

For International Applicants

ADMISSION GUIDELINE

- Spring & Fall Semester [2026](#) -



KOREA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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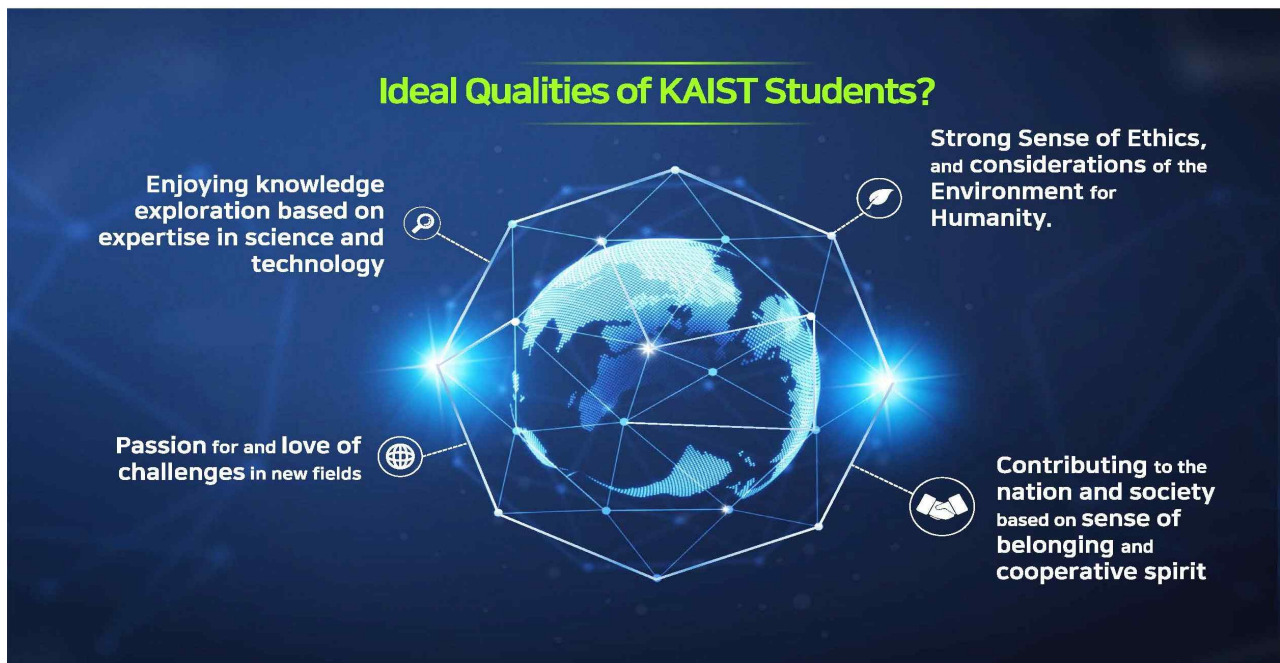
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Welcome!

We deeply appreciate your interest in KAIST. KAIST is the first and top science and technology university in Korea. KAIST was established in 1971 by the Korean Government to educate elite scientists and engineers committed to industrialization and economic growth in Korea.

Since then, KAIST and its 74,999 graduates have been the gateway to advanced science and technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship. KAIST has emerged as one of the most innovative universities with more than 11,000 students enrolled in five colleges and seven schools, including 1,217 international students from more than 90 countries.

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Academic Programs for Undergraduate Students

College	School	Departments/Divisions
College of Natural Sciences ☞ http://natsci.kaist.ac.kr/eng	-	Physics
		Mathematical Sciences
		Chemistry
College of Life Science & Bioengineering ☞ https://bio.kaist.ac.kr/	-	Biological Sciences
		Brain and Cognitive Sciences
College of Engineering ☞ https://engineering.kaist.ac.kr/	School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	Mechanical Engineering
		Aerospace Engineering
	School of Electrical Engineering	Electrical Engineering
	School of Computing	Computer Science
	-	Civil & Environmental Engineering
		Bio & Brain Engineering
		Industrial Design
		Industrial & Systems Engineering
		Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
		Materials Science & Engineering
		Nuclear & Quantum Engineering
College of Business ☞ https://btm.kaist.ac.kr/en/	-	Business and Technology Management
-	School of Transdisciplinary Studies ☞ http://sts.kaist.ac.kr/site/sts/	-

- ▶ Please note that KAIST operates a non-declared major system, allowing students to enroll without declaring a major. Upon reaching their second year, students have the opportunity to select a major that best aligns with their individual goals and interests without additional requirements or admission procedures. KAIST provides various resources, including academic fairs, lectures, seminars, and other programs to assist students in making informed decisions about their major.
- ▶ Please note that KAIST does not provide a transfer system. Therefore, regardless of the student's prior coursework or enrollment at other universities, they will be enrolled as a freshman upon admission.

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Application Timeline

KAIST has Two Application Tracks: EARLY and REGULAR

| EARLY |

Application Window Opens	Application Deadline	Doc. Submission & Recommendation Letter Deadline	Interview	Admission Announcement	Firm Offer Announcement	Academic year Begins
SEP. 19 2025	OCT. 23 2025 (5:00 PM KST)	OCT. 30 2025 (5:00 PM KST)	DEC. 23 2025	JAN. 7 2026	Within 2 weeks from the verification	Spring 2026 Fall 2026

※ Applicants for the EARLY track may opt to enroll in either the Spring or Fall 2026 semester, provided they meet the necessary eligibility criteria (p. 8).

※ Interview is not a mandatory admission process. If it's deemed necessary, applicants will be individually contacted and provided with further instructions. The interview date is subject to change.

| REGULAR |

Application Window Opens	Application Deadline	Doc. Submission & Recommendation Letter Deadline	Interview	Admission Announcement	Firm Offer Announcement	Academic year Begins
NOV. 6 2025	JAN. 6 2026 (5:00 PM KST)	JAN. 13 2026 (5:00 PM KST)	MAR. 4 2026	MAR. 26 2026	Within 2 weeks from the verification	Fall 2026



※ Interview is not a mandatory admission process. If it's deemed necessary, applicants will be individually contacted and provided with further instructions. The interview date is subject to change.

※ NOTE!

- 1) Please note that the dates for Admission Announcement are subject to change.
- 2) Submit your completed application and documents by the application deadline at 5:00 PM (KST: Korean Standard Time).
- 3) Upon completion of the application fee payment, an email will be sent to your recommender. Therefore, it is recommended to complete the payment as early as possible to allow your recommender sufficient time to submit the recommendation letter before the deadline.
- 4) Once the application fee has been paid, the application track cannot be changed (i.e. : from EARLY to REGULAR).
- 5) Due to the time-consuming nature of the application process, we strongly advise completing your online application at least one week prior to the application deadline.
- 6) Interview is not a mandatory admission process. If an interview is deemed necessary, applicants will be individually contacted via email and provided with further instructions.

