

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

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

※PhD 기독교상담학 지원자는 1월전형에 추가로 신입생을 선발하지 않습니다. 2023학년도에 지원하여 주십시오.

2. General Admission Qualifications: “General Admission” is for Korean applicants, Korean Nationals Residing Abroad, and Foreigners of Korean origin.

- Must be a confessing and mature believer who was baptized 5 years ago (before Feb 28, 2017) and has assurance of salvation (or infant baptism and confirmation).
- 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.
- “Intercultural Studies” applicants must have minimum 3 years of intercultural ministry experience.

3. General Admission Language Proficiency

- One of TOEFL-iBT 71/ IELTS 5.5 / TEPS 326 (including TEPS-S&W) or higher is required (taken after Dec 1, 2019).
- [Exemption for Korean Applicants] Official English test scores are exempted if Korean applicants obtained GPA of 3.75/4.0 or higher in English-speaking countries and graduate schools in English.
- [Exemption for Foreign Applicants] 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).

4. Admission Procedure

Procedure	Date	Venue/Note
Online Application	Dec. 1- Jan. 12	www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply
Application Deadline	By Jan. 12, 5:00pm	To the Admissions Office (Requirements' submission and application fee payment referring to the " 4. Application Guidelines " and " 5. Required Documents ")
Personal Inventory Test	Jan. 14- Jan. 16	Online individual test
Interview	Jan. 24 10:00am-5:00pm	On TTGU campus (Detailed schedule will be announced later referring to the " 6. Exams and Interview ".)

- ✓ Exams and 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, the interview will be cancelled.

5. Application Guidelines

- A. **Online application:** Submit the online application at www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply.
- B. **Requirements' submission:** Submit the "Required Documents" by mail or in person to the Admissions Office. **Arrivals after the deadline cannot be accepted.**
[Address] TTGU Admissions Office, 70 Baumero 31-gil, Seocho-gu, Seoul 06752, Korea
- C. **Application fee payment: 105,000 KRW**
[School Account] Woori bank 1005-602-443681 / Account Holder: Torch Trinity Graduate University
The admission fee must be transferred to the school account in the name of the applicant.
See <Appendix 2: SWIFT CODE> for international transfer.

6. Required Documents

<Precautions for submitting documents>

- ✓ **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 application:** Print out the application form at www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply.
 - B. **Personal Statement [school form]**
 - C. **One Pastoral Reference Letter [school form]:** by Senior pastor or applicant's spiritual mentor
 - D. **Two Academic Reference Letters [school form]:** by former professor or supervisor who knows the applicant's academic aspects well

- Referees fill out the reference letter and send it by e-mail (admissions@ttgu.ac.kr) directly or mail it in a sealed and signed envelope.
- If the referee of the English program applicant is unable to write the letter in English, it should be translated through a translator. 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.

E. Graduate Certificate(s) of Undergraduate and Graduate Degree(s)

F. Official Transcript(s) of Undergraduate and Graduate Degree(s)

- If the name of the degree, degree conferred date, and the degree registration number are specified on the transcript, graduation certificate submission is exempted.
- Transfer students must submit their previous college/university transcripts together.
- Overseas university graduates must submit the degree certificate referred to the <Appendix: Apostille Approval Instructions>.

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. One of TOEFL-iBT 71/ IELTS 5.5/ TEPS 326 (including TEPS-S&W) or higher score (taken after Dec 1, 2019)

- Refer to the “**3. General Admission Language Proficiency**” for a possible exemption.

I. Thesis or research paper written in English from the master’s program

J. Certificate of Ministry (minimum 3 years): for ‘Intercultural Studies’ applicant only

K. PhD Scholarship Application: scholarship applicants only (See “**7. PhD Scholarship**”.)

L. Required Documents for International Applicants

- a. **A copy of passport**
- b. **A copy of alien registration card** (domestic residents only)
- c. **A copy of National Health Insurance Service (NHIS) membership** (domestic residents only)
- d. **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.

7. PhD Scholarship

- A. 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.

8. Exams and Interview

General Admission (English Program)
A. Personal Inventory Test
B. TOEFL-IBT/ IELTS/ TEPS (including TEPS-S&W) Score
C. Interview (130 Points)

- A. **Personal Inventory Test** is an online test, and applicants receive an online link by email to take the test. It takes 1~2 hours depending on individual differences. Applicants can take the test in either Korean or English, whichever is more convenient.
- B. **One of TOEFL-iBT 71/ IELTS 5.5/ TEPS 326 (including TEPS-S&W)** or higher required which taken in last two years.
Please refer to “3. General Admission Language Proficiency” for the exemptions.
- C. **Interview** is conducted individually. Applicants should present a “one-minute speech” on their prospective area of research.

9. 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. Admission may be canceled if the documents are found to be forged, falsified, or altered.
- D. If an applicant cancels to apply before the deadline, the application fee will be refunded excluding the remittance fee. After the deadline, the received 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 entrance 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.

10. Announcement for Successful Applicants

Announcement	Date	Note
Admission Result	Feb 14, 9:00	www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply
Tuition Payment	Feb 16 – Feb 18	Individual virtual account
New Student Orientation	Feb 22, 13:00-16:00	Attendance required once
First day of Spring 2022	Mar 2	-

- 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. For international students, “Certificate of Admission” for a student visa will be sent after the tuition payment is completed.
- D. International students must hold a membership of National Health Insurance Service (NHIS) during their study at TTGU.

Contact Information

Ms. Wonhee Lee, Admissions Office

E-mail: admissions@ttgu.ac.kr / Tel. +82-(0)2-570-7375

Address: 70 Baumoe-ro 31-gil, Seocho-gu, Seoul 06752

<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 (or transcript) 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 (or official transcript) 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 (or official transcript) 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 China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Information, <http://www.cdgd.edu.cn>.

<Appendix 2: SWIFT CODE for International Transfer of Application Fee>

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	HVBKKRSEXXX