🏛 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Established in 1946 as the first national university in Korea, **Seoul National University** (SNU) is South Korea's premier institution of higher education, recognized globally for its academic excellence, innovative research, and commitment to societal progress. In an age characterized by swift scientific and technological progress amid political and economic uncertainty, Seoul National University will stand as a leading academic community by embracing these challenges as chances for development and progress with a vision of:

  - Fostering Innovative Leaders with Interdisciplinary Excellence, Community Engagement, and Global Insights

  - Advancing Global Problem-Solving through Expanded Transdisciplinary and International Research Collaborations

  - Revolutionizing University Operations for Enhanced Autonomy

- **The Global Digital Transformation Leadership Program (GDTL)** is an international scholarship program for Master's and Doctoral degrees, funded by the Ministry of Science and ICT, Republic of Korea. This graduate degree program is offered through the Technology Management, Economics, and Policy Program (TEMEP) at the College of Engineering of Seoul National University.

- This program is designed to cultivate leaders capable of driving global digital transformation through an interdisciplinary approach. The curriculum integrates advanced coursework in AI, smart cities, new innovative technologies, and green transition strategies, emphasizing practical training linked closely with real-world industry projects and global partnerships. Graduates of this program will be well-

positioned as international experts who lead digital policy-making and technological innovations, successfully contributing to global digital governance and technological diplomacy.

- **Grant benefits** include:
  - Full Tuition: Master's degree up to 2 years, Doctoral degree up to 3 years
  - One-way Flight in Economy Class: Actual cost of up to 1,500,000 KRW
  - Stipend: 1,500,000 KRW/Month
  - One-time Relocation Support upon Arrival: 200,000 KRW
  - Medical Insurance
  - Korean Language Programs

🏫 ELIGIBILITY

- This program is open to:

  1) Government officials engaged in science and technology fields

  2) Public institution researchers

  3) University professors

  4) Experts from international organizations

  5) Other professionals from the public sectors

- Applicants must hold the following academic degree or a recognized equivalent from an accredited institution by February 28, 2026:

  1) Master's Program: Bachelor's degree or higher

  2) Doctoral Program: Master's degree or higher

- Both the applicant and his/her parents must hold foreign citizenship. If the applicant and/or his/her parents were previously Korean citizens, all must renounce Korean citizenship before June 9, 2025.

- Applicants from the countries listed in the table below are strongly encouraged to apply for admission, but this program does not limit its admissions to those nationalities.

Regions	Countries
Asia and Pacific	Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam
Americas	Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, United States, Uruguay
Europe	Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom
Middle East	Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates
Africa	Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda

- Applicants are required to obtain prior approval for a leave of absence from their employers/organization to apply for this scholarship program before submitting their application. The applicants will take full responsibility for any disadvantages, such as any restraint from future SNU scholarship program application, caused by the retraction of their acceptance due to personal reasons, including the failure to get permission for a leave of absence from their organization.

🏫 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants who do not submit the required documents within the online application period will be disqualified. (Additional document submissions are not allowed after the application deadline.)

- All documents must be written in Korean or English. If the document is written in a language other than Korean or English, a notarized translation should be submitted together.

- Applicants should merge multiple files within the same category into a single attachment.

■ If the documents submitted by applicants are deemed insufficient, they may be requested to provide additional documents for further scrutiny to confirm their validity.

No	Documents
1	**[Attachment 1] Application for Admissions**
2	**[Attachment 2] Personal Statement & Study Plan**
3	**[Attachment 3] Recommendation** ✓ Two letters of recommendation from each recommender
4	**Certificate of (Expected) Graduation or Academic Degree** ✓ Master's Program: Bachelor's degree ✓ Doctoral Program: Both Bachelor's degree and Master's degree ✓ Graduates (or prospective graduates) from foreign universities should have the documents apostilled or authenticated by the Korean Embassy or Consulate abroad. ✓ Applicants who are unable to obtain a certificate of (expected) graduation from their previous or current university may submit substitute documentation, such as a certificate of enrollment, academic transcript, or official documents issued by university authorities, clearly indicating their (expected) graduation date. The substitute documentation must be accompanied by an explanatory statement. ✓ The academic transcript must include grades for all semesters/quarters of each academic year. Additionally, applicants who have received credit recognition from previous universities or institutions due to transfer or other reasons must also submit transcripts from those institutions. ✓ Applicants who have not completed their final semester or academic year may submit the most up-to-date transcript available.
5	**Certificate of Applicant's Nationality** ✓ Submit a scanned copy of the valid, unexpired passport ID pages. If unavailable, submit a copy of the nationality certificate or a copy of the identification card clearly indicating the nationality.