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Application Process at a Glance

Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read the admission guidelines carefully.  https://admission.kaist.ac.kr/intl-undergraduate/application/ApplicationGuide/guide - Get familiar with the application process & the specific requirements that are mandatory for submission.
Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit https://univapply.kaist.ac.kr/interapply/ and create your account. - Fill out all the required fields on the online application form and check that all the information you entered has been saved properly.
Step 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review your application to ensure that all the information is accurate and complete, with particular attention to the email address of your recommender.
Step 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pay the application fee (80 USD) by credit card or bank transfer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Any additional charges, such as bank transfer fees, must be covered by the applicant. * Upon successful payment of the application fee, an email will be sent to your recommender providing instructions on how to submit their recommendation, and also you will be granted access to the Document Submission page, where you will be able to upload the required documents. * Once the payment of the application fee has been made, your application cannot be deleted or cancelled. However, you will still be able to update or modify your application within the designated application period.
Step 5-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upload scanned copies of all required materials on the Doc. Submission page before the document submission deadline.
Step 5-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The recommendation Letter must be submitted by your recommender before the recommendation letter submission deadline.
Step 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the status of your application to confirm that all your documents have been successfully uploaded. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Applicants who are not of Korean origin are not required to submit the Loss of Korean Nationality and Certificate of Facts Concerning Entry & Exit issued by the Korean Immigration Office. * KAIST does not provide individual notifications to applicants regarding documents in their application. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to verify whether all mandatory documents have been successfully submitted.
Step 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your application will be automatically submitted upon the deadline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * There is no submission button.
[Submission Complete] ▷▶ [Document Review]	
Step 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interview is not a mandatory admission process. If an interview is deemed necessary, applicants will be individually contacted and provided with further instructions.
Step 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can check the final results of your admission application by accessing the following link:  https://univapply.kaist.ac.kr/interapply/

※ NOTE ! - Application Procedures

1) Overall

Step 1. Complete Online Application (including SOP)


Step 2. Application Fee Payment

Step 3. Upload Documents (My page → Document Submission)

Step 4. Ensure that your designated recommender has submitted the recommendation letter through the email they received from KAIST.

⇒ Application Completed! Your application will be automatically submitted after the deadline.

2) Details


[Apply\(create\)](#)
[My Page](#)
[Doc.Submission](#)
[Result Announcement](#)
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DOC.Submission

※Please check the required documents below and ensure that they are submitted before the deadline.

• Application Information

Name		Application No.	
Email		Application Semester	

<Warning>
Please check your document submission status before completing your application. Uploaded documents must be
1) certified by the school principal or head of organization
2) clear & legible. Many applicants are encountering issues with blank pages in their uploaded files. Please be aware that your application will not be considered if any page appears blank.

※ To finalize your application, you must access the Doc.Submission page and upload all the necessary documents.

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Eligibility & Requirements

Please read the admission guidelines carefully!

It is the applicant's sole responsibility ① to familiarize themselves with the requirements, ② to ensure the timely submission of all essential materials, ③ and to check the status of their application on the website.

A. Eligibility : International applicants MUST meet all of the following requirements.

1.	<p>▶ Spring 2026 (EARLY only) Applicants who have graduated or will graduate from high school by <u>February 28th, 2026</u>.</p> <p>▶ Fall 2026 (EARLY/REGULAR) Applicants who have graduated or will graduate from high school by <u>August 31st, 2026</u>.</p>
2.	<p>▶ Applicants with <u>foreign citizenship</u></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>※ International applicants MUST ADDITIONALLY satisfy one of the following two requirements:</p> <p>1) Neither of the applicant's parents is a Korean citizen; or</p> <p>2) Applicants of Korean origin must have received their entire elementary, junior high, and high school education outside of Korea. The education received must be at a level that is comparable and equivalent to the education provided in Korea.</p> <p>※ Note that international schools located in Korea are NOT acknowledged as foreign schools.</p> </div> <p>※ Applicants who hold Korean Citizenship (including dual citizenship) are <u>NOT eligible</u> to apply as international students.</p>

B. Requirements : List of Required Documents at a Glance


Item	Documents	Remarks
Submit Online	① Application Form	
	② One Recommendation Letter * Upon successful payment of the application fee, an email will be sent to your recommender providing instructions on how to submit their recommendation.	
Upload Online	③ High School or University Transcript	Mandatory
	④ Passport or National ID Copy	
	⑤ Standardized Official Test Score*	
	⑥ English Proficiency Test Score Report*	
	⑦ Report Certificate of Facts Concerning Entry & Exit issued by the Korean Immigration Office	Mandatory for Korean Origin Only
	⑧ Loss of Korean Nationality	
	⑨ Honors and Awards	Optional (Recommended)
	⑩ High School Profile	

☞ The previously optional submission of the 「English Proficiency Test Score Report」 and 「Standardized Official Test Score Report」, which was implemented during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, has now been reinstated as a mandatory requirement.

C. Application Documents in Details

「MANDATORY」

① Application Form

- Complete application online
 <https://univapply.kaist.ac.kr/interapply/>

② Recommendation Letter

- Only ONE recommendation letter from a teacher will be taken into consideration.
- The recommendation letter is highly encouraged to be written by an academic advisor, homeroom teacher, or a math/science teacher.
- The letter must be written in English.
- Recommenders must submit their recommendation electronically through the online application platform, using the link that KAIST has provided them directly.
 ※ Please ensure that the recommender's email address is accurately entered on the online application form. Also, we strongly suggest using Gmail or Yahoo accounts to avoid any filtering issues that may arise from local email accounts.
- Please note that the submission of the recommendation letter by your designated recommender is a mandatory requirement for the completion of your application.
- Recommendation letters CANNOT be submitted in hard copies.

③ High School & University Transcript

- Submission of official transcripts from all high schools (and universities) attended is mandatory.
- Transcripts must include year-by-year records of all coursework taken during the last three years of high school, including any coursework currently in progress.
- If available, the transcripts may also include a statement of personal rank in class/grade.

④ Passport or National ID Copy

- Submit a copy of your international passport or national ID card, along with an official document that indicates your nationality (such as a passport, national ID card, alien registration card, etc)
- Make sure to include a copy of the page that shows your passport number, date of issue and expiration, photo and name.

⑤ Standardized Official Test Score Report

- At least one of the Official Test Score Reports such as SAT, AP, IB, GCE A-Level, ACT, high school leaving exam, and university entrance exam results should be submitted.

※ **Important Note** : Official test scores for SAT, AP, and ACT must be sent to us by the testing agency through online reporting.

