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**Recommendation Letter
for World Bank-Republic of Korea Scholarship (WB-ROK Scholarship)
from [University Name]**

To whom it may concern,

I am delighted to recommend the applicant, [applicant's name], for the WB-ROK Scholarship (**Attachment 1**). The candidate is an esteemed [choose one: student/graduate/faculty member] of our university and meets all the eligibility criteria specified in **Attachment 2**. Furthermore, the person has obtained/is scheduled to obtain **his/her** diplomas from the **XXX** degree program no later than July 31, 2026, positioning **him/her** to begin the scholarship program in the Republic of Korea in September 2026.

[The contents should be consistent with the following but may be edited as needed] The academic and professional development of [applicant's name] is of paramount importance to us, as it directly contributes to the ongoing success and impact of our current project with WB. The candidate has consistently demonstrated strong academic performance and dedication to **his/her** studies, exemplifying the high standards we uphold at our institution. The candidate's commitment to excellence and their aspirations for meaningful contributions to society underscore **his/her** suitability for this prestigious scholarship.

I wholeheartedly endorse [applicant's name] for postgraduate study in the Republic of Korea and am confident in their potential to contribute significantly to our nation's development. They possess the academic excellence, commitment, and ambition that will make them invaluable assets to our country's future growth and progress.

If you require any additional information or further insight into this applicant's qualifications and achievements, please feel free to contact me at [email address].

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Position]
[University Name]
[University Address]
[Email Address]

Attachment 1

Recommended Applicant

Name of Applicants (same as the names in their passport)	Nationality	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)	Degree Program Applied for	Department Applied for Admission, School Applied for Admission
Mr./Ms. _____			Master's / PhD/ Global Network Program	<i>The Name of Department</i> <i>The Name of University</i>

Eligibility Criteria

The following criteria are the minimum requirements for the scholarship. Applicants should check any additional requirements set by each Korean university.

1. Applicants for scholarships for Master's degree programs must possess a Bachelor's degree, and applicants for scholarships for Doctoral studies programs must possess a Master's degree.
2. All applicants must hold citizenship of IBRD and IDA recipient countries of WB¹. Applicants' parents (or legal guardians) must hold citizenship from another country other than ROK.
3. Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of the entire curriculum from the previous degree program² must meet one of the conditions as follows: (i) score percentile should be 80% or above on a 100-point scale or be ranked in the top 20% of one's class, (ii) CGPA must be equal to or above 2.64/4.0, 2.80/4.3, 2.91/4.5, or 3.23/5.0.
4. All applicants must be in good health, both mentally and physically, to study in ROK for the full duration of the program.
5. Applicants must be under 40 years of age (born after September 1, 1986). Academic professors³ under 45 years of age are eligible to apply. No age limitations with Global Network Program⁴ applicants.

¹ Please check <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups> and <https://ida.worldbank.org/en/about/borrowing-countries>

² For example, previous degree for a doctoral degree program applicant is a master's degree program.

³ According to ROK's national ODA policy, academic professors must hold the nationality of a country listed as an ODA recipient by the OECD DAC.

⁴ Global Network Program is available for master's degrees in international studies only at 5 schools: KDI school, Busan National University, Seoul National University, Yonsei University and KAIST. Further details will be announced on the official website: <http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr>