

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

General Admission for Spring 2023

1. Degree Available

Language	Degree Programs	Duration	Credits
English Program	PhD in Theology Specialization: - Biblical Studies - Historical/Theological Studies - Intercultural Studies - Educational Studies	3 yrs (6 sem)	23 credits & 5 units
Korean Program	PhD in Christian Counseling	3 yrs (6 sem)	66 credits

2. General Admission Qualifications:

Type	Qualification
Common	General Admissions are for Korean applicants, Korean Nationals Residing Abroad or foreigners of Korean origin who have all the qualifications for each admission type. ※Internationals/North Korean refugees are selected separately through the International Admission.
General Admission (English Program)	A. Must be a confessing and mature believer who was baptized 5 years ago (before Feb 28, 2018) and has assurance of salvation (or infant baptism and confirmation). B. Must hold a bachelor's degree and an MDiv degree or master's degree in related studies with a minimum GPA of 3.3/4.0 from an accredited university or equivalent as recognized by law. C. One of the TOEFL-iBT 71/IELTS 5.5/TEPS 326 (w/ S&W) or higher is required (within 2 years). D. "Intercultural Studies" applicants must have minimum 3 years of intercultural ministry experience.
General Admission (Korean Program)	A. Must be a confessing and mature believer who was baptized and has assurance of salvation (or infant baptism and confirmation). B. Must hold a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in related studies from an accredited university or equivalent as recognized by law. C. One of the TOEFL-iBT/IELTS/TEPS is required (within 2 years).

<Conditions for exemption from English>

- A. **Korean applicants** who have obtained GPA of 3.75/4.0 or higher in English-speaking countries and graduate schools in English will be exempted for English.
- B. **International 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.

3. Admission Procedure

Procedure	International/Expat Admissions	Place/Note
Application	Oct. 17 – Oct. 26, 5:00PM	By post/in hand
Personal Inventory Test	Oct. 29 – Oct. 31	Online test
Interview	Nov. 11	TTGU campus
Admission Result	Nov. 21	School website

- ✓ interviews are conducted on site; ONLY applicants living abroad or in self-quarantine due to covid-19 are allowed to participate in ONLINE exams and interviews.
- ✓ If there is any reason for disqualification after paper-screening it will be notified, and no interview will be conducted.
- ✓ Additional admissions shall be conducted in January 2023 if the admission quota is not filled.

4. Required Documents [School form is available to download at www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply.]

- ✓ Submit the original copies issued within 3 months. (At the request of the applicant, only documents that cannot be reissued will be returned.)
 - ✓ Documents issued in foreign languages other than Korean/English (e.g., Chinese) must be translated into Korean or English, notarized, and submitted.
- A. **Printed copy of the online application:** Submit online application at www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply and print out one copy to submit it with other required documents to Admissions Office.
 - B. **Personal statement [school form]**
 - C. **Graduate certificates of undergraduate and graduate degree**
 - D. **Official transcripts of undergraduate and graduate degree**
 - Transfer students must submit their previous college/university transcripts together.
 - Overseas university graduates must submit the degree certificate referred to the <Appendix 1: Apostille Approval Instructions>.
 - E. **One pastoral reference letter [school form]:** by senior pastor or applicant’s spiritual mentor
 - F. **Two academic reference letters [school form]:** by former professor who knows the applicant’s academic aspects well

- Referees fill out the reference letter form and send it by e-mail (admissions@ttgu.ac.kr) directly or mail it in a sealed and signed envelope.
- Applicant's family/relatives cannot write a reference letter, so another referee must be substituted.
- If the referee of the English program applicant is unable to write the letter in English it should be translated through a translator, and the original and translated copy of the reference must be sent together by e-mail (admissions@ttgu.ac.kr) or mailed in a sealed and signed envelope.
- **References must be delivered by the application deadline.**