- Institution Code of KAIST for **SAT, and AP** score report: 4433
- Institution Code of KAIST for ACT score report: 7778
- Institution Code of KAIST for IB score report: 000559

☞ It typically takes 1~2 weeks for KAIST to receive official SAT, AP, and ACT test results when they are reported online by the testing agency. Therefore, applicants are advised to take the document submission deadline into consideration when reporting online to ensure that their scores can be received by KAIST before the deadline.

☞ You can check the status of your online reporting after the deadline has passed at the following link: <https://apply.kaist.ac.kr/OnlineReportingForeign>

- It is highly recommend that applicants submit test scores that demonstrate high proficiency in math and science, particularly in physics, chemistry, or biology.
- If the highest scores for each category are obtained from multiple examination dates, applicants may submit scores from multiple exams. The highest scores in each category will be taken into consideration.

※ Predicted Scores:

For IB or GCE A-level test takers, we accept predicted score reports that are written and verified by a counselor or teacher at the school. However, admitted applicants must submit their official IB diploma/GCE Certificate as soon as it is received.

※ IB or GCE A-Level Final Score:

If you have already received your final IB or GCE A-level score, please submit it with your application.

- Applicants who have submitted their High School Leaving Exam or University Entrance Exam results are requested to provide a one-page summary of the exam. This should cover the exam procedure, competition rate, results, and any other relevant information.

※ Note to applicants with predicted scores:

Applicants who provide predicted IB or GCE A-level scores may be granted conditional admission. You must report your final IB or GCE A-level scores as soon as it is received. if you are granted conditional admission.

If there are significant discrepancies between your predicted scores and final scores, the conditional admission can be rescinded or chances of receiving the KAIST Scholarship may be at risk.

Be sure to check the firm offer announcement date to see your final admission result if you have received conditional admission.

⑥ Official English Proficiency Test (EPT) Score (TOEFL, TEPS, IELTS TOEIC only)

- It is strongly recommended that applicants obtain a score of above **TOEFL iBT 83, TEPS (NEW) 326, IELTS 6.5, or TOEIC Listening & Reading 720.**
 - The EPT must be taken within two years prior to the deadline of the online application.
 - Upload a copy of your EPT score as a PDF file in the document submission section. If you encounter an error code-99 while uploading, it may mean the original file is encrypted. In that case, print out your score, scan it, and upload the scanned file to resolve the issue.
- ※ **EPT Exemption** : Applicants may request an exemption from the EPT if they meet one of the following criteria. KAIST will review their documents and verify the submission of a letter of understanding issued by their high school, which should be uploaded to the document submission section of the online application system in order to confirm the exemption.
- 1) Applicants who are nationals of English native-speaking countries (automatically exempted);
Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, the U.K., and the U.S.A.
 - 2) Applicants who completed high school in which classes were taught in English, with English as the language of instruction and the language of the textbooks.

「OPTIONAL」

⑦ Certificate of Facts Concerning Entry & Exit (Korean origins only)

- A certificate issued by the Korean Immigration Office within two months of the application deadline is required. This certificate must show all entry and exit records from the applicant's date of birth up to the date of submission.
- Please be aware that admission may be negatively affected or rescinded if false information is found in the submitted materials, or if entry/exit records cannot be verified due to the use of dual passports.
- If obtaining the Certificate of Entry and Exit Records directly proves difficult, applicants may request a third party residing in Korea to obtain the certificate on their behalf. To do so, they will need to provide a copy of their passport, a power of attorney, and an application form. The Korea Immigration Service can be reached at +82-1345.

⑧ Loss of Korean Nationality (Korean origins only)

- Submit Family Relation Certificate, Proof of Loss of Korean Nationality, Family Census Register, etc.

⑨ Honors and Awards

- Applicants may submit up to five honors or awards obtained during their high school years.
- The list of honor and awards will only be considered valid if testimonials or evidence are submitted along with it. (Ex. International/National Olympiad, etc.)

⑩ High School Profile

- Submit official high school profiles, introductions, or brochures that have been published by the applicant's high school or the Ministry of Education.
- Additionally, you may submit your school's website, GPA rating system, college acceptance statistics, or any other relevant information that would help us understand your school better.
- The submitted school profile should be no more than five pages in length.

D. Applicants who completed (or will have completed) high school education in Korea

International students who have completed or will have completed their high school education in Korea (국내에 거주하는 국내 고교 출신 외국인 학생) are also welcome to apply for the KAIST Undergraduate program. Please check the eligibility and requirements below.

① Eligibility: Applicants must meet all of the following requirements.

- Both the applicant and his/her parents are not citizen of Korea.
- Applicants with foreign citizenship.

※ Applicants who hold dual citizenship (Korean & Foreign) are **NOT eligible** to apply as international students.

② List of Required Documents at a Glance

Criteria	Documents		Remarks
Document Review	Apply Online	① Application Form	Mandatory
		② One Recommendation Letter	
	Upload Online	③ High School / University Transcript ☞ Please submit official transcripts (생활기록부, Transcript of Academic Record) from the high school you attended.	
		④ Official documents indicating both applicant & parents' nationality (passport copy)	
		⑤ Standardized Official Test Score Report ☞ Please submit official test score reports such as SAT/AP/IB/GCE-A/Korean Scholastic Ability Test (수학능력시험), if available.	
		⑥ English Proficiency Test Score Report ☞ It is strongly recommended that applicants obtain a score of above TOEFL iBT 83, TEPS (NEW) 326, IELTS 6.5, or TOEIC Listening & Reading 720. ※ Exemption requirement: Please refer to page 11.	
		⑦ Honors and Awards	Optional (Recommended)
		⑧ High School Profile	
Interview	Interview is not a mandatory admission process. If an interview is deemed necessary, applicants will be individually contacted via email and provided with further instructions.		

<Application fee: 80 USD> ※ The fee in KRW will be announced separately based on exchange rate fluctuations.

We offer three payment options: 1) Payment by domestic or foreign credit card, 2) Domestic Bank Transfer, or 3) International Bank Transfer.

- ※ **NOTE :** ① The application fee is non-refundable and cannot be waived. Eligible applicants can request an application fee waiver. Please read page 18 to learn about the KAIST Application Fee Waiver Program.
- ② Any additional charges, such as bank charges, should be covered by the applicants. Additionally, once you pay the application fee, you cannot change your admission track.

1) By Foreign or Domestic Credit Card Payment by the "Toss" Payment page

If you choose to pay using a credit or domestic card, an application number will be automatically generated upon payment. In this case, you are not required to submit a remittance receipt, as your application number will be generated immediately after payment confirmation.

