

GKS Interview Question Bank (Embassy Track, India)

Prepared by GKS India. Use the space under each question to plan a 45–90 second answer. The New Delhi embassy panel usually includes an embassy officer and, often, a Korean-studies academic or GKS alumnus.

A. Opening and motivation

1. Please introduce yourself in two minutes.
2. Why do you want to study in Korea rather than in India or another country?
3. When did you first become interested in Korea? Be specific.
4. What do you know about the Global Korea Scholarship and NIIED?
5. Why should we select you over other Indian applicants?

B. Academic and study plan

6. Explain your study plan in simple terms.
7. Why this university as your first choice? Who would you work with?
8. What is your research question, and what method will you use?
9. Your GPA is ____ — explain your academic record, including any weak semester.
10. How does your Bachelor's/Master's connect to the programme you chose?
11. What will you do if you are not admitted to your first-choice university?

C. Korea knowledge

12. What do you know about Korean history or the Korean education system?
13. Name a current issue in Korea that relates to your field.
14. What Korean company, institution or policy do you follow, and why?
15. What differences do you expect between Indian and Korean academic culture?

D. Language

16. What is your Korean level? Please introduce yourself in Korean.
17. How will you reach TOPIK Level 4 within the language year?
18. How will you cope if your classes are taught in Korean?

E. Adaptation and personal

19. Have you lived away from your family before? How did you manage?
20. How will you handle homesickness, food and the Korean winter?

21. Describe a conflict you had in a team and how you resolved it.
22. Do you have any medical condition the programme should know about?
23. What are your weaknesses?

F. Contribution and future

24. How will you contribute to India-Korea relations during and after the scholarship?
 25. What will you do immediately after graduation? In five years?
 26. Would you stay in Korea, return to India, or work elsewhere? Why?
 27. What will you do if you do not receive this scholarship?
 28. Do you have any questions for us?
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Preparation method

- Draft answers in bullet points, never full scripts — panels detect memorisation.
- Record yourself for questions 1, 2, 7, 24 and 25; those are almost always asked.
- Prepare one Korean self-introduction of 4–5 sentences even at beginner level.
- Carry a copy of your own application; you will be asked about what you wrote.
- Dress formally, arrive 30 minutes early, and bring original documents if requested.