

Australia-Korea Next Generation Leaders Program 2009



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Spend a week in Korea networking with
sustainability and green technology leaders

Are you working in the fields of green technology and sustainability in Australia?

You may be eligible to apply for the 2009 Australia-Korea Next Generation Leaders Program

Engage in briefings and meetings with Korean counterparts and institutions

Network with international sustainability and green technology leaders

Discover, refine and extend understanding of current & emerging sustainability & green technology issues

Enhance your knowledge of Korean culture, language and business practices

Gain valuable international experience

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 8 MAY

For details visit www.usyd.edu.au/riap/leadership/NGLP

About the Program

The *Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF)* of the *Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade*, in partnership with the *Korea Foundation (KF)*, *Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific (RIAP)* at *The University of Sydney*, and the *National Strategy Institute (NSI)*, has initiated the *Australia-Korea Next Generation Leaders Program*, formerly known as the *Australia-Korea Young Leaders Exchange Program*. The program aims to develop the leadership skills of potential and current leaders from Australia and Korea in specifically identified subject areas or themes.

In November 2007, a delegation of 10 young Australian leaders travelled to Korea for an 8-day program focusing on environmental issues. The visit was reciprocated in August 2008 when a delegation of young Korean political and environmental leaders visited Australia.

In June-July 2009, Australian delegates will once again travel to Korea to participate in a number of leadership briefings, networking events and specialist meetings with their counterparts on the theme of 'Green Growth'. In addition, delegates will undertake site visits to relevant organisations, and have the opportunity to develop an understanding of contemporary Korean culture and society.

The cost of the program will be met by the respective host country organizations, and the program will be managed by the Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific, University of Sydney including the selection of Australian candidates traveling to Korea.

Program Objectives

1. To advance cooperation between Australia and Korea in the areas of renewable energy, sustainability and climate change;
2. To gain an advanced understanding of Korea's *Low Carbon Green Growth* strategy;
3. To promote and advance leadership and knowledge exchange between Korean and Australian leaders and professionals in the areas of renewable energy, sustainability and climate change;
4. To facilitate ongoing linkages between participants/their organisations and counterparts in Korea; and
5. To develop an understanding of Korean culture and contemporary society.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria are required for selection:

1. Applicants must be Australian citizens (permanent residency is not sufficient) and with a close interest/involvement in green technology research and development, sustainability and climate change.
2. Applicants must have an association with Australian-based companies, government agencies, or academic institutions.
3. The selection panel will assess the appropriateness of each applicant's current and past work experience to the program objectives.
4. The selection panel will assess each applicant according to their professional experience, ability to contribute to the program, leadership potential and personal and professional qualities.
5. A particular interest in Korea or Asia, and sensitivity to other cultures is desirable.
6. Applicants must be contactable by email from 8th May onwards for regular program updates.
7. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the date of their return to Australia.



Program Guidelines

Conditions and Guidelines

1. All applicants for the NGLP must be Australian citizens and currently working in a green technology and/or sustainability capacity in an organization within Australia.
2. The selection committee will identify 8 – 10 leaders to travel to the Republic of Korea from 26th June – 7 July 2009 to attend leadership briefings, networking events and specialist meetings with their Korean counterparts.
3. Delegates will also participate in site visits and have the opportunity to develop an understanding of contemporary Korean culture and society.
4. All successful delegates are required to attend a pre-departure briefing and dinner in Sydney on **Friday 26th June**, and a post-visit de-brief and lunch on **Tuesday 7th July** in Sydney. RIAP will arrange and cover the cost of overnight accommodation in Sydney for interstate delegates, unless prior arrangements with friends or family have been made.
5. Delegates will meet counterparts in Korea from leading policy and technology organisations in the areas of green technology, sustainability and climate change. Further details will be provided to successful delegates in due course.
6. The Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific (RIAP) is a partner in the program and acts as a Project Manager for the AKF. Correspondence and applications should be directed solely to RIAP, and will not be received by the AKF.
7. It is expected that suitable applicants will be early to mid-career professionals working in public and private sector organisations in the fields of renewable energy, sustainability, clean coal, energy efficiency, solar power, wind power, geothermal power, and biofuels. Applicants from other industries relevant to the program will also be considered.
8. Candidates may come from a wide variety of roles within their organisations, but it is expected that they are able to demonstrate a leadership potential.
9. A selection committee will take into consideration a number of factors when selecting the participants, which include (but are not limited to), professional experience, area of work, leadership potential, and the benefits of the program to participants and their organisations. The committee may request applicants to engage in phone or face-to-face interviews if deemed necessary.

10. The AKF will cover the cost of a return economy fare from your home state in Australia, via Sydney, to Seoul. Delegates wishing to travel in a higher class are entitled to do so, but must cover the fare difference themselves. The cost of visas from 26th June – 7th July will also be covered by the AKF. Delegates are responsible for all other costs, including costs related to communications within and outside the Republic of Korea, travel insurance and any further personal costs not outlined above.

11. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own travel insurance, and need to provide RIAP with the details of their travel insurance prior to departure.

12. A group return flight from Sydney to Seoul will be booked by RIAP on behalf of the delegates, and interstate flights will be booked for delegates from outside NSW.

13. Successful applicants will be required to commit to the program in writing prior to final travel arrangements being made. The program schedule will be provided by the National Strategy Institute (a host institution in Korea) prior to the program start date.

14. The National Strategy Institute will manage all domestic program logistics in Korea, and will contact successful applicants in due course with details of hotel accommodation and airport pick-up/return, in addition to the program schedule and other necessary details. Any matters arising during program implementation in Korea should be addressed in the first instance to the National Strategy Institute, and then to RIAP if necessary.

Affiliation and Representation

The AKF, KF, RIAP and NSI expect all delegates to act in a professional manner during their time in Korea, and to abide by the normal work ethics and conditions expected in a typical Australian workplace.

No delegate shall misrepresent the, AKF, KF, NSI or University of Sydney in any way. Inappropriate use of the institution's names and resources, either professionally or otherwise may result in the immediate termination of his/her program.

The AKF, KF, RIAP and NSI are entitled to remove anyone from the program deemed to seriously misrepresent any of these organisations or the program as a whole.



How to Apply

Step 1

Complete the application form and collect the relevant documents required for submission with the application.

Note: Successful applications require the following documents

- A. Completed application form
- B. Curriculum Vitae

C. Two letters of reference (one professional reference on official letterhead, and one personal reference. (Original signatures are required) and contact details of referees.)

D. Copy of current Australian Passport and alternative form of photo id (preferably a Drivers Licence). Copies must be signed by yourself and certified by a Justice of the Peace (original signatures required, no photocopies.)

Step 2

Note the official program dates.

Application Deadline:	Friday 8 May
Successful applicants notified by:	Friday 15 May
Unsuccessful applicants notified by:	Friday 15 May
Program details sent to successful applicants by:	Friday 15 May
Program participation confirmed by:	Wednesday 20 May
Purchase airline ticket/s by:	Friday 29 May
Pre-departure briefing and dinner in Sydney:	Friday 26 June
Depart Sydney for Seoul:	Saturday 27 June
Depart Seoul for Sydney:	Monday 6 July
Post visit de-brief and lunch:	Tuesday 7 July

Step 3

After completing the application form and including all relevant supporting documents, review the checklist at the end of the application document found at:

www.usyd.edu.au/riap/leadership/NGLP/apply.shtml

If you have read the FAQ section of the website and still require further information, please email Angela Zaballa on a.zaballa@usyd.edu.au

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