2) By Domestic Bank Transfer (Korean Bank)

※ **The fee in KRW will be announced separately based on exchange rate fluctuations.**

In the event that you wish to have someone else in Korea pay the application fee on your behalf, you are required to send us the remittance receipt via email (creative.adm@kaist.ac.kr). Once we have received and confirmed the payment, we will then issue your application number.

[Bank Transfer Information]

- Bank Name: Woori Bank (우리은행)
- Account Number: 025-310617-01-036 **(KRW Only)**
- Message: Applicant's full name

3) By International Bank Transfer (80 USD) (Local Bank)

If you choose to pay via bank transfer, you are required to send us the remittance receipt via email (creative.adm@kaist.ac.kr). Once we have confirmed receipt of the payment, we will then issue your application number.

- ※ Please note that bank transfers may take several weeks to process. If you choose to pay the fee via bank transfer, we strongly recommend that you initiate the transaction at least three weeks prior to the application deadline.

[Bank Transfer Information]

- Bank Name: Woori Bank
- Branch Name: KAIST Branch
- Bank Address: 291 Daehak-ro, Yuseong-gu, Daejeon, Korea (34141)
- Account Number: 270-003359-41185 **(USD Only)**
- Beneficiary: KAIST
- Swift Code: HVBKRRSExxx
- Message: Applicant's full name

- KAIST takes into consideration a number of factors when determining admission, including the applicants' academic achievements (especially in math and science), potential, interpersonal skills, personal accomplishments, integrity, and leadership.
- For academic achievements, applicants are reviewed in terms of the level of studies completed in math and science classes, quality of achievements, and characteristics of institutions attended.

1. Document Review The applicants will be initially screened based on the application documents.



2. Interview (optional)
 - Applicants who have been selected from the document review will proceed to an interview.
 - The applicants will be notified by email whether he or she will be called for an interview. The applicants must reply to the email promptly to confirm the interview. The interview date and time will be announced in the invitation for the interview.

Important Notes!

Note 1	KAIST has a zero-tolerance policy for falsified or counterfeit documents. Thus, we reserve the right to revoke an offer of admission, even after an applicant has been admitted or graduated, if any of the materials submitted are found to be false or counterfeit. In the event of discovery of fraudulent activities, future applications may be rejected for up to five years from the date of discovery.
Note 2	We strongly advise applicants to double-check their contact information for correctness before submitting the application. KAIST is not responsible for any missed communication with the applicant or consequences resulting from incorrect contact information provided by the applicant.
Note 3	Once the application fee payment has been completed, applicants will not be able to change their admission track or receive a refund.
Note 4	Applicants who fail to comply with KAIST's prescribed process and rules or do not submit all required documents will be disqualified.
Note 5	Details of the evaluation process and scores shall not be disclosed.
Note 6	Applicants with incomplete or improper application forms and supporting documents will be disqualified from the admissions process.
Note 7	If you receive any financial support from external organizations in the form of scholarships for college, please specify them in the application and submit the relevant Scholarship Certificate(s).
Note 8	We highly recommend that applicants type all required documents instead of handwriting them. Typed documents are easier to read and less prone to errors, which can help ensure that your application is processed promptly and accurately.
Note 9	All documents must be uploaded in PDF format, A4-sized, and clear and legible.
Note 10	Applicants are required to submit original documents when requested to do so. KAIST may request additional documents from individual applicants if necessary.
Note 11	All documents created in languages other than English must be translated and included along with the original copies. The translated copy should bear a seal from a recognized translation institution or notary office.
Note 12	Please remember to keep your application number for further procedures, such as checking the final decision on your application. Your application number is a unique identifier that will help you track the progress of your application and stay informed of any updates.
Note 13	We strongly advise applicants to regularly check the Admissions Office website to confirm the status of their application submission. Please note that we will not contact applicants individually regarding their application status.
Note 14	Admitted students are not allowed to defer their enrollment to a later semester. If a student wishes to defer enrollment, they must reapply for admission.
Note 15	It is mandatory for admitted students to submit Apostille Certificates within 15 days of enrollment. This documentation is required to complete the enrollment process, and failure to provide the necessary certificates may result in delays or cancellation of admission.
Note 16	In the event that the name on the applicant's documents does not match the name provided on the application, the applicant is required to submit appropriate certification to verify their identity.
Note 17	Admitted applicants who have chosen not to register for KAIST are kindly requested to inform the Office of Admissions of their decision prior to the designated reply date.
Note 18	Admitted applicants cannot enroll in another university. According to KAIST regulations, dual enrollment is grounds for dismissal.

Newly admitted students at KAIST are required to submit their Apostille certificates within 15 days after their enrollment in the university. It is important that students carefully read the instructions and prepare the necessary certificates before leaving their home country.

Public documents issued by public schools or institutions **outside of Korea** such as,

- 1) High school graduation diplomas,
- 2) High school transcripts, and
- 3) Standardized official test reports (high school leaving exam, university entrance exam or other nationally/internationally recognized exam results – only for those who have submitted these documents) should have an attached Apostille certificate.

※ Public documents from private schools or institutions should have notarial attestations before applying for Apostille certificates. These documents must be written in either English or Korean. If written in another language, they should be translated into English or Korean and notarized by a notary office before applying for an Apostille certificate.

- **What is an Apostille?** (☞ Please refer to: <https://www.hcch.net>)

Public documents, such as birth certificates, judgments, patents or notarial attestations of signatures, frequently need to be used abroad. However, before a public document can be used in a country other than the one that issued it, its origin often must be authenticated. The traditional method for authenticating public documents to be used abroad is called legalization. Because this legalization process is frequently, slow, cumbersome and costly, a large number of countries all over the world have signed a treaty that greatly simplifies the authentication of public documents to be used abroad. This treaty is called the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents. It is commonly known as the Apostille Convention. The treaty reduces the authentication process to a single formality: the issuance of an authentication certificate by an authority designated by the country where the public document was issued. This certificate is called an Apostille.

- **In which countries does the Apostille Convention apply?**

☞ Please refer to: List of Hague Apostille Convention Member Countries
<http://www.internationalapostille.com/hague-apostille-member-countries/>

※ If your public document was issued in a country where the Apostille Convention does not apply, you should submit a Certificate of Authentication issued by the Korean Embassy or Consulate in your country.

- **Where do I get an Apostille?**

Each country that is a party to the Convention must designate one or more authority that is entitled to issue Apostilles. These authorities are called Competent Authorities – only they are permitted to issue Apostilles.

☞ Please refer to: List of Competent Authorities of each member country
<https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/authorities1/?cid=41>

- **How much does an Apostille cost?**

Many Competent Authorities do charge for Apostilles. The price among Competent Authorities varies greatly. For practical information on the prices that individual countries charge, please refer to the details provide on <http://www.internationalapostille.com/rates/>.



