

# Admission Guidelines for Torch Strategic Mission Scholarship Program: Master's degree program

(For Applicants from Abroad)

for Spring 2023 Enrollment

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#### I. **DEGREES AVAILABLE**

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

#### **APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS** II.

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

# A. 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. Meet the Language Proficiency requirement for each program
- B. Any of the following points disqualifies an applicant:
  - 1. currently resides in Korea
  - 2. is married to a Korean (or Korean descent) or someone from the developed countries (i.e., USA, Canada, Europe, etc.),
  - 3. has family in Korea,
  - 4. has a spouse living in Korea (now or during the 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	
Pre-application	By Aug 31, 2022	Online	
Application Submission	Sept 30, 2022	By Post	
Personality Test	Oct 4~ Fri. Oct 8, 2022	Online	
Paper Screening	Oct 11 ~ Oct 20, 2022	Email notification	
Interview	Oct 27~ Oct 28, 2022	Zoom Interview	
Result	Nov 16, 2022	Email notification	

**X** The above schedules are subject to change.

# IV. PRE-APPLICATION

- A. Applicants for TSMS must submit the ONLINE PRE-APPLICATION prior to the actual application for admission. Pre-application is available year-round. However, the pre-application submitted after August 31, 2022 may not be considered for the admission for Spring 2023. At the online pre-application stage, applicants are asked to provide the preliminary documentation necessary to demonstrate proper educational qualifications, ministry experience, and ministry plans after his/her study at Torch Trinity. Only those who have passed the pre-application stage are eligible to submit the application form and other required documents for the application.
- B. If you have difficulty in filling out the online forms, contact the TSMS admissions administrator at tsms@ttgu.ac.kr.
  - 1. Online pre-application input: visit <u>www.ttgu.ac.kr</u> → and click "TSMS Admissions->How Can I apply-> Online Pre-application <u>https://ams.ttgu.ac.kr/application/tsms\_intro.php</u>
  - 2. Pre-application input list (complete all three items below)
    - a. Personal Information
    - b. Personal Statement (spiritual and academic background)
    - c. Transcripts must be in English (upload scanned files)

# V. APPLICATION

- A. Those who have passed the pre-application evaluation MUST submit the application form and required documents to the admissions office by the application due date.
  - Forms will be sent to those who pass the preapplication by email.
- B. Dates:
  - Due Date: Sept. 30, 2022
  - Applications should be submitted by post to TTGU office.
- C. Forms to Download
  - 1. Forms will be available from TTGU Admissions Website.

- D. Required Documents (documents listed below are <u>all</u> required without exceptions)
  - 1. TSMS Application (use the provided form)
  - 2. Personal Statement (use the provided form)
  - 3. Two Recommendation Letters (use the 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

- Applicants are required to submit the transcript of records from your undergraduate courses.
- Foreign transcripts, including records of all courses, examinations, grades, grading scales, and conferrals of degrees, must be in English.
- 6. Language Proficiency

Minimum Scores: TOEFL-iBT 71/ IELTS 5.5/ TEPS 326 which was taken in 2 years.

- \* Applicants from countries where English is the official language will be exempted for English score if they have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher in English.
- \* English-speaking countries are determined by the "Country and Region" of the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Korea (mofa.go.kr)
- 7. Passport-Size Photos (3)
- 8. Scholarship Application (use the provided form)
- 9. Copy of your passport
- 10. Statement of Faith (use the provided form)

# E. Application Fee: \$70 (USD) OR 70,000 KRW

Application fee should be paid to Torch Trinity's bank account or PayPal by the last day of application submission. This includes the application fee for the Online Personality Test. The admission fee CANNOT be refunded, so please make sure to pay the exact amount. Any overpayment cannot be reimbursed.

## 1. Money Transfer

# **Bank Information**

- Name of Bank: Woori Bank, Branch Name: Yangjaenam Br.
- Overseas Remittance Account Number: 1005-602-443681
- Bank Address: 60 Yangae-Dong, Seocho-Gu SEOUL, Korea, Postal code: 06752
- Account Holder: Torch Trinity Graduate University
- Swift Code: HVBKKRSEXXX

## 2. Online Payment via Paypal

PayPal is a free payment service which enables you to make secure payments online.

If you intend to make your payment via paypal, please contact at tsms@ttgu.ac.kr for further guidelines.

# F. Application Submission:

# **Mailing Address**

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

- Any application with 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
  - 1. Universities participating in the Apostille Convention: Please submit your apostilled certificate of graduation and official transcript.
    - \* Updated list of the participating countries (<u>www.hcch.net/en/home</u>)

# The list of countries for Apostille certificates

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Chile, China, People's Republic of, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Eswatini (formerly Swaziland), Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Republic of, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niue, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela

- 2. Universities in other countries: Please submit an approved certificate of graduation and official transcript with an overseas university accreditation letter by the local Korean Embassy/Consulate.
- 3. 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 two months to issue.

#### VI. **INTERVIEWS**

- A. After the paper screening process, the evaluation committee will have a zoom interview with selected applicants.
- B. Interview period: Oct 27~ Oct 28, 2022 \*Individual Schedule will be informed by email.

# VII. ADMISSIONS CONFIRMATION

Those who have passed the application and interview stages are asked to submit the following documents to the office.

- ✓ Medical Report
- ✓ Notice of Intention
- ✓ Financial Statement
- ✓ Signed TSMS Covenant.
- \* TSMS Deposit for securing the expense of a returning air ticket is temporarily waived due to COVID-19 pandemic.

## VIII. TUITION AND FEES

Full scholarship covers tuition, room and board. Individual students are responsible for <u>all other</u> expenses during their studies at Torch Trinity, including books, public transportation, and all their personal expenditures. Please note that personal fundraising in Korea is prohibited for the TSMS students.

#### IX. **DORMITORY**

TSMS Full scholarship recipients (including partial scholarship recipients) are required to stay in the dorm while they study in their degree programs.

#### X. WELL-BEING

Life away from home for several years will certainly be exciting and adventurous, but sometimes challenging, especially from having to adapt to the rigors of academic work in a different cultural setting. Torch Trinity expects that each TSMS student will not only acknowledge these realities, but also have the basic physical, emotional, and spiritual readiness to successfully finish their study in Korea. Before making the final decision to come, applicants are responsible to perform basic research on what life in Korea entails, including different weather, food, and culture.

If you have any other concerns, please contact our admissions officer during the application stage.

## **Contact Information**

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