



Torch Strategic Mission Scholarship

Torch Trinity Graduate University

For 2019 Enrollment

What is Torch Strategic Missions Scholarship?

From its inception, the founders of Torch Trinity Graduate University envisioned a theological graduate school that would contribute significantly to the world Christian movement by training leaders from the majority world where the Gospel has least penetrated and where quality theological education is least accessible.

With this vision, local Korean churches and Torch Trinity Graduate University joined hands to offer the Torch Strategic Mission Scholarship (TSMS) to a limited number of qualified applicants, especially from unreached people groups. As of December 30, 2017, 171 students had completed their study with Torch Strategic Mission Scholarship program. TSMS is a distinguished scholarship given to Christian ministers, who possess outstanding academic and ministry potential, from missionally noteworthy regions. The scholarship includes full tuition and room and board for the duration of a recipient's degree program. For the recipients in the Master of Divinity program, the scholarship extends for three consecutive years. For the Master of Education, Arts, and Theology recipients, the scholarship extends for two consecutive years.

Basic qualifications to apply to TSMS are as follows:

- A. The applicant must meet all the qualifications for admissions for any master's degree program at Torch Trinity.
- B. The applicant must be a native of a strategic mission country with a vision to plant/build the church there or another place of equal strategic value.
- C. The applicant must demonstrate financial needs beyond the support of the applicant, family, or other possible sources.
- D. The applicant must apply from a missionally strategic country.

Guideline for TSMS Applicants

I. DEGREES AVAILABLE

Program	Concentration	Duration of Study
Master of Divinity (MDiv)	-	3 years
Master of Education (MEd)	-	2 years
Master of Arts (MA)	Christian Education Christian Counseling	2 years
Master of Theology (ThM)	Old Testament New Testament Systematic Theology Church History Mission/Intercultural Studies Christian Education Interdisciplinary Theological Studies	2 years

*Currently, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) applicants are NOT eligible for TSMS. These applicants must apply under other scholarships for international students.

II. APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

If you have questions, please contact the Admissions Officer. Do not ask alumni because guidelines change yearly.

A. Qualifications – Applicants must have the following qualifications

1. A confessing and mature believer (who has the assurance of salvation) with two letters of recommendation from a pastor, professor, or church leader/employer
2. A native of a strategic mission country or region (majority world, developing country, Muslim region, etc.) with a vision to plant/build the church of that country or another country of equal strategic value upon graduation. (Internationals residing in Korea cannot apply.)
3. A bachelor's degree or its equivalent by an accredited institution recognized by Torch Trinity Graduate University
4. For a ThM applicant, an MDiv or its equivalent by an accredited institution recognized by Torch Trinity Graduate University
5. A TOEFL/IELTS score that meets Korean government standards. In case of severe difficulty in accessing the exams, the applicant is advised to contact the Admissions Officer.

B. Disqualifications – Any of the following points disqualifies an applicant

1. currently resides in Korea

2. is married to a Korean (or Korean descent)/someone from the developed countries

3. has family in Korea

4. has a spouse living in Korea (now or during enrollment)

C. Due to limited housing, Torch Trinity does not offer scholarships to couples. We cannot house couples and families.

III. ADMISSION PROCEDURE & SCHEDULE

Process	Schedule	Note
Online Pre-application	By May 10 , 2018	Online Submission
Confirmation of Pre-application Result	May 30 , 2018	Email Notification
Application	July 1 - August 31 , 2018	Mail Application Form with Required Documents
Paper Screening Result	September 20 , 2018	Email Notification
Interview	September 27 to 28 , 2018	Phone or Skype Interview
Final Result	October 2 , 2018	Email Notification

IV. PRE-APPLICATION

A. Applicants for TSMS must submit the ONLINE PRE-APPLICATION prior to the actual application for admission. Online pre-application provides the preliminary documentation necessary to demonstrate that a prospective international student has the proper educational qualification and ministry experiences as well as ministry plan after his/her study at Torch Trinity. Only those who passed the pre-application evaluation are eligible to submit the application form and other required documents for TSMS admissions.

B. If you have difficulty filling out the online forms, contact the TSMS admissions officer by post or by email: tsms@ttgu.ac.kr.

1. Period: **February 1 to May 10, 2018**

2. Online Pre-application input on www.ttgu.ac.kr > “TSMS Admissions Pre-application” banner

3. Pre-Application Input List (complete all three below)

a. Personal Information

b. Personal Statement (spiritual and academic backgrounds)

c. Transcripts must be in English (upload scanned files)

V. APPLICATION

A. Those who passed the pre-application evaluation need to submit the application form and required documents to the Admissions Office by the application due date by POST only. Forms are available on the school’s website. If you have difficulty

accessing the website, please ask the Admissions Officer to send it to you by email or by post.