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KAIST Application Fee Waiver Program

The KAIST Application Fee Waiver Program is designed to enable exceptional individuals from one of the Least Developed Countries (according to the UN list of LDCs in 2024) to pursue their academic dreams at KAIST. This unique program is tailored for applicants seeking admission to our undergraduate programs, ensuring that financial constraints do not stand in the way of deserving candidates.

☐ Who is eligible to request an application fee waiver?

- ✓ Applicants for KAIST International Undergraduate Admissions
- ✓ Applicants who are nationals of one of the countries listed below and have lived there since birth
- ✓ Applicants with an exceptional academic standing within their high school, ranking in the top 5% or higher of their grade level

☐ How to request an application fee waiver

- 1) Application Fee Waiver Request Form: Eligible applicants must submit the form via email to creative.adm@kaist.ac.kr with the subject line "Application Fee Waiver Request for 2026 Early Or Regular Track"
 - 2) Letter of Recommendation from the Principal: This letter should be written by the Principal from the applicant's high school. It should be submitted directly to creative.adm@kaist.ac.kr with the subject line "Letter of Recommendation for Applicant's Name" by the Principal or teachers from the school.
- ※ Important
- It should provide insight into the applicant's character and highlight their academic excellence.
 - A Letter of Recommendation submitted directly by the applicant will not be accepted.
- ✓ Please ensure that all required documents are submitted in full. Incomplete submissions will result in the denial of your fee waiver request.
 - ✓ Please note that any documents that do not meet the eligibility requirements and document submission criteria will be excluded from the review process.

☐ When to request a fee waiver

You can submit the application fee waiver request form within a specific time frame. Please note that only applications submitted within the designated time period will be considered valid.

(2026 Early Track) August 25th, 2025 ~ September 4th, 2025

(2026 Regular Track) October 14th, 2025 ~ October 24th, 2025

We will notify you of the result via email 2-3 days before the application period starts. If your fee waiver request is not approved, payment will be necessary.

<UN List of Least Developed Countries (2024)>

Africa (32)	Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia
Asia (8)	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Timor-Leste and Yemen
Caribbean (1)	Haiti
Pacific (3)	Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu_ 18 -

<https://unctad.org/topic/least-developed-countries/list>



Application Fee Waiver Request Form

1. Applicant's Information

Name in Full:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth (Country):

Nationality:

Postal Address (including country):

Name of High School (including country):

Admission Year:

Grade: ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th ☐ Graduated (Year of Graduation:)

Email:

※Please provide the email address that you intend to use for your KAIST application.

2. Application Track (Please choose one of the three options below.)

- ☐ Undergraduate Program for 2026 Spring (Early)
☐ Undergraduate Program for 2026 Fall (Early)
☐ Undergraduate Program for 2026 Fall (Regular)

Declaration of Consent:

(For each consent item below, please review and check the box to indicate your consent.)

- ☐ I confirm that I was born and have lived in the country listed in the UN list of LDCs.
- ☐ I request an application fee waiver and confirm that the information and documents provided are true and correct.
- ☐ I fully agree that if any information is found to be false or counterfeit, KAIST (Office of Admissions) reserves the right to cancel my request for an application fee waiver and to revoke my admission or withdraw an offer of admission.
- ☐ I consent for my data to be shared for the purpose of assessing my application fee waiver request and for compiling anonymized data for monitoring purposes.
- ☐ I understand that KAIST has the sole and absolute discretion in determining my eligibility for an application fee waiver and their decision shall be final and conclusive.
- ☐ I pledge to accept any decision made and agree not to contest or appeal it.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all the declaration statements above.

Signature:

Date(DD/MM/YY)



Korea Advanced Institute of
Science & Technology

Letter of Recommendation for Application Fee Waiver

1. Recommender's Information (*Principal*)

Name in Full:
Position:
Name of High School (including country):
Email:
Phone:

2. Applicant's Information

Name in Full:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth (Country):
Nationality:
Name of High School (including country):
Admission Year:
Grade: ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th ☐ Graduated (Year of Graduation:)

Evaluation

- 1) Please rate the applicant in overall academic competence.
☐ Exceptional ☐ Outstanding ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ N/A
- 2) How does the applicant compare to other students in their grade level at your high school?
☐ Top 1% ☐ Top 2~3% ☐ Top 4~5% ☐ Below 5%
- 3) Place a check to indicate your comprehensive evaluation of the applicant and give your opinions.
☐ Strongly Recommended ☐ Recommend ☐ Neutral ☐ Not recommend

<Opinion> (200 words or less)

Declaration of Consent:

(For each consent item below, please review and check the box to indicate your consent.)

- ☐ I fully agree that if any information is found to be false or counterfeit, KAIST (Office of Admissions) reserves the right to revoke the application fee waiver.
- ☐ I have carefully filled out this letter of recommendation myself and understand that the opinions expressed herein may continue to serve as a reference in the subsequent admission process within KAIST.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all the declaration statements above.

Signature:
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Date(DD/MM/YY)

Attachment 3

Essay (included in the Application Form)

KAIST seeks to foster talent who possess a love of challenges, creativity, and a caring spirit.
Please complete the Personal Statement with consideration of the above qualities.

Q 1. KAIST seeks to foster individuals with a questioning spirit. Write about a question you have in the field of STEM* that sets you apart from others, and describe the reason that inspired you to ask this question. (Required) *STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, etc.

(Note: This is not about evaluating the question itself but rather about assessing your attitude, curiosity, and challenging spirit toward the field of STEM. It is recommended to avoid content related to R&E activities and instead focus on sharing your personal story.)

Write a question (within 300 bytes)
Describe the reason (within 1,600 bytes)

Q 2. Please write the personal statement with a focus on what you learned from and felt during curricular and/or extracurricular activities (up to three) to which you attached meaning and devoted yourself in high school. (within 1,500 bytes) (Required)

Q 3. Please cite any cases in which you thought and/or made attempts in ways different from those of others and describe how such ideas and/or attempts affected you and people around you.

(within 1,500 bytes) (Required)

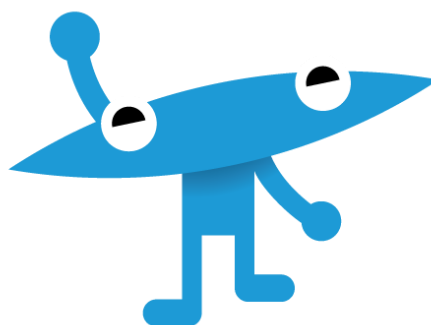
Q 4. Please cite any cases in which you practiced consideration, sharing, cooperation, and/or conflict management and describe what you learned from and felt during the process(es).

