

THE 4th WCO BACUDA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME ON DATA ANALYTICS

Administrative Provisions

I . Programme Overview

- Duration: 24 January 2027 - 23 April 2027 (90 days)
- Location: Hanyang University (HYU), Seoul, Republic of Korea
- Number of Participants: Twelve visiting scholars
- Participant Status: Visiting scholars
- Funding: Funded by the Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF) Korea
- Application Procedure
 - WCO invites Member Customs administrations to nominate candidates for the programme.
 - Candidate scholars are nominated by their respective Customs administrations.
 - Final selection of scholars is conducted jointly by the WCO and the HYU
 - The WCO communicates the final selection results to the respective Member Customs administrations.
- Required Application Documents
 - Official nomination letter from the Member administration
 - Formal statement confirming the assignment of trained official after completion of the programme
 - Application form and curriculum vitae (CV) of the candidate
 - Cover letter written by the candidate
 - Proof of English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, or a national certificate of fluency)

- Scholarship Coverage and Financial Support
 - Full scholarship covering tuition fees and programme-related costs, including visa-related expenses, where applicable.
 - Round-trip economy class airfare between the scholar's home country and Incheon International Airport (Seoul).
 - Medical insurance
 - Accommodation at the University guest house and/or approved nearby hotel
 - Domestic travel expenses if required by the programme.
 - Other costs related to the technical aspects of the programme
 - Daily expenses: 35 EUR per day
- Deadline for Submissions
 - **20th October** 2026 (no later than 6:00 p.m. Brussels Time)
- Contact for Inquiries and Applications:
 - WCO Implementation and Capacity Development Directorate:
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II. Qualifications for Application

1. Minimum (mandatory) Qualifications:

- Be a working-level Customs official with the potential to contribute to organizational development and data analytics initiatives after completion of the programme.
- Completion of the Data Analytics - Beginner Course on WCO CLiKC!
- At least two years of experience in Customs on Data Analytics (e.g. risk management, cargo selectivity, post-audit and others)
- Official documentation demonstrating English proficiency

2. Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or higher in Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science or a related field.
- Completion of the Data Analytics - Intermediate Course on WCO CLiKC!
- Experience with one or more programming languages (e.g., Python, R) and database languages (e.g., SQL)
- Ability to work effectively in a cross-cultural environment and manage self-directed learning.

III. Visa Arrangements

1. HYU will support each scholar in the visa application process by issuing a Certificate of Admission which will serve as documentary proof of the scholar's acceptance by HYU. This Certificate will be issued only once all required enrolment documents have been submitted within the application period.
2. Each scholar must apply for a visa from a Korean Embassy or Consulate prior to travel. Scholars must comply with all relevant immigration regulations during their stay in the Republic of Korea.

IV. Medical Insurance

1. HYU will arrange medical insurance for each scholar for the duration of the Programme. Scholars should note that the insurance does **not necessarily cover all medical expenses in full**. Certain medical treatments and expenses may be subject to specific coverage limits, deductibles and/or co-payments to be borne by the insured scholar. Detailed information on the applicable coverage, exclusions, limits, deductibles and co-payments will be provided by HYU to selected scholars before the start of the Programme.
2. Scholars are encouraged to carefully review the terms and conditions of the insurance before travelling to the Republic of Korea. If a scholar considers that more extensive coverage is required, they should arrange additional insurance at their own expense or, where applicable, at the expense of their home Customs administration.

V. Programme Completion Requirements

Scholars are required to successfully complete the programme by fulfilling all academic, attendance and participation requirements. Early departure may be authorized only for medical or other similarly important reasons. If a participant withdraws from the programme before its scheduled completion, they shall not be entitled to any benefits from the date of the decision to withdraw.