

## **THE 2023 WCO BACUDA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**

### **I. OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMME**

- Period: 4 September 2023 - 2 February 2024
- Place: SungKyunKwan University (SKKU), Seoul, Republic of Korea
- Number of participants: Twelve (12)
- Status of participants: Visiting scholars
- Funding: Funded by the CCF-Korea
- Application Procedure
  - Member Customs administrations notified of the Programme by the WCO
  - Candidate scholars recommended to the WCO by Member Customs administrations
  - Candidate scholars selected by the SKKU and the WCO
  - Selection results notified to Member Customs administrations by the WCO
- List of documents for submission
  - Official recommendation letter from Member administration
  - Formal statement on assignment of trained official after the Programme
  - Application form and curriculum vitae of candidate scholar
  - Cover letter by candidate
  - English fluency document such as TOEFL, TOEIC, or any national certificate of fluency
- Financial support by SKKU-WCO
  - Full scholarship for the Programme
  - Round trip flight ticket to and from Incheon (Seoul)
  - Travel insurance
  - Accommodation at the University guest house and/or nearby hotel
  - Domestic travel expenses
  - Other costs in respect of technical aspects required by the Programme

- Deadline date for recommendations/applications
  - 21 July 2023 (no later than 18:00 Korea Standard Time)
- E-mail address for inquiries, recommendations/applications:
  - WCO Capacity Building Directorate:  
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  - SKKU - WCO Scholarship Programme Center:  
[mitragh@skku.edu](mailto:mitragh@skku.edu)

## II. QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. The minimum (mandatory) qualifications for applicants include:
  - Being a working-level official who will be able to make long-term contributions to the organization after the completion of the Programme
  - Certification of completion of the Data Analytics - Beginners Course on WCO CLiKC!
  - At least two years of experience working on Customs Data Analytics in the area of risk management, cargo selectivity, post-audit or others
  - Official documentation showing proof of proficiency in English (both speaking and listening)
2. Preferred qualifications for applicants include:
  - Bachelor's degree or other advanced degree in Mathematics, Statistics or Computer Science
  - Certification of completion of the Data Analytics - Intermediate Course
  - Experience with one or more programming languages (Python, Java, R, etc.) and database languages (e.g., SQL)
  - Ability to manage a good self-study pace and work effectively with other colleagues in a cross-cultural learning environment

## III. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Scholars will receive a full scholarship for the Programme.
2. Travel expenses: a round trip flight ticket (economy, pre-paid) arranged by SKKU.
3. Accommodation expenses: University guest house and/or nearby hotel.
4. Domestic travel expenses if required by the Programme.

#### **IV. VISA ISSUANCE**

1. SKKU will cooperate with each scholar for the process of receiving a visa as a candidate scholar for the WCO BACUDA Scholarship Programme, by issuing a Certificate of Admission which will be used as documentary proof of the scholar's acceptance by SKKU. This Certificate can only be issued when all the documents required for enrolment have been submitted within the application period.
2. In order to travel to ROK, each scholar must apply for a D-2 visa from a Korean Embassy overseas. Prior to their entry and during the period of stay in Korea, each scholar must abide by the rules and regulations for a legal stay.

#### **V. TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE**

1. SKKU has the right to ensure appropriate travel insurance for each scholar, on the condition that scholars are not negligent in terms of preventing any avoidable accident or liability.
2. If a scholar wishes to opt for travel insurance providing more extensive coverage, he/she should obtain additional insurance at his/her own expense or at the expense of his/her home Customs administration.
3. All participating scholars will, after entering the Republic of Korea, be advised to register with the Korean National Health Insurance Services (NHIS), which will provide foreign scholars and students with public medical care.

#### **VI. COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAMME**

Scholars are expected to complete the Programme by meeting the expectations and requirements of the Course including submission of mid-term progress report and final report. Early departure from the Programme can be authorized only on medical grounds or for other similarly important reasons. If a participant withdraws from the Programme before its scheduled completion, he/she shall not be entitled to any benefits from the date of the decision to withdraw.