

FAQ of KNB Scholarship

1. How can I get information about the KNB Scholarship Selection?

Please visit <https://knb.kemdiktisaintek.go.id/> to find the selection procedure, required documents for the KNB Scholarship for Bachelor, Master and Doctoral, and download the KNB Scholarship Guidelines, Required Indonesian Embassy Recommendation Letter, and KNB Scholarship Offer Letter.

2. What is the KNB Scholarship Selection Procedure?

a. Download the KNB Scholarship Offering Letter from KNB Scholarship website : <https://knb.kemdiktisaintek.go.id/>

b. Applicants contact **the Indonesian Representative in your origin country (from the embassy of Republic of Indonesia or Consulate General of Republic of Indonesia only)** and submit all administrative and academic documents requirement such as:

- a. Curriculum Vitae;
- b. scan of valid passport (not Diplomat Passport or Working Passport);
- c. English Proficiency Test (Applicant from non English-Speaking Countries);
- d. Recommendation Letter from The Employer/Immediate Supervisor (in English or Bahasa),
- e. Academic Recommendation Letter from Previous Schools (in English or Bahasa),
- f. Academic Certificate and Academic Transcript from previous degree (in English or Bahasa) that has been legalized by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the applicant's country.
- g. Medical report;
- h. Recommendation Letter from The Employer/Immediate Supervisor (if working, if not just write a statement letter)
- i. recommendation letter from the potential research supervisor in one of the universities providing partner of the KNB Scholarship (for doctoral applicant only);
- j. statement of purpose of their studies in Indonesia (for doctoral applicant only) in English or Bahasa

to Indonesian Representatives to get **letter of recommendation from Indonesian Representatives;**

c. Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia (embassy of Republic of Indonesia or Consulate General of Republic of Indonesia) collect data and review all documents requirement for Recommendation Letters from prospective KNB Scholarship applicants, especially regarding the applicant's educational background (for example: Grade Point Average, Final Diploma, Institutional Reputation), work history (if any) and the validity of the documents submitted by the applicant as a basis for providing a Recommendation Letter (applicants cannot register without a recommendation letter from the Indonesian Representative in the relevant country);

d. After obtaining a Recommendation letter from the Indonesian Representative, prospective KNB Scholarship applicants are welcome to register online via the KNB Scholarship website (<https://knb.kemdiktisaintek.go.id/>). **Please note that, KNB**

Scholarship Management only accept the recommendation letter from the Indonesian Representative in your origin country (from the embassy of Republic of Indonesia or Consulate General of Republic of Indonesia only) that signed at 2026;

- e. All required documents must be scanned into electronic documents in **.jpeg or .jpg** format with a **maximum size per file of 300kb** to avoid technical problems when uploading files due to poor internet connection or interference with the server;
 - f. Please note that, **one applicant only have one account to register in KNB Scholarship website**, so make sure that all your document requirements are complete and correct before you finish the registration;
 - g. The documents will be verified by the Indonesian Embassy, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology (MoHEST), and the university.
 - h. The selection results will be announced according to the schedule via the KNB Scholarship website <https://knb.kemdiktisaintek.go.id/> and sent to the applicant's registered email.
3. How can I find information about the universities and programs I am interested in?
You can download the KNB Scholarship Guidelines, which includes contact information for university representatives and a list of available programs and degrees.
4. Do all programs offer the same degree levels and programs?
No, please check the KNB Scholarship Guidelines before choosing your university and program.
5. Does the KNB Scholarship facilitate matriculation for programs that are not related to my previous degree?
No, please ensure that the program you choose aligns with your previous degree to avoid difficulties during your studies.
6. Should my name on the application match the one on my passport?
Yes, the name must be exactly the same as it appears on your passport.
7. Does my date of birth need to match the one on my passport?
Yes, unless the difference is only one day, due to time zone discrepancies (system bug).
8. Can applicants who exceed the age limit by a few days or months apply for the KNB Scholarship?
The KNB Scholarship system will automatically filter applicants based on the age limit set for the scholarship.
9. Do personal data (name, date of birth, place of birth, nationality, passport number) need to match the passport?
Yes, they must match. Any discrepancies will result in disqualification.