- G. **PhD Research Plan** should be not more than 2,000 words (not counting the bibliography).
In your tentative plan, please clearly answer the following questions:
- a. Do I have a clear thesis statement, or have I identified my primary research questions?
 - b. Have I stated why this research is important or what this research will accomplish?
 - c. Have I demonstrated my knowledge of the field by interacting with other scholarly works?
 - d. Have I stated how I will approach the project (at least a cursory explanation of the method)?
 - e. Do I have the following elements in my research plan? Tentative Title, Abstract (300 words max), Tentative Chapter Outline, Introduction, Body, Conclusion
- H. **PhD Scholarship Application:** scholarship applicants only (See “5. PhD Scholarship”).
- I. **<English program applicants>** required documents
- a. **One of the TOEFL-iBT 71/IELTS 5.5/TEPS 326(w/ S&W)** or higher within 2 years
* Please refer to <Conditions for exemption from English> for the exemption.
 - b. **Thesis or research paper written in English from the master’s program**
 - c. **Certificate of Ministry** (minimum 3 years) for “Intercultural Studies” applicant only
- J. **<Korean program applicants>** required documents
- a. **Clinical experience certificate**
 - b. **One of the TOEFL-iBT/IELTS/TEPS** within 2 years
* Please refer to <Conditions for exemption from English> for the exemption.
 - c. **Thesis written in master’s program** (Submit only when the applicant has written a thesis.)
- K. **<International applicants only>** required documents
- a. **A copy of passport / Domestic residents must submit alien registration card copy and National Health Insurance Service (NHIS) membership copy** also.
 - b. **Financial statement [school form] and bank statement** (student-visa applicant only)
 - Submit a proof of balance of the applicant or parents of US \$20,000 or more.

- For church/school/scholarship foundation sponsorship, submit a proof of the sponsor's representative balance of US \$20,000 or more.
- c. **Korean program applicant: TOPIK level 5 required** (within 2 years)
 - If overseas Koreans have obtained a bachelor's degree in Korean in a university in Korea, applicants will be exempted for TOPIK score substituting with graduate certificate, official transcript and a certificate of domestic residence report.

Application Submission

➤ **Required Documents Submission (by post /in hand)**

Address: 70 Baumoe-ro 31-gil, Seocho-gu, Seoul 06752 Torch Trinity Admissions Office

➤ **Application Fee payment: 105,000 KRW** (Please remit the application fee to the applicant's name.)

Account No: Woori bank 1005-602-443681 / Account Holder: Torch Trinity Graduate University

***Arrivals after the application deadline cannot be accepted.**

5. PhD Scholarship

A. PhD Torch Strategic Mission Scholarship (PhD TSMS)

- a. PhD TSMS applicants must submit the form, "PhD TSMS Application"; it is applicable only for foreign applicants of English program living overseas or in a mission field.
- b. PhD TSMS applicants must submit English test scores of TOEFL-iBT 71/IELTS 5.5/TEPS 326 (including S&W) or higher. Refer to the "Conditions for exemption from English" for a possible exemption.
- c. PhD TSMS recipients must agree with the TSMS Covenant.
 - All of the above conditions must be met for an application to be considered.
 - Successful applicants receive full tuition and lodging (Giheung dormitory) for three years.

B. PhD scholarship

- a. PhD Scholarship applicants must submit the form, "PhD Scholarship Application"; both Korean and foreign applicants of English or Korean programs may apply.
- b. PhD Scholarship applicants committed to mission service are given priority.
 - Successful applicants receive up to 50% of tuition and must reapply and renew the scholarship each semester.

6. Schedule by Admission Type

Type	Exams	Score	Date/Place
General Admission (<u>English Program</u>)	Personal inventory test	-	Oct. 29. – Oct. 31, Individual test online during the period *Internet access link will be sent individually by e-mail 1 day in advance.
	English	(P/NP)	Submit one of the TOEFL-iBT 71/IELTS 5.5/TEPS 326(w/ S&W) or higher within 2 years.
	Interview	(130)	Nov. 11, in TTGU campus *Time/place will be notified by e-mail one week in advance

Type	Exams	Score	Date/Place
General Admission (<u>Korean Program</u>)	Personal inventory test	-	Oct. 29. – Oct. 31, Individual test online during the period *Internet access link will be sent individually by e-mail 1 day in advance.
	English	(P/NP)	Submit one of the TOEFL-iBT/IELTS/TEPS within 2 years.
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7. Exams and Interview