(within 1,500 bytes) (Required)

Q 5. Please write if there is any other information you would like to tell us regarding your family/social background or difficulties you had to overcome in the past.

(within 1,000 bytes) (Required)

2026 Spring



**International Graduate Admission
Application Guide**



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I Drawing Your Future at KAIST

KAIST stands as a dynamic and forward-thinking institution at the forefront of science and technology, dedicated to making a positive difference in the world. Our journey begins with our students, who drive our pursuit of excellence. If you aspire to be part of our journey, seize the moment to envision your aspirations and uncover the opportunities KAIST offers for your future.

A Scientific Questions to Explore BEFORE You Apply to KAIST

- What do I want to study at the graduate level?
- [*What courses does KAIST offer in my research field of interest?*](#)
- [*What laboratories exist at KAIST in the field of my research interest?*](#)
- [*Have I found and contacted faculty members whose research interests overlap with mine?*](#)

※ *If you already have answers to the questions above, now is the time to SEE the TECHNICAL aspects of the APPLICATION process for KAIST graduate programs.*

B Technical Knowledge You Should Know before Applying to KAIST

- [*Visit our official website and learn about timelines, eligibility, and other important information before applying.*](#)
- Complete the online application form and upload your application materials to the application portal.*
- [*Pay the application fee by the due date \(Application Fee USD 80\).*](#)
 - ※ *You cannot modify your application after you have paid the fee. Please review your application carefully before making a payment.*
- Monitor your application status and provide supplementary documents if required.*
- Check your email at regularly and attend an interview if required by the department you applied to.*
- [*Check the final decisions – \(if admitted\), you must confirm your decision.*](#)
- Prepare for the transition to life at KAIST.*

C Transition to Our Advanced institute In South Korea

- Prepare for the school enrollment according to the **Registration Guide**, which will be announced with our final decisions.*
- Apply for a visa with supporting materials from our office and other documents required by the Korean Embassy. Book a flight ticket to South Korea.*
- Submit documents required to enroll at KAIST and settle into our community.*
 - ※ *Timelines, procedures, and required materials may change without prior notice. Our International Scholar and Student Service (ISSS) will notify you of any important changes or updates.*

II Eligibility

A Level of Education

- Applicants must hold or are expected to hold the following academic degree from an accredited institution by the end of **February 2026**.
 - Master's or Master's-Ph.D. Integrated programs: a bachelor's or higher degree
 - Doctoral programs: a master's or higher degree

※ Notes

- A Bachelor's degree must be equivalent to a Korean Bachelor's degree which takes four years of study.
** [Learn and compare with the Korean system at WHED](#)*
- Equivalents

- A university degree requiring four years of study
- A three-year Bologna-compliant Bachelor's degree
- The first cycle qualification in the framework of qualifications for the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)
- A Bachelor's degree with honors in British pattern education
- Cases other than the above should provide supplementary documents to prove the equivalence, such as a supplement diploma, an equivalency report from World Education Services(WES), or any related document from the institution you attended or other organizations with authority

B Citizenship

- Applicants must NOT hold Korean citizenship.
** Korean citizens who hold dual citizenship are not eligible for KAIST International Graduate Admission cycles.*

※ NOTE for International Applicants of Korean Ethnicity

International applicants of Korean ethnicity, regardless of the place of birth, MUST additionally satisfy **ONE** of the two requirements below:

a. **NEITHER** parent is a citizen of Korea

A Certificate for Renunciation of Korean Citizenship must be submitted if one or both parents were Korean citizens before.
In this case, the renunciation must be completed before the start of the application period.

OR

b. The applicants who have completed their **ENTIRE** education (corresponding to the period from the first year of elementary school to the final year of high school education) **OUTSIDE** of Korea.

In this case, international schools located in Korea are not acknowledged as foreign schools.

Applicants of Korean ethnicity who completed their entire education (elementary, junior high and high school) outside of Korea must submit certified copies of graduation certificates and transcripts.

International students of Korean ethnicity who do not meet the conditions above **CANNOT** apply for International Admissions. Instead, they can apply for the KAIST General Admission (“일반전형” at <http://admission.kaist.ac.kr/graduate>).

C English Language Proficiency

- Our official language of communication and instruction for international students at KAIST is English. All the applicants must provide at least one of the following English proficiency test (EPT) scores:

* *Recognized English language proficiency tests taken on or after September 2nd, 2023.*

Test	Minimum Score	Remark
TOEFL iBT	83	Report <u>through the ETS website</u> and upload <u>a legible copy of the score report</u> (Institutional Code: 0195/ Dept. Code: 99) - Home Edition is accepted. - iBT MyBest Scores are NOT accepted.
IELTS (Academic Type only)	6.5 band	Overall Band Score - IELTS Online is accepted. - IELTS One Skill Retake is NOT accepted.
TOEIC	720	Listening & Reading
TEPS	326	

- * English test scores taken after the online application deadline will not be considered, and all results must be submitted and available prior to the deadline.
- * **Test scores from the Institutional Testing Program (ITP) are NOT accepted.**
- * Programs that do not require EPT score: GDI-ITTP track, KINS-KAIST

- You are able to request a waiver of the English proficiency requirement if you meet one of the following criteria:

- You do not need to provide an EPT score if you hold citizenship from the following countries **OR** if you have physically studied and completed a qualification equivalent to a Bachelor's degree or higher from an institution located in the following countries:

Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, St Kitts, St Lucia, St Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago, U.K., U.S.A.

- You do not need to provide an EPT score if you hold citizenship from the following countries **AND** you have physically studied and completed a qualification equivalent to a Bachelor's degree or higher in English as the medium of instruction from an institution located in the following countries:

- A **certificate proving the medium of instruction must be submitted.**
i.e., Certificate of English Medium of Instruction

Botswana, Cameroon, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Federated States of Micronesia, Namibia, Nauru, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Republic of South Africa, Sudan, Republic of South Sudan, Tanzania, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe

- If you anticipate graduating from KAIST's regular degree programs in February 2026, you DO NOT need to submit an EPT score.