6	**Certificate of Parents' Nationality**
	✓ Submit a scanned copy of the valid, unexpired passport ID pages. If unavailable, submit a copy of the nationality certificate or a copy of the identification card clearly indicating the nationality.
	✓ In cases of single-parent families, or if the parents are deceased or divorced, only the nationality certificate of the current legal guardian with custody, an explanatory statement, and relevant supporting documents must be provided as follows.
	  ➢ Single-parent families: Certificate of non-marriage, certificate of family relationship (or birth certificate) confirming non-marriage status
	  ➢ Parents divorced: Divorce agreement or court decision that includes proof

	of custody
	➢ Parent(s) deceased: Death certificate
	✓ If foreign nationality was acquired due to immigration or adoption, an official certificate of acquisition of foreign nationality must also be submitted.
7	**Certificate of Parent-Child Relationship** ✓ Submit a certificate that includes the names of the applicant and both parents, such as a birth certificate, certificate of family relations, or citizenship certificate. ✓ If an applicant comes from a single-parent family, or their parents are deceased or divorced, they are required to provide an explanatory statement and relevant supporting documents.
8	**One Passport Size Photo**
9	**Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
10	**Proof of Employment with Position Name and Employment Period**
11	**(Optional) [Attachment 4] Explanatory Statement & Supporting Documentation** ✓ Submit if applicants need to provide additional evidence for their eligibility and/or further explanation for their special circumstances.
12	**(Optional) Proof of Language Proficiency in Korean or English**

🏫 TIMELINE

Document 1 & 2 Submission by Email ➡ Document 3~12 Submission by Email ➡ Online Interview ➡ Preliminary Admission Decisions ➡ Original Documents Submission by Post ➡ Final Admission Notification

Step		Schedule
Online Application by Email	1	Monday, June 9, 2025, 10:00 ~ Friday, July 11, 2025, 17:00 (KST) ✓ Submit **document 1 & 2 in advance** via email by the stated due date.
	2	Monday, June 23, 2025, 10:00 ~ Friday, July 18, 2025, 17:00 (KST) ✓ Submit the scanned copies of **all the other required documents** via email by the stated due date.

Online Interview	Tuesday, July 29, 2025 ~ Thursday, July 31, 2025 (KST) ✓ The interview process will only proceed for candidates who successfully pass the screening of documents. ✓ Each candidate will receive an individual email with specific details relevant to their interview.
Preliminary Admission Decisions	Wednesday, August 6, 2025 ~ Friday, August 8, 2025 (KST) ✓ The preliminary admission decisions will be announced via email.
Submission of Original Documents by Post	Monday, August 11, 2025 ~ Friday, September 5, 2025 (KST) ✓ **Preliminarily admitted applicants** are required to submit original copies of documents by post that were scanned and sent by email during the online application period. ✓ Failure to submit or partially omitting required documents by the deadline may result in the revocation of preliminary admission decisions.
Final Admission Decisions	October, 2025 ~ November, 2025 (TBA) ✓ The final admission decisions will be announced via email.
Registration & Enrollment	January, 2026 ~ February, 2026 (TBA)

- ■ Please note that the schedule is subject to change. Please make sure to check the email from GDTL Administration Office(itpp@snu.ac.kr) for the latest updates.

- ■ Original documents will not be returned to the applicants after processing their application.

🏫 CONTACT INFORMATION

- ■ Email: itpp@snu.ac.kr

- ■ SNU Website: https://en.snu.ac.kr

- ■ TEMEP Website: https://temep.snu.ac.kr/en

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🏛 REFERENCE

1. Original Documents

- Original Documents: Documents issued directly by the corresponding institution with a signature or official seal of the authority

- Original Documents with Notarized Translation: Documents translated into Korean or English by an authorized notary office with a notary seal on it

  - ✓ For originals in a language other than Korean or English, submit a notarized translation along with the original.

2. Apostille Convention

- A multilateral agreement aimed at facilitating the international use of official documents among signatory countries. Instead of complex certification procedures such as consular legalization by foreign embassies, the agreement allows the country of origin to authenticate the document.

  - ✓ Official title: Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Document

  - ✓ For information about Apostille authorities for each country: www.hcch.net → Members & Parties → HCCH Members

  - ✓ Applicants from Korean universities are exempt from Apostille requirements; however, they must submit the original documents of enrollment certificates, (expected) graduation certificates, and transcripts.

- Applicants from Member Countries

  - ✓ Apostille-required documents: (Expected) graduation certificates and transcripts

  - ✓ Issuing authority: Designated institution by the respective country's government

  - ✓ Submission procedures: Obtain an "Apostille Verification Certificate" for the above-mentioned documents from the designated institution in the respective country.

- Applicants from Non-Member Countries

- ✓ Consular authentication required documents: (Expected) graduation certificates and transcripts

- ✓ Issuing authority: Korean Embassy/Consulate in the respective country

- ✓ Submission procedures: Obtain "Consular Authentication" for the above-mentioned documents from the Korean Embassy or Consulate in the respective country.