

FAQ (English)

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1. General Description

Q1. Can an Individual student apply?

- A. No. Only paired students can apply through the Korean institution. Individuals wishing to take part in exchanges are advised to contact the relevant offices (e.g. International Relations Offices) of your institution.

Q2. How can I find a partner student?

- A. Individuals need to check with the relevant offices in your institution for assistance. Please be informed that the ASEM-DUO Secretariat is not involved in finding partners or partner institutions.

Q3. How many times does DUO-Korea open for applications?

- A. The call for applications of DUO-Korea is announced **ONLY once a year**. So if you are interested in an exchange in the fall of 2021 or spring of 2022, you should apply for DUO-Korea 2021.

Q4. How much is the amount of the fellowship?

- A. **4,000 euros will be given for 1 semester (4 months, 120 days)**. If a semester or stay period in the Korean/European institution is longer than 4 months, fellowship will be given only for 4 months. However, if it is shorter than 4 months, the fellowship will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis.

2. Application and Selection Procedure

Q5. Who should submit the application?

- A. Only the contact persons of the Korean institutions fill out and submit the application on behalf of two institutions, to the ASEM-DUO Secretariat. Therefore, individuals who wish to apply need to provide all information and documents to the designated contact persons of your institution.

Q6. Who is the “Contact Person” indicated in the application form?

- A. The contact person means a regular staff of institutions who arrange the exchange projects and is willing to communicate with the Secretariat in such event as verifying application details, monitoring exchanges, and providing further information on the status of the exchange. In most cases, international relations office staffs in educational institutions are in charge.

Q7. What are the required documents to apply?

- A.** Along with the online application form, the following documents are required and all documents should be submitted written **in English**;
- a. A valid cooperation agreement (MOU) between paired institutions or declaration of intention to set up a new cooperation agreement
 - b. A copy of passport of paired applicants (valid one)
 - c. A copy of transcript of paired applicants (including the grades until fall semester 2020)
 - d. A motivation letter of paired applicants (2 pages, A4)

Q8. How to apply?

A. 1) For students who wish to apply

- a. Consult with the relevant offices in your institution regarding your eligibility and availability of a partner.

2) For contact persons of Korean institutions

- a. If there are eligible pairs of students, **the contact person** of a Korean institution fills out an online application form on the ASEM-DUO website on behalf of two institutions.
- b. Along with the online application, a copy of the cooperation agreement (MOU), passports, transcripts, and motivation letters should be attached. The preferred file formats for attachments are JPG or PDF.
- c. Once completed, please make sure to submit your application by clicking the “**submit**” button. Korean institutions should get a confirmation email from the Secretariat within 3 days. If not, please contact the Secretariat.

3) For contact persons of European institutions

- a. European institutions shall cooperate fully with the Korean institutions in providing precise information of European applicants. The preferred file formats for attachments are JPG or PDF.

Q9. For DUO-Korea, who select exchange projects?

- A.** The DUO-Korea Selection Committee consists of Korean experts in the field of educational exchange and it selects successful applicants.

Q10. How long does the selection procedure take?

- A.** Approximately in 4 to 6 weeks, the selection will be made. As soon as the selection result is announced on ASEM-DUO website, the selected applicants and their contact persons will be informed by the Secretariat through e-mail.

Q11. What are the selection criteria?

- A.** This program aims to support a variety of exchange projects. Therefore, new

exchange projects shall be given priority in selection. For more information, you may refer to 2.6. Selection Criteria in the General Description.

Q12. Will the Secretariat provide flight tickets or accommodations? Are there any restrictions in using the fellowship?

- A.** No, you need to prepare flight-tickets or accommodation on your own or ask the contact person of the destination institutions for assistance. There are no restrictions on the usage of fellowship. It can finance tuition and living or travel expenses.

Q13. When do I receive the fellowship?

- A.** The first fellowship (50% of fellowship) will be transferred in 2 weeks prior to the expected arrival date in the destination country. The rest will be paid at the start of the 3rd month of the exchange period. Please be informed that each installment will be transferred upon receiving the required documents. For details, you may refer to the Implementation Guideline.