10. Do applicants need to have a passport with at least 2 years of validity?
Yes, applicants must have a passport with at least 2 years of validity as per the KNB Scholarship requirements.
11. What if incorrect personal data is found after acceptance?
The KNB Scholarship administrators will investigate the issue and impose sanctions based on the severity of the error.
12. Can refugees or stateless applicants apply for the KNB Scholarship?
No, refugees or stateless individuals cannot apply.
13. Can Indonesian citizens apply for the KNB Scholarship?
No, the KNB Scholarship is a soft diplomacy scholarship for foreign nationals from developing countries or countries with diplomatic relations with Indonesia.
14. Can nationals from developed countries apply for the KNB Scholarship?
The selection of the applicant's home country is based on recommendations from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
15. Can applicants who are processing a passport renewal apply for the KNB Scholarship?
No, applicants must already have a passport with at least 2 years of validity.
16. Do applicants from English-speaking countries need to submit an English Proficiency Test?
No, they just need to provide a statement from their institution confirming that their country is English-speaking.
17. Can the English Proficiency Test be something other than TOEFL ITP, TOEFL iBT, IELTS, or TOEIC?
Yes, other tests like Duolingo or any equivalent English proficiency tests assessing writing, listening, and speaking skills are acceptable.
18. How do I get a recommendation letter from the Indonesian Embassy or Consulate General?
 - a. Check the location of the nearest Indonesian Embassy in your home country at <https://www.kemlu.go.id/perwakilan>.
 - b. Contact the Embassy by phone or email to request a recommendation letter, attaching required documents.
 - c. The Embassy will contact the applicant for verification and an interview. If successful, they will issue the recommendation letter.
19. Can the recommendation letter be issued by an honorary consul?
No, the recommendation letter can only be issued by the Indonesian Embassy or Consulate General.
20. If I am not employed, do I need to upload an Employer/Immediate Supervisor Recommendation?
If you are not employed, you can upload a statement explaining that you are not currently working and are free to accept the KNB Scholarship if selected.

21. Is the Academic Recommendation Letter mandatory?
Yes, it must be signed by the head of your previous educational institution.
22. Are Academic Transcripts and Certificates required? Can they be submitted after graduation or selection?
Yes, they are mandatory. Transcripts and certificates cannot be replaced by a Statement of Graduation or Judicium Letter.
23. Can someone with a bachelor's degree apply for a KNB Scholarship at the bachelor's level?
No, applicants cannot apply for a scholarship at a level for which they already hold a degree. If this is discovered after acceptance, the applicant will be subject to investigation and potential sanctions.
24. Can selected awardees change their university or program after being accepted?
No, once confirmed, the university and program cannot be changed, even after submitting documents.
25. How can I find out if I have been accepted into the KNB Scholarship?
 - a. You can check your account after the announcement date.
 - b. You can also check the results on the KNB Scholarship website <https://knb.kemdiktisaintek.go.id/>.
26. Can I withdraw from the KNB Scholarship?
If an awardee withdraws or fails to meet the selection requirements after selected, they will be blacklisted from future KNB Scholarship selections and may be required to return any received scholarship funds.
27. Is there a minimum GPA requirement for the KNB Scholarship?
Yes, the minimum GPA requirement is 2.75 for bachelor's level and 3.00 for master's and doctoral levels.
28. Can I get married during my KNB Scholarship studies?
No, the focus of awardees during the scholarship is to complete their studies on time, and they must return to their home country after graduate.
29. Can awardees bring their family to Indonesia during the scholarship?
No, awardees cannot bring their family members as the focus is on academic study. Universities also cannot sponsor the immigration of family members.
30. Can I attend the graduation ceremony after completing my studies?
Awardees must return to their home country within 60 days of graduation. Whether they can attend the graduation ceremony depends on their scholarship contract and visa expiration.

31. What does the KNB Scholarship cover?

The scholarship includes tuition fees, monthly living expenses, arrival allowance, book and research allowance, publication assistance, transportation for arrival and return (upon graduation), and monthly health insurance, according to the scholarship's terms and conditions.

32. Will I study in an international class with English as the medium of instruction?

KNB awardees will take Indonesian Language classes (BIPA) for up to 1 year, which is a requirement to pass before starting their academic studies in Bahasa. Academic classes will be conducted in Bahasa at regular classes.

33. Does my university provide dormitory accommodation?

Dormitory availability depends on the university. Each university has different facilities, and the KNB Scholarship follows the policies of each respective university.