**If you meet any of the above criteria, please select the waiver option under the English section in Step 2 of the online application.*

D Finding an Academic Advisor at KAIST

- **Master's program applicants** are asked to **find and indicate the names of up to three faculty members in the department you will apply to**, whose research interests overlap with yours. Please **write these faculty names in the Faculty section** in **STEP 1** of your online application.
 - ※ *Generally, Master's program applicants do not need to communicate with the faculty member(s) beforehand to write their name. However, some programs require Master's applicants to communicate with the faculty before applying. For details, please check our IX Degrees and Programs (page 18) section and the website of the program to which you will apply.*
- **Doctoral program applicants** – **including Master's-Ph.D. integrated program applicants** – are asked to find **one faculty advisor from the department to which you will apply** and indicate the name in **STEP 1** of your application. Communication with the faculty member prior to your application is highly recommended.
 - ※ *Please check whether we offer any program that meets your research interests at IX Degrees and Programs (page 18) first and learn about our faculty members at the [STARLIBRARY website \(click\)](#) or at the [KAIST Research Portal\(click\)](#).*

E KAIST Admissions Integrity Policy

- *If any information provided in the application or submitted materials is found to be false or counterfeit, KAIST (Office of Admissions) reserves the right to revoke admission or withdraw an offer of admission, even after graduation from KAIST. In the event of fraudulent activities, future applications may be rejected for up to **five years** from the date of discovery.*

III Application Procedures at a Glance

A Online Application & Application Materials Upload **by September 2nd, 2025**

- Please use **a computer with a Windows-based operating system**.
- Access our online application system at <https://gradapply.kaist.ac.kr>.
- Complete your online application.

Step 1.

- Create an account and select your degree program and major.
- Upload your portrait photo and enter your basic personal information.
- Upload your ID documents, your parents' ID documents, and a certificate of family registration.
- Choose your financial resources – **you can apply for the KAIST Scholarship in this step.**

Step 2.

- Enter your academic background, prior experiences, and achievements.
- Upload all the required and necessary documents. Refer to pages 11-14 for detailed information on the required documents and their arrangement.
(If you receive an offer of admission from KAIST, you must submit Apostille or embassy-verified documents either by post or hand delivery.)
- Register two recommenders for your letters of recommendation.

Step 3.

- Write your statement of purpose and respond to other prompts.

Step 4.

- Upload your CV (required) and supporting documents for honors and awards (optional).
- In the 'Supporting Documents Submission by Major' section, upload documents only if they are required for your chosen major.

Step 5.

- Review your application before proceeding to payment. Once payment is made, the online application form or uploaded file cannot be modified.
- Pay the application fee **online –USD 80**.

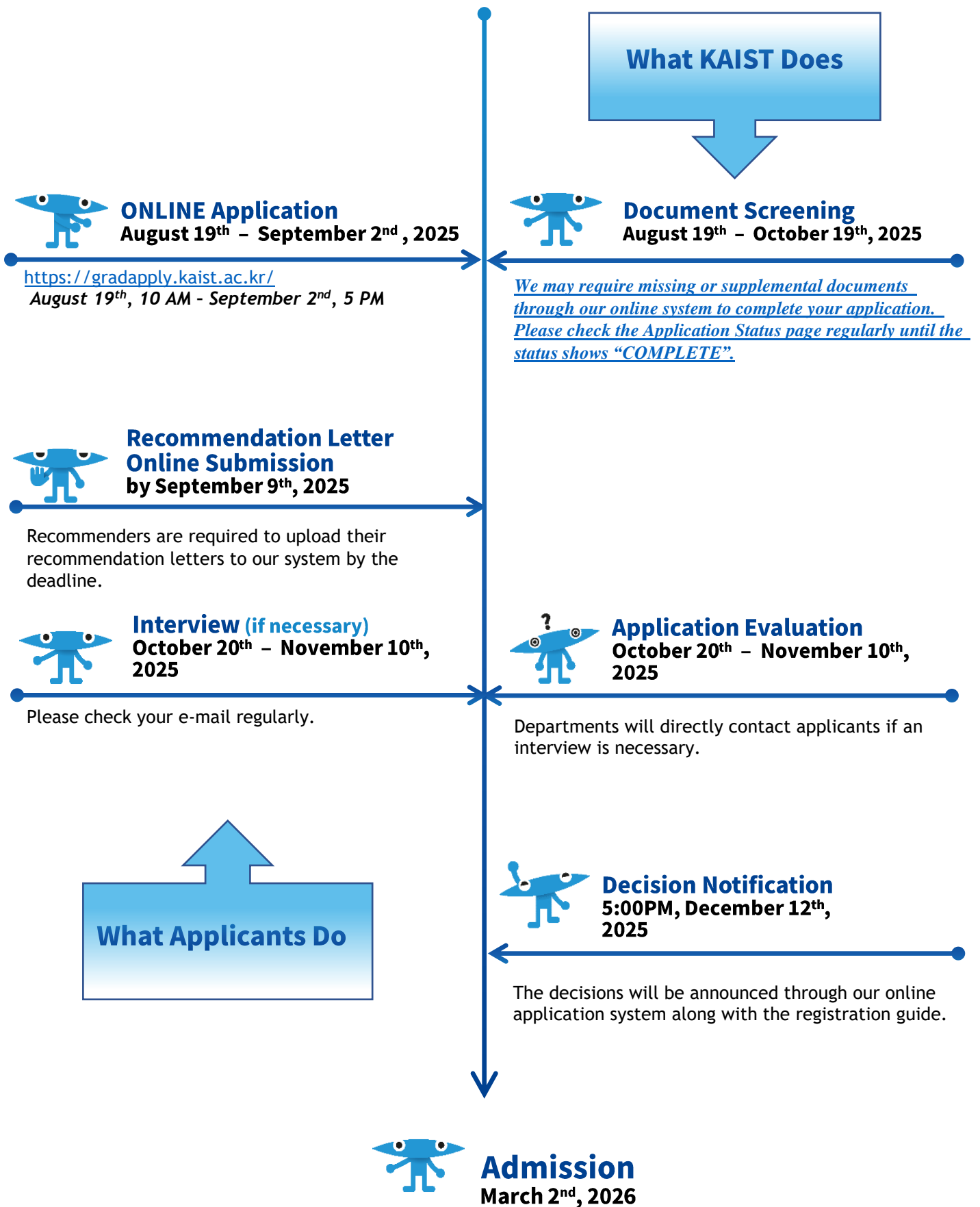
B Recommendation Letter Online Submission **by September 9th, 2025**

- Once the application fee is paid, our system will automatically send an email to your recommenders requesting them to upload their recommendation letters.
- Recommenders are required to upload their recommendation letters to our system by the specified deadline.
- ※ You can monitor the submission status of your letters or send a reminder to your recommenders on the Application Status page.
- ※ You do not need to include the recommendation letters in your application materials.

C**Keep checking for updates in KAIST Admission**

- [Monitor your application status on the Application Status page and provide any required supplemental materials.](#)
- Regularly check your email for potential communications from the office of admissions or the department you applied to, as they may contact you for an interview or request additional documents.
- Once your application moves to the department evaluation stage, you will no longer be able to access our system
- KAIST will announce [final decisions through the system](#) on the designated notification day.

IV Timelines



※ THE TIMELINE IS BASED ON LOCAL TIME IN SOUTH KOREA AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

V Online Application

Our online system is optimized for Windows. For the best experience, please use a computer with a Windows operating system.