Q14. What are the obligations of the fellowship awardees?

- A.** 1) Awardees should carefully read the notification from Secretariat and Implementation Guideline, and should submit the relevant documents accordingly.
- 2) Awardees should submit the following documents within one month after the completion of the exchange semester.
- Essay:** 3-4 pages except for the cover page in A4 paper
 - Proof of Exchange Duration:** a copy of passport (front photo page and page(s) of stamped arrival & departure dates in the destination country)
 - Transcript of destination institution:** It should include all courses enlisted on the application.
 - Transcript of originating institution:** It should include all courses and credits (or ECTS) taken in the destination institution.

3. Instruction for Application Form

Q15. If we do not have an ID in the online application page, how can we apply?

- A.** Please contact the Secretariat and ask to add your institution to the list and get an ID. Please be informed that one institution will have ONLY ONE ID.

Q16. Should the periods of exchange and field of exchange coincide for each pair?

- A.** Not necessarily. However, the exchange should be carried out from August 1, 2021 until July 31, 2022.

Q17. Should the academic years of the applicants coincide?

- A. Not necessarily. If the exchange project is executed under the same MOU, undergraduate students and graduate students are both eligible for exchange.

Q18. (Application page 2) If we could not find our European partner institution on the application page, how can we apply?

- A. Please contact the Secretariat and ask to add your partner institutions. Also, you need to provide the official name of the partner institutions in English, their official website, and the country where it is located.

Q19. (Application page 3) If the applicant engages in the exchange for a whole year, how should we write the exchange duration?

- A. The applicants need to choose a semester and specify the exchange period.

Q20. (Application page 4) Any guidelines for the exchange details?

- A. Please be informed that you need to list the courses **on a semester basis**.
- For Korean students, please write the courses (with ECTS) you would take at the European institution. For European students, please write the courses (with Korea credits) you would take at the Korean institution.
 - On a semester basis, **a minimum of 10 credits/20 ECTS** must be taken up at the destination institution. If your purpose of the exchange is other than Transfer of Credits, please specify in detail on page 3.

N.B. If actual courses happen to differ from the courses listed on the application, the contact persons or awardees are responsible for informing the Secretariat for approval; if this procedure is not taken beforehand, fellowship award to both students is subject to cancellation or consequently reimbursement.

Q21. (Application page 4) Do I need to take courses in the field of my major when I study in the destination institution? And is there any priority to specific fields of majors?

- A. Not necessarily. And there is no priority to a specific major. However, taking ONLY language training courses* or sports courses is not acceptable.

*The major-related courses are allowed, but the courses offered by the language centers of destination institutions are NOT counted.

*Examples for major-related courses; German Literature, History of the Language, etc.

Q22. (Application page 4) I have not received any course list from the destination institution. How can I fill out the application?

- A. You may refer to the course list of the previous semester. If some courses are not open during the exchange semester, please contact the Secretariat for

guidance.

Q23. (Application page 4) Is it possible to receive a fellowship from another organization?

- A.** If you receive a fellowship from other private institutions or governments, please inform the Secretariat of the details and the Selection Committee will take this into consideration. However, any support by your institutions is allowed.

Q24. (Application page 5) If the passport is expired, what should I submit?

- A.** A copy of the national registration card for Koreans or a citizen card for Europeans is acceptable. All information should be written in English or translated into English.

Q25. (Application page 5) Are there any guidelines for the transcript?

- A.** Please submit the transcript including the Grading Scale Table.
- a. If your institutions do not provide the English version, you need to submit the translated version in addition to the original.
 - b. In case your institutions does not adopt the ECTS grading system, you should attach the Grading Scale Table showing the calculation for conversion to ECTS. Also, please write the transferred ECTS on the application.

Q26. (Application page 5) Are there any guidelines for the Motivation letter?

- A.** You may write on the topic indicated on the cover page. Also, please write your name and institutions ONLY on the cover page, but NOT in the main text.

Q27. Should we also send the original application?

- A.** No. Only when your exchange project has been selected, the contact person of the Korea institutions should submit the original version including the signatures and official stamp of Kore institutions on behalf of two institutions.