

Knowing North Korea: A Workshop for Students and Young Professionals

*Hosted by the National Committee on North Korea
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Program Objectives and Outlines:

As nuclear anxieties and high-stakes diplomacy on the Korean Peninsula fill news headlines, it is not surprising that more and more students and young professionals are taking a deep interest in North Korea. However, knowing where to find clear-eyed analysis and primary-source information on North Korea is not simple, and there are few professional development opportunities for those seeking to begin a career working on North Korea-related issues.

In order to help fill this gap, the National Committee on North Korea's *Knowing North Korea* workshop will provide graduate students and young professionals with a deep-dive overview of critical topics related to North Korea, as well as an introduction to practical skill-sets that can enhance and broaden a career in North Korea analysis and research. The program will include a two-day conference featuring workshops and discussions with DC-based North Korea specialists and policy professionals. The Program will also include site visits to institutions such as the State Department and Congress.

Selected participants may be eligible to receive domestic roundtrip airfare and hotel accommodations for the duration of the two-day program. Students outside of the United States may be eligible to receive up to a \$500 travel stipend. Students and young professionals from outside of the Washington, DC metro area are particularly encouraged to apply.

About NCNK:

The National Committee on North Korea (NCNK) is a non-governmental organization of persons with significant and diverse expertise related to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. NCNK and its members support principled engagement with North Korea as a means to promote peace and security on the Korean Peninsula and to improve the lives of the people of North Korea. NCNK also works to provide policymakers, the academic and think tank community, and the general public with substantive and balanced information about developments in North Korea. NCNK was founded by Mercy Corps, a global aid and development organization, in 2004.

Participant Selection Criteria:

Participation will generally be limited to graduate students or recent graduates (Class of 2017 or after, including current undergraduate students who will have graduated by the time of the workshop). Undergraduates with exceptionally strong qualifications may also be considered on a case-by-case basis. Qualified applicants will have:

- Demonstrated interest and academic/professional background in Korean affairs, as shown by coursework, academic research, publications, internships, language training, etc.
- A planned career trajectory focused on Korean affairs (either academic or policy-oriented), or more broadly on issues such as nuclear nonproliferation, human rights, or the international relations of East Asia.
- Demonstrated academic and/or professional merit.

Additionally, we would particularly welcome applicants who:

- Have a demonstrated record of support for principled engagement as a means to address security and humanitarian issues on the Korean Peninsula.
- Are based outside of Washington DC, or who otherwise haven't had the opportunity to get extensive "inside-the-beltway" experience.

How to Apply:

A complete application will include the following four items:

1. A completed application form (*see below*).
2. Resume or Curriculum Vitae.
3. Letter of interest that addresses the following questions (500 words max):
 - a. What is your interest in participating in this program?
 - b. Please describe your main areas of research or professional interest in North Korea (i.e. nuclear nonproliferation, Korean history, human rights, etc.).
4. One letter of recommendation, submitted directly to application@ncnk.org by the recommender.

Submission instructions:

Applicants should send all completed application materials in PDF format to application@ncnk.org by **May 31, 2019**. In your submission email, please use the subject line "2019 NCNK Workshop Application – *First and Last Name*".

APPLICATION

Submit all application materials (this completed form, a letter of interest, and a resume or CV) by **May 31, 2019** for consideration.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	
Nationality	Date of Birth	
Email	Mobile Number	
Current Address		
City	State	Zip

Would you require travel support from NCNK to attend this workshop?

- No Yes – Hotel only
 Yes – Transportation only Yes – Hotel and Transportation
 Other / Not yet sure (please explain) _____

While NCNK has limited funds available to support workshop participants, we encourage applicants who would be able to receive travel support from their schools or workplaces.

Please provide the name and affiliation of your reference: _____

Your reference should submit the letter of recommendation directly to application@ncnk.org.

I, _____, certify that all statements and information contained herein and in all application materials are true, correct, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date