

The USC Korean Studies Institute invites applications for its annual Pacific Graduate Conference for Korean Studies at USC (PaCKS). This conference aims to foster a multidisciplinary community of local and regional graduate students whose research projects significantly engage Korean society and culture across the periods. It offers a platform for emerging scholars to present their work-in-progress, receive feedback from faculty and peers, and participate in interdisciplinary discussions within a supportive environment.

We welcome applicants from the humanities and social sciences who are conducting research related to Korea, East Asia, or Asian diasporas. Submissions that situate Korea within broader comparative or theoretical frameworks are especially encouraged. Previous panels at the conference included a wide range of subjects such as gender issues in contemporary media, Sinitic influences in premodern Korea, South Korean immigration policy, and more.

Each panel will be moderated by a faculty discussant who will comment on and contribute to student presentations. To apply, please submit your CV and a 250-word abstract with a list of 3–5 keywords to [the Google Form](#) by **March 16, 2026**. If you are applying as a panel, please include both a panel abstract as well as individual abstracts for each panelist. Preference will be given to those who can present in person. Selected applicants will be notified by **April 13, 2026**. Full papers should be submitted by September 11, 2026 and presentation materials by September 25. The conference will take place on **October 2-3, 2026**.

For inquiries, contact the organizing committee at uscpacks@gmail.com.

