (TOPIK or English Test Result)
- 8) Criminal Record Certificate
- 9) Tuberculosis (TB) Medical Certificate
- 10) Proof of Nationality: Copy of Passport (Applicant & Parents)
- 11) Proof of Family Relationship: Birth Certificate or equivalent

■ Required documents

- ※ Additional documents may be required for applicants residing in Korea, such as a copy of the Alien Registration Card and a housing contract, if applicable.
- ※ Please refer to the official admission guidelines for detailed requirements and submission instructions.
- ※ Documents not written in Korean or English must be accompanied by a notarized translation.
- ※ Additional documents may be requested if necessary.

V . ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

Category	Requirement
Total Credits	At least 24 credits (for Thesis Track)
Supplementary Courses	6 credits, if applicable
Korean Language Education	400 hours or more, operated separately under KOICA program standards
Required Components	Research Ethics and Thesis Writing(For Thesis Track); Thesis Supervision (1 semester)(For Thesis Track)
GPA	Minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher
Foreign Language Exam	Required ((Exemption: TOPIK Level 4+ or graduate-level Korean course completion))
Comprehensive Exam	Pass score of 70/100 or higher (Total 3 subjects)

Degree Track	Choose between Thesis or Non-Thesis track per University regulations
Non-Thesis Track	Additional 9 credits required (Total at least 33 credits)

<NOTICE>

1. Program Components

This program consists of a Master's degree program, a Korean language education, and an industry internship. KOICA scholars must participate in **all** required components of the program.

2. Program Support

Tuition, Korean language training fees, dormitory fees, airfare, living expenses, and other support items will be provided within the scope of KOICA's support guidelines.

3. Schedule and Details

The program schedule, curriculum, internship plan, and support details may be subject to change depending on the circumstances of Chosun University and KOICA.

4. Regulations

KOICA scholars must comply with the academic regulations, dormitory rules, visa requirements, and program guidelines of Chosun University and KOICA.

5. Academic Standards

Failure to meet academic standards, violation of regulations, or non-completion of required program components may result in suspension of support or disqualification from the program.

6. Official Guidelines

Applicants and successful candidates must refer to the official admission guidelines and university notices for the most up-to-date requirements and details.