

WENS Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions

NOTE: *The FAQ's are for both Master's and PhD Students. If you have other questions, contact to labwens@gmail.com.*

01. What does WENS scholarship offer? Is it enough for living expenses?

Scholarship includes full tuition fees until graduation, Medical Insurance and monthly stipend (depending on lab funding status) 850~950 US\$ per month for PhD and 600~650 US\$ per month for Masters. This amount is well customized to cover one's monthly simple living expenses. Note that scholarship doesn't include flight ticket.

02. What about Accommodation?

Dormitory is recommended which has cooking facility inside for those who have particular food requirements (Muslims for example) and would like to cook themselves. We suggest at least one semester to stay in the dormitory. There could be private residence (Apartment). Single room: about 350 US\$/month (Gas and Electricity included) with deposit around 1500 US\$. You can share with lab mates: about 150~200 US\$/ month (Not always available though). This must be handled with your monthly stipend.

03. Is there an age limit for WENS Lab scholarships?

There is no fixed age limit.

04. I have not completed my university degree at the time of application. Am I still eligible to apply for a scholarship?

Yes, you must submit your "Certificate of Expected Graduation" and satisfy all the academic requirements specified in the Call for Applications by the time studies begin. You should submit your degree certificate before studies begins.

05. I'm already in Korea. Am I still eligible to apply?

Yes, you are eligible to apply.

06. Is English the only required language?

Yes, formal English score is mandatory for entrance into kit and is the medium language in our lab. All courses are offered in English for International students. Meanwhile if you are interested in learning some Korean language, you can attend classes (Optional and free of charge) offered by the international office.

07. Do we need any English test score?

Yes, it is compulsory except that only the ones born in countries where English is native language (e.g. UK, Australia, USA etc) are exempted. Otherwise you need to submit the following formal English test score (taken within 2 years). **Notice that your English medium certificate from your university is not accepted.**

Section	TOPIK	TOEFL (PBT)	TOEFL (CBT)	TOEFL (IBT)	IELTS	TEPS
Masters' & Doctoral Candidates	Level 3	550	210	80	5.5	550

08. Are lab projects a team work or individual?

Lab projects can be a team work or individual while the research work is individual. However, it would be encouraged to research together.

In addition, the Lab projects may be independent to your research work. However, it would be encouraged to have a research topic related to the project.

For the ongoing projects refer to: <http://wens.re.kr/home/projects/ongoing>

There are several in-house projects too.

09. What are the research areas offered by the WENS Lab?

Please refer to the WENS Lab home page: <http://wens.re.kr>. However, we encourage all the students try to find their own research topics with related to our lab's research interests.

10. Do we have a separate space for work?

Yes, you will be provided with a separate own office space in the Lab with your personal office computer and the equipment needed for your research and Lab projects.

11. What is the Lab timing?

Our lab timing is from 10 am to 7 pm from Monday till Friday. The timings have to be followed; you can take them as office timings. Lab is open 24 hrs., so it is your choice if you want to stay late but you are free to do your own work or go for home after 7:00 Pm. The study atmosphere is so cool; you will enjoy yourself (guaranteed).

12. Will I choose the research topic myself or will I be provided one?

You are entirely free to work on any topic of their choice (anything related wireless, network, etc.), however you can ask help from colleagues/supervisor and discuss it with them. We recommend you have to get more than 2 research topics for masters and 3 for PhD students.

13. Can I work while I study?

Although we understand the financial pressures that students are under in the current climate, you are strongly advised not to take on any additional work because it may be illegal and harm your research activities. Besides, your lab schedule will keep you busy the whole week, so you will not be able to coop with your lab requirements and a side job. In addition, it's very hard to get a side job due to the language problem.

14. Can I gain some teaching experience?

We don't have teaching assistance program. For teaching experience, you need different type of VISA which is almost impossible to get.

15. How is the supervisor attitude?

Well, it's very hard to answer but the supervisor is very sociable and you will be put in the best possible conditions of studying.

16. What are the requirements to acquire the Degree?

Following are the requirements

Master:

- 1) One Journal publication (SCI or SCIE) within 2 years
- 2) 24 Credits Course work (almost 8 courses depending on the credits of the course)
- 3) Research Thesis work

PhD:

- 1) 3.5 years: 2 SCI(E) papers including one Q1 or 3 SCI(E) papers,
4 years: 1 SCI(E) paper with Q1 or 2 SCI(E) papers,
4.5 years: 1 SCI(E) paper + 1 Scopus + 1 SCI(E) submitted
5 years: At least 1 SCI(E) paper
- 2) 36 Credits Course work (almost 12 courses depending on the credits of the course)
- 3) PhD. Research Dissertation

NOTE 1: SCI(E) with Q1 is considered as 2 SCI(E) papers.

NOTE 2: Learning Korean language is not compulsory for either Masters' or PhD degree. Also, you might be asked to write conference paper/s during the duration of your degree which will be funded by the WENS lab. However, if you want to get a job in Korea, it would be much better if you can speak/read/write in Korean.

17. How is the career prospect after graduation?

After completing your degree, you will have the required skills to further your studies or work in South Korea. Getting a job in Korea depends on your performance and available opportunities. There are a lot of foreigners working in Korea who have graduated from different Korean universities. Almost 90% of the jobs require Korean language.

18. Is South Korea safe? How is living in Gumi?

South Korea is incredibly safe and crime statistics are low. Walking about and catching public transport late at night is considered safe, but this does not mean that you should forget your usual common sense safety precautions. Quiet and calm, Gumi is the largest industrial complex city in Korea. It is home of Samsung mobile and LG Display

19. How to reach GUMI from International Airport?

Gumi is almost 3.5 hours far from Seoul (Incheon Airport). After you reach the Incheon International Airport and get clearance from the transport control, you can simply ask the information desk located outside the baggage control area about the ticket counter for bus service.

Once you reach the ticket counter (which is located almost at the exit/ entrance of the airport), ask the person on the counter to give you a next available ticket to Gumi City.

Note: Once you are selected for the scholarship, the WENS members will update you about the bus timings and how much the ticket costs.

20. Due to some situations, I cannot get a formal recommendation letters from my previous supervisor (professor). Can I apply?

Any kind of recommendation letters will be fine such as e-version. Try to get your professors' letter by email. That will be better.