Step 1 Program of Study and Personal Background

a. Select the degree program and major you wish to pursue at KAIST, and enter your personal information.

b. Enter a valid email address and complete the authentication process. The authenticated email address will be used as your login ID for our system.

** You may use only one email address. Submitting multiple applications within a single application term is strictly prohibited.*

c. Upload your ID documents, your parents' ID documents, and a certificate of family registration.

d. State your financial resources to cover the tuition and expenses for your studies at KAIST. *If you want to apply to our graduate program with the KAIST Scholarship, select the KAIST Scholarship as your financial resource.*

** You can choose **multiple options** to support your life at KAIST.*

A. Self-Funding or Parental and/or Individual Sponsor

If you opt for Self-Funding or Parental Sponsorship as your financial resource, you should estimate an annual expenditure of approximately USD 16,000. It's important to note that when applying for a visa to Korea, you will need to provide bank statements showing a balance of USD 16,000 or more.

The Ministry of Justice requires a minimum balance of USD 16,000 for your first year in Korea. This is to ensure that you can cover your one-year on-campus expenses, including tuition for two semesters and other living expenses. For more details, please refer to our rates on [page 29](#).

B. Sponsoring Organization

Applicants are required to submit a certificate or sponsorship letter containing the details of a responsible officer whom KAIST can contact.

** **KAIST Collaborative Excellence Scholarship***

: If you are applying to our graduate program with the KAIST Collaborative Excellence Scholarship (e.g., KINS-KAIST, GDI-ITTP, Kor-Pol Defense and Global EPSS), you can choose the Sponsoring Organization option without the need for a certificate or sponsorship letter. The Office of Admissions will verify this information with the representative office on your behalf.

C. KAIST Scholarship

KAIST Scholarship is our traditional financial aid program that supports international students. Awardees are selected based on prior performance and future promise appearing in their application materials. Decisions will be announced with the final results. The benefits include:

- **Full tuition grant:** 4 semesters for Master's, 10 semesters for Master's-Ph.D. Integrated 8 semesters for Ph.D. students
 - **Monthly stipend guarantee:** The KAIST Scholarship provides a monthly stipend, empowering many international students to attain financial independence from their home countries. The stipend amount depends on various factors, including department, program, advisor, and involvement in research. For additional details, please contact the relevant department or program staff, or your intended advisor.
 - **Premium for National Health Insurance subscription:** actual costs
- ※ *The rate and coverage may vary based on your involvement in research projects and performance.*

Step 2 Academic Background, Work and Research Experiences, and Recommenders' Information

a. Enter the required information, including your academic background, English proficiency test (EPT) score, work experience, and recommender details.

b. In the Academic Information section, please upload certified copies of your degree certificate and transcript. Make sure to combine all documents into a single PDF file before uploading.

c. In the Letters of Recommendation section, enter your recommenders' information, including their email addresses.

* Applicants must provide the recommenders' professional or institutional email accounts for verification.

Step 3 Statement of Purpose and Additional Questions

Write the statement of purpose and answer other questions below to present who you are, what you have achieved, and what you want to accomplish at KAIST.

a. Please provide brief answers to the following questions (up to 500 Bytes for each question).

- **What did you study at your previous institution?** * Required
- **What motivated you to choose this major?** * Required
- **Briefly state your study plan.** * Required
- **What are your plans after completing your studies?** * Required
- **What honors or awards have you received?** * Optional
- **Provide a brief introduction of any institution you previously attended.** * Optional
- **What motivated you to apply for your second-choice major?** * Required

b. Write a detailed and accurate statement of your purposes and objectives for studying at KAIST. (Up to 5,000 Bytes) * Required

* A byte is the unit most computers use to represent a character such as a letter, number, or typographic symbol. (1byte = 1 letter)

Step 4 Submission of Core and Supporting Documents

- Upload your CV in PDF format. No specific form is required.
- If you have received honors, awards, fellowships, academic certificates, test scores, or have publications that demonstrate your academic achievements, please provide a brief description and upload the corresponding proof documents.
- In the Supporting Documents Submission by Major section, upload any additional documents required for your selected major.

Step 5 Submission of the Application Fee

To finalize your online application, please pay the application fee of 80 USD. Once payment is confirmed, our system will promptly assign an application number to your submission and automatically send email requests to your recommenders, allowing them to upload their recommendation letters.

You can choose from one of the four payment options below. We recommend using a credit card for the quickest and most efficient processing.

Payment Method	Credit Card	Bank Transfer
International	Responsive, Low Charge - through our payment platform - International transaction enabled	Late, High Charge - Applicants must email a copy of the transfer receipt to advanced.adm@kaist.ac.kr .
Domestic (Korean)	Responsive, Low Charge - through our payment platform - Online transaction activated	

- ※ The international bank transfer option will take a few days to reach us, and there will be an additional few days for KAIST to confirm the payment and assign your number, as these processes are all manual.
- ※ You **CANNOT edit your online application after paying the fee.** Please proofread and complete your online application before proceeding to the payment section.
- ※ Eligible applicants can request an application fee waiver. Please read page 30 to learn about the KAIST Application Waiver Program.
- ※ The application fee is **non-refundable.**

VI Application Components & Requirements

A Online Application

- Complete your online application by the deadline. We do not accept any applications submitted after the deadline.
 - ※ We strongly recommend completing your online application ahead of the deadline, as high traffic on the application portal may cause system errors that could prevent successful payment.

B TWO RECOMMENDATION LETTERS **Do NOT ATTACH them to your application materials file..*

- Recommenders are required to upload recommendation letters to our system by the submission deadline for the recommendation letter. [Applicants can monitor the submission status of their recommendation letters and email their recommenders to request letters through the KAIST application portal system \(click\).](#)
 - ※ *Recommendation letters must remain strictly undisclosed to applicants, and applicants may not request any kind of disclosure of the information written in the letters.*
- KAIST strongly suggests that recommendation letters come from professors, academic advisors, work supervisors, and other figures who can confirm your ability to perform in an academic or professional environment. If you ask someone from your previous workplace, please use a letterhead showing the company's contact information.
- Please provide the professional or institutional email addresses of your two recommenders for verification.
 - ※ *Please note that the earlier you complete your online application, the more time your recommenders will have to write letters for you.*
Please DO NOT ATTACH the recommendation letters to your application materials file. We receive them online directly from the recommenders.

C Application Materials Upload **Do NOT submit hard copies of your application materials.*

- Prepare the necessary documents in accordance with our document requirements in advance.
 - ※ Only PDF files can be uploaded, and the file size must be 3 MB or less.
 - ※ Ensure all the scanned documents are clear and legible.
 - ※ Upload each PDF file in the appropriate section, