

## 2023 International Admissions Guide

### 1.

Welcome, to each and every one of you, who have shown interest in Seoul National University. We hope you will become new members of our university's community to explore and pioneer the future together.

Now, we will begin our information session which will guide you through our campus life and 2023 admissions process for international students.

### 2.

SNU is renowned for its academic excellence, where only the top performers in high schools are accepted. Furthermore, we have countless internationally acclaimed alumni, who continuously spread a positive impact on the world.

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These people whom we are sure everyone knows are alumni of our university, who are actively making global achievements in life sciences, cultural industries, global governance, and IT industries.

These are just a few of our esteemed alumni thriving in their specific fields, and as you can see, the fields our alumni dive into are remarkably diverse.

### 4.

With such remarkable alumni, faculty members, and students, SNU is ranked one of the top universities in Asia and is also highly acknowledged globally as well.

### 5.

Now let us introduce our campus and undergraduate programs. The campus of Seoul National University is located in 5 regions to establish various educational and research hubs. Our main campus is Gwanak Campus in Seoul, where Seoul National University's vision of contributing to society academically is accomplished.

### 6.

In SNU there are 15 Colleges with 83 departments available for the Undergraduate program.

Our departments vary from fine arts and music to medicine.

On the other hand, for our Graduate program, we have 12 professional graduate schools, highly specialized in their field of studies, such as Public Administration, Data Science, and Law.

Seoul National University is composed of the best elite students and scholars, so it acts as a place of opportunity to develop one's intellectual curiosity, and one may not only experience their development, but also act as a member of the knowledge community SNU strives for.

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As of April 2021, SNU has over 5,000 world-class faculty members, looking over almost 27 thousand students, both graduate, and undergraduate.

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SNU doesn't stop at where it is, and continues to thrive for its vision, to make a community of knowledge, leading the future. Fostering Global Convergence Talent, Building an Innovative Knowledge Ecosystem, Creating Knowledge-Based Social Values, Establishing a Foundation for Sustainable University Development. These are the values and direction that Seoul National University pursues.

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And we SNU are looking for students from all over the world who are willing to participate in our vision. In order to fulfill the values Seoul National University pursue, we hope to meet the following students as freshmen of our university:

- Students who have successfully completed their school curriculum and demonstrated excellent academic ability
- Students who show initiative in school life
- Students with the potential to grow as global leaders
- Students with diverse educational, social, and cultural backgrounds and experiences
- Students who embody a sense of community and consideration for the socially disadvantaged

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Now, we will introduce you to the process of International Admissions.

For detailed information, please refer to the admissions guide, which will be posted on the announcement board on our admissions website one or two months before the start of admissions.

However, in case of any changes in the application timeline, we advise you to visit our admissions website regularly for updates.

**11.**

There are two tracks in SNU Admissions: International Admissions I(one) and International Admissions II(two).

For International Admissions I, the applicant is eligible when both the applicant and his/her parents are not citizens of Korea, and when he/she is a high school graduate or has attained an equivalent level of education.

For International Admissions II, the applicant is eligible when he/she holds either a Korean or foreign citizenship and undertook all of his/her education outside of Korea.

**12.**

At Seoul National University, the admissions for international students are held twice a year for Spring and Fall semester intakes.

Starting with applications for 2023 Spring semester, the online application process will start in July. Preliminary and final acceptance will be announced during October and November. After the final acceptance, registration for SNU will take place in February 2023.

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The application for 2023 Fall semester will start in March. Preliminary and final acceptance will be announced during May and June. After the final acceptance, registration for SNU will take place in August 2023.

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Next, we will guide you through the application process in 4 steps.

- The first step is the online application. During the application period, applicants are required to fill out their personal and academic information on the online application website and upload all the documents that are listed in the admissions guide.
- After we evaluate the online application, Preliminary Admitted Applicants will be announced and a guide will be posted on the admissions website for the next steps.
- During the submission of original documents, each Preliminary Admitted Applicant will be required to submit the original documents that were uploaded through the online application system.
- After verifying the original documents, the final admission decision will be announced.