- A. **Personal Inventory Test** is conducted through an online test, and applicants answer questions about their various experiences honestly.
 - Applicants must prepare a quiet place to take the test individually (about 1 hour).
 - Applicants can take the test in Korean or English, whichever is more convenient.
- B. **Interview** is conducted individually. Applicants should present an “one-minute speech” on their prospective area of research.
- C. **English: English program applicants** must submit one of the TOEFL-iBT 71/IELTS 5.5/TEPS 326 (w/ S&W) or higher.
- D. **English: Korean program applicants** must submit one of the TOEFL-iBT/IELTS/TEPS.

8. Notice for applicants

- A. The English name and date of birth must be same as the passport.
- B. Applicants should provide a valid own email address.
- C. If the application documents are not submitted, the application will be canceled, and admission will be canceled if the documents are found to be forged, falsified, or altered, even later.

- D. If an applicant cancels to apply before the deadline, the application fee will be refunded excluding the remittance fee. After the deadline, the submitted application documents and application fee will not be returned.
- E. If an applicant has a disability and need help during the admission process, he/she should submit a copy of disability registration card and inform the Office what he/she needs help with.
- F. Applicants must bring ID card and verification slip for entrance exams and interview.
- G. If an applicant does not take any of the exams or commit cheating during the exams, he/she will be disqualified.
- H. If an applicant is judged to be inadequate to become a pastor/Christian minister as a result of the interview, the applicant may be disqualified.

9. New Student Registration

Announcement	Date	Note
Deposit Payment	Nov 29 - Dec 2	Individual virtual account
Tuition Payment	Jan 9 - Jan 12, 2023	Individual virtual account
New Student Orientation	Jan 31 or Feb 21, 2023	TTGU campus (attendance required once)
First day of Spring 2023	Feb 27, 2023	-

- A. New students are not allowed to stop-out in the first semester, except for the reason of illness, military duty, or maternity.
- B. Prospective graduates should submit the final graduate certificate and official transcript before matriculation.
- C. International students must hold a membership of National Health Insurance Service (NHIS) during their study at TTGU.

Contact Information

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<Appendix 1: Apostille Approval Instructions>

If an applicant has obtained a degree from an overseas university, an Apostille certificate or consular confirmation must be issued and submitted to prove that the graduate certificate is an official document of the country.

For documents not written in Korean or English, attach a notarized Korean or English translation. If you are applying from Korea through an agency, it will take about 2 months. Please apply in advance and be careful not to be late for the admission deadline.

1. Graduates from a university in Apostille convention country (www.hcch.net)

- Submit the graduate certificate with an Apostille.
- Apostille issuance procedure
Issuance of graduate certificate (or transcript) in the relevant country → (Notarized by notarized office in case of private documents) → Visit to Apostille issuing organization → Apply for Apostille issuance → Review by Apostille issuing agency → Issuance of Apostille
- See http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php?act=conventions.authorities&cid=41.

2. Graduates from a university in other countries

- Submit the graduate certificate confirmed by the Consular of the Korean Embassy in the country where the certificate is issued, or Foreign Embassy in Korea

3. Graduates from a university in China

- Submit the “Degree Certificate” issued by the CHSI(学信网) <https://www.chsi.com.cn/> or CDGDC(学位网) <https://www.cdgd.edu.cn/>.

<Appendix 2: Application fee payment guide>**1. SWIFT CODE for international transfer**

Bank Name	WOORIBANK
Bank Address	WOORIBANK, 1585, SANGAM-DONG MAPO-GU, SEOUL, KOREA
Branch Name	YANGJAENAM BR.
Branch Address	60 YANGJAE-DONG SEOCHO-GU SEOUL 06752 KOREA
Account Number	1005-602-443681
Account Holder	Torch Trinity Graduate University
SWIFT CODE	HVBKRXSEXXX

2. PayPal payment information

If you intend to make your application fee payment via PayPal, please contact at admissions@ttgu.ac.kr with your name, applying program, and email address for further guidelines.