

2022 KOICA - UOS

# MURD

## Master of Urban and Regional Development

International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul  
In cooperation with Korea International Cooperation Agency



ISUS



## The Leading Education & Research Institution in Urban Sciences

**Soon-tak Suh**  
President, University of Seoul

University of Seoul was founded in 1918 and has provided higher education opportunities for the intelligent, motivated, and creative scholars. As a public institution, University of Seoul is committed to addressing the social, regional, technological, and innovative issues of the urbanized world. It has thus dedicated itself to cultivating leaders who will shape the urban future of Korea and the world. Its faculty, students, and administrative body are also distinguished by a commitment to civic values and a dynamic urban civilization.

University of Seoul insists on quality and breadth. It is committed to both theory and practice, and endorses an openness towards students and Korea's noticeable institutions. With

undergraduate colleges and about 90 fields of study in the Graduate School. With diverse and specific programs that integrate research and policy, practice and education, University of Seoul seeks a balance between academic and professional concerns, between visionary goals and practical research. Along with basic research, University of Seoul functions as a think-tank in formulating and supporting the major policy goals of the Seoul Metropolitan Government.

In this sense, International School of Urban Sciences has maintained a dominant position in a field of urban sciences. These range from environmental and civic engineering, architecture, urban planning and landscape design to public law and administration, taxation science, economics, urban sociology and management. With Korea's largest and finest group of human and informational resources focused on the future of the world's city, it boasts a unique array of research institutions working on the solutions to its problems and creative visions for its future.



## MURD program The Great Inspiration and Knowledge

**Hyeon PARK**

Dean of ISUS, University of Seoul

International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS) at University of Seoul (UOS) was launched in 2012 in an effort to contribute to the development of sustainable urban communities in the world. It covers diverse fields of urban sciences including urban and regional planning, infrastructure development, construction development, and environmental policy.

ISUS offers two graduate programs for Korean students: global construction management and sustainable urban & regional development. In order to reinforce international cooperation and educate global experts, ISUS also hosts four Master's degree programs in cooperation with partner organizations: Master of Urban Administration and Planning (MUAP) in collaboration with Seoul Metropolitan Government, Master of Urban and Regional Development (MURD) with Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Master's program for Global Leaders in Environmental Policy (MGLEP) with Ministry of Environment, and Master of Infrastructure Planning and Development (MIPD) with Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport. These full scholarship programs are expected to contribute to the sustainable development in partner countries by providing the academic and professional skills necessary for their home countries.

Korea is an exemplar which has transformed from one of the poorest countries in the world to a developed economy for the last half century. Its unique experience makes it a source of lessons learned that can be shared with global community. ISUS is committed to reinforcing professionalism in the area of sustainable urban and regional development by sharing Korea's experience. In this global platform of knowledge exchange, participants will get theoretical and practical knowledge and foster global perspectives through mutual learning process with their classmates from around the world.

Join the MURD program and develop your abilities of pioneering and leading new age of urban and regional development.

## I. Program Overview

■ **Program Title:** Master's Degree Program in Urban and Regional Development (MURD)

■ **Duration:** August 2022 – February 2024

\* Master diploma will be awarded in February 2024.

■ **Objectives:**

- To provide theoretical and practical education that enables government officials from KOICA's partner countries to formulate a long-term national comprehensive plan for territory development
- To enhance participants' knowledge and experience in the field of urban and regional development including master planning, land use planning, real estate and housing development, urban redevelopment and new town development
- To develop participants' capacity to manage infrastructure development projects for their own countries
- To provide participants with opportunities to develop cooperative relationships and personal networks with scholars, professionals, and government officials from Korea and around the world

■ **Training Institute**

International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul

■ **Medium of Education:** English

■ **Number of Participants:** 20 per annum

■ **Cost:** Full-ride scholarship with a monthly stipend

■ **Accommodation:** UOS dormitory or equivalent facilities

## II. How to apply

### A. Application eligibilities

Prospective applicants must meet all of the following conditions.

- (1) Citizenship: Be a citizen of the Scholarship Program target country; listed by KOICA website
- (2) Government Nomination: Be officially nominated by their governments.
  - Be a government employee. With a minimum of 2 years of experience in the field of study
  - \* Exception - Applicants with an 'international development NGO' background may apply for the program with two letters of recommendations:
    - 1) Your government office; and
    - 2) Korean Embassy, world widely known NGO, an UN-associated organizations, or the KOICA Overseas Office within your region.
- (3) AGE: (Preferably) Be under age 40 as of February 1, 2022.
- (4) Health: Be in good health, both physically and mentally.
  - Those with disabilities, but in good mental and physical health, are eligible to apply.
  - Those with severe illness are NOT ELIGIBLE to apply.
- (5) Level of Education: Have a completed Bachelor Degree or an equivalent to college / university level Educational background.
  - \* Some program have specific qualifications in terms of level of education, and refer to Program Information of each program.
- (6) English Proficiency: Have a good command of both spoken and written English in order to take classes conducted entirely in English and to be able to write academic reports and theses in English.
- (7) Not be a person who has withdrawn from KOICA's scholarship program.
- (8) Have not participated in KOICA scholarship program or any of the Korean Government's Scholarship Program before.
- (9) and other qualifications from the university you are going to apply. (Refer to the Program Information.)