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Let's look into the details of mandatory documents that need to be submitted.

Please note that if applicants fail to submit the documents related to eligibility and document evaluation, it will be a reason for disqualification.

For International Admissions I, which is applicable when both the applicant and his/her parents are not citizens of Korea, the documents related to eligibility are as follows. Proof of nationality of the applicant and their parents, and the parent-child relationship certificate are required. Additionally, Certificate of High School Enrollment and Expected High School Graduation Certificate are also required to meet eligibility.

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The documents required for evaluation for International Admission I are as follows.

Applicants will have to complete the application form, personal statement, and letters of recommendation through our online application website. Also, applicants are required to submit the scanned versions of their proof of language proficiency and official high school transcript.

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Next, we will guide you through the documents required for International Admissions II, which is applicable when the applicants have finished all years of study outside of Korea.

The documents related to eligibility are as follows.

The Applicant's Certificate of Nationality, the Certificate of the Entry & Exit, Application for Issuance of Immigration Certificate of Fact, Certificate of Enrollment for Elementary and middle school, Certificate of High School Enrollment, Expected High School Graduation Certificate, and Official Elementary School, Middle School, High School Transcript should be submitted.

**18.**

The documents required for evaluation for International Admissions II are as follows.

Applicants have to complete the application form, personal statement, and letters of recommendation through our online application website. Also, applicants will have to submit scanned versions of proof of language proficiency and an official high school transcript as well.

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Now, we will introduce you to the optional documents besides the mandatory documents. To prove the applicant's academic achievement, he/she may choose to submit Standardized Tests Scores such as SAT, AP, and ACT. Also, if the applicant can speak foreign languages other than English and Korean, he/she can submit official documents that indicate the language skills. In addition, a maximum of 10 awards, extracurricular activities, and school profiles can be submitted to refer to the applicant's academic achievements and educational environment.

All additional documents must also be scanned and uploaded during the online application period.

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A portfolio is required for students who apply for the College of Arts and the College of Music. For detailed information on the required documents, please refer to the Admissions guide available on the admissions website.

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Now, let's lead you through the factors that we look into during the comprehensive review. One's academic potential and personal quality are as diverse as finger prints. Therefore, we have decided to evaluate the applicant's overall academic ability and potential by taking a comprehensive approach, considering Academic Environment, Academic Achievement, Academic Goals and Interest, and Extracurricular Activities.

Regarding the Academic Environment and Background, we believe that the school environment itself is not a standard for evaluating a student's academic ability. Thus, the applicants who have done their best in a given environment will be positively assessed regarding their learning attitude.

Furthermore, Academic Achievement does not necessarily mean a high GPA. It is more about how much the applicants have been actively completing the curriculum with a sense of challenge. For instance, an applicant who has received a B in a challenging subject may be highly rated compared to an applicant who has achieved an A in a relatively easy subject.

As for Academic Goals and Interest, we always emphasize the importance of motivation and passion for academics. At SNU, we hope all applicants have a clear purpose and reason to their passion in studying.

However, all of these do not mean that SNU accepts students who are only competent in 'studying'. Regarding Extracurricular activities, we look forward to students who try to achieve balanced growth in intelligence and sensibility. This is not only revealed through the leadership experience in school clubs and volunteer activities, but also the efforts that students have truly put into any activity.

**22.**

If you have further inquiries, please take a closer look at the FAQ page and the Admissions guide on our admissions website.

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Also, if you still have inquiries after reading the FAQ and Admissions guide, you may contact us through the contact information on this page.

We believe that each of you is trying your best in a given position, preparing to take a step forward, and looking forward to your greatest self. And Seoul National University is ready to take part in supporting your dreams. We greatly appreciate your interest in SNU and we offer our best wishes for success as you pursue your educational goals. Thank you.