B. Dates

1. Period: **July 1 to August 31, 2018**
2. Application package should be sent by post on or before **August 31, 2018**

C. Forms Download

1. Click “Admissions Forms” on www.ttgu.ac.kr > Admissions > Admissions Forms
2. If you have difficulty accessing the website, please ask the admissions officer to send it to you by email or by post: tsms@ttgu.ac.kr.

D. Required Documents (documents listed below are all required—no exceptions)

1. TSMS Application (use provided form)
2. Personal Statement (use provided form)
3. Two Recommendation Letters (use provided form)
 - a. Pastor
 - b. Professor or Church Leader/Employer
4. **Official Certificate of Graduation**
 - ♦ Must be submitted after being notarized either by Apostille standard or the Korean Embassy or Consulate. * Please refer to *section G below*.
5. **Official Transcript**
 - ♦ Must be submitted after being notarized either by Apostille standard or the Korean Embassy or Consulate. * Please refer to *2. Documents Verification* below.
 - ♦ Foreign transcripts, including records of all courses, examinations, grades, grading scales, and conferrals of degrees, must be in English.
6. Original TOEFL Score or IELTS substitute (TTGU Alternative under exceptionally extenuating circumstances)
 - ♦ Minimum Scores: TOEFL-PBT 530/ TOEFL-CBT 197/ TOEFL-iBT 71/ IELTS 5.5/ TEPS 600 which was taken in 2 years
 - ♦ Alternative test results are only temporary and cannot be used to maintain the candidacy in the program. Students are required to submit the officially recognized test results before entering the program.
 - ♦ Please write to the TSMS admissions officer to petition for alternative tests. **Be aware that due to the competitive nature of the scholarship, you are strongly advised to submit the official test results to increase the chance of acceptance.**
7. Passport-Size Photos (3)
8. Scholarship Application (use provided form)
9. Copy of your passport

E. Application Submission

1. Mailing Address

TSMS Admissions Office 70 Baumero 31-gil, Seocho-gu, Seoul, Korea 06752

F. Any incomplete document or missing information cannot be considered for evaluation. Once you submit your application package, documents therein cannot be changed or returned.

G. Accreditation Certification Approval of Overseas University.

- Universities in country of Apostille Treaty: Please submit an apostille upon Certificate of graduation and Official transcript
※ Updated list of Contracting States (www.hcch.net/en/home)
- Universities in other countries: Please submit an approved Certificate of graduation and Official transcript with an overseas university accreditation letter by local Korean Embassy/ Consulate.
- Universities in U.S.: Please submit an accreditation certificate from Korean-American Educational Commission (Tel. +82-2-3275-4000) or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA, www.chea.org)
- Universities in China: Please submit an approved certificate of graduation and official transcript in English from
 - Confucius Institute in Seoul (www.cis.or.kr),
中国高等教育学生信息网 (www.chsi.com.cn), or
教育部学位与研究生教育发展中心(www.cdgdc.edu.cn)
 - ※ As for university in China, it will take about 2 months to issue.

VI. FINALIST INTERVIEWS

A. After the paper screening process, the evaluation committee will have a phone or Skype (online video) interview with the selected applicants.

B. Dates

1. Interview Period: **September 27 to 28, 2018**
2. Between 9:00 am to 6:00 pm (Korea Standard Time)

VII. ADMISSIONS CONFIRMATION

A. Admissions Confirmation Package & Medical Reports

1. Those who passed the application and interview stages are asked to submit the following documents to the office by **October 26, 2018**

- Medical Report
- Notice of Intention
- Financial Statement
- Signed TSMS Covenant.

2. Medical Insurance Fee Deposit - After sending the admissions package to TTGU, applicants are to transfer a deposit, the first three months of Korea's National Health Insurance (roughly USD 150), to a designated school account.

B. Documents for Visa Application - Upon receiving the health insurance deposit, the school will send the necessary documents to recipients for their student visa applications.

VIII. TUITION AND FEES

Full scholarship covers tuition, room and board. Individual students are responsible for all other expenses during their studies at Torch Trinity including books, public transportation, and all their personal effects.

IX. DORM

All TSMS recipients (including partial scholarship recipients) are required to stay in the dorm while they study in their degree programs. The Admissions Office will handle this part of their scholarship.

X. WELLBEING

As you can imagine, life away from home for several years will certainly include excitement and adventure, but sometimes even loneliness and discouragement, especially from adapting to the rigors of academic discipline and unfamiliar cultural aspects. Torch Trinity expects that each TSMS student will not only acknowledge these realities, but also to have the basic physical, psychological, and spiritual wellbeing to successfully finish their study and training. Applicants are responsible to perform basic research on what life in Korea would be like including weather, food, and culture.

If you have concerns, especially if they are not obvious from your application, please contact the Admissions Officer during the application stage.

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