### B. Application procedure

Application Due: March 20, 2022

All of the application materials should be sent to the KOICA regional office or Korean embassy.

| Procedure                                 | Note                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Step 1<br>Application package submission  | All required documents submitted to the KOICA regional office or Korean embassy |
| Step 2<br>On-site interview (KOICA)       | On-site interview at the KOICA regional office or Korean embassy                |
| Step 3<br>Document screening (University) | Screened by UOS admission committee                                             |
| Step 4<br>On-line interview (University)  | On-line interview by UOS admission committee                                    |
| Step 5<br>Medical check-up (Local)        | Additional medical check-up at the local hospital <b>designated by</b> KOICA    |
| Step 6<br>Admission notification          | Admission results notified through the KOICA regional office or Korean embassy  |

### C. Application requirements

All documents should be sent to the regional KOICA office or the relevant government office. Please do not send the materials to University of Seoul directly.

| No | Required / Optional | Document                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Required            | KOICA Application Form                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2  | Required            | [From 1] UOS Application Form                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3  | Required            | [Form 2] Curriculum Vitae                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4  | Required            | [Form 3] Statement of Purpose                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5  | Required            | [Form 4] Study Plan                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 6  | Required            | [Form 5-1] Letter of Recommendation by your present organization                                                                                                                       |
| 7  | Required            | [Form 5-2] Letter of Recommendation by a professor or expert in your field                                                                                                             |
| 8  | Required            | Photocopy of college and graduate school (if applicable) diploma or proof of anticipated graduation                                                                                    |
| 9  | Required            | Official academic transcripts of undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) and/or university-level institutions attended                                                              |
| 10 | Required            | Photocopy of passport (If the passport is not yet issued, please send the photocopy of your national ID card. As soon as the passport is issued, please send the copy of the passport) |
| 11 | Required            | Photocopy of parents' passports (or other official documents indicating parents' nationality such as identification cards)                                                             |
| 12 | Required            | Two ID pictures (3.5 x 4.5 cm or passport size)                                                                                                                                        |
| 13 | Optional            | English-proficiency test result from one of the following: TOEFL, IELTS, or Others (optional but strongly recommended)                                                                 |
| 14 | Optional            | Certificate of employment                                                                                                                                                              |

※ All the documents **must be original and written in English.**

### III. Curriculum

#### ■ Curriculum and Credits

Students are required to take 51 credits for graduation.

The required coursework consists of 12 credit hours core courses and 24 credit hours elective courses. (The courses are subject to change.)

| Course Classification                         | Course Title (Credit)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Core Courses<br>(4 courses)                   | <b>12 Credits</b><br>Global Project Development I, II (3, 3), National Territorial Planning and Development (3), Thesis Seminar (3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Elective Courses<br>(16 courses, 8 selection) | <b>24 Credits</b><br>Infrastructure Development and Planning (3), Urban Administration and Finance (3), Urban Economics for International Urban Development (3), Seminar in Public Investment Management (3), GIS and Data Analysis (3), Seminar on Global Construction PPP (3), Climate Change and Sustainable Development (3), Transport and Sustainable Urban Development (3), Transportation and Infrastructure (3), Seminar in Global Smart City Development (3), Water Resources Development and Management (3), Regional Policy (3), Seminar on the Korean Territorial Development Strategies and Cases (3), Urban Planning and Development (3), Seminar in Land and Housing Policies (3), Global Urban Planning Development Practices (3) |
| Thesis & Internship                           | <b>7 Credits</b><br>Thesis Research (6), *Internship (1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Language                                      | <b>8 Credits</b><br>Basic Korean I, II (2, 2), Academic English I, II (2, 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>51 Credits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

\* During the winter/summer break, an internship or job shadow opportunity may be offered to enhance students' understanding of urban and regional development practice in Korea.

#### ■ Extracurricular Program

Students are required to take part in extracurricular program including *Field Trip*, *Urban Infra Forum*, and, etc. (The programs are subject to change.)

| Classification    | Semester            | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Field Trip        | All Training Period | Quarterly Field Trips which provide students opportunities to learn exemplary development projects in different parts of Korea                                                         |
| Urban Infra Forum | All Training Period | The Urban Infra Forum (UIF) is a monthly forum where domestic & overseas experts in urban development and infrastructure construction will attend, discuss and engage with each other. |
| Events            | All Training Period | Welcoming Ceremony and Orientation, Home Visiting, Sports Day, Cultural Events, Seminars, Forums, and Conferences                                                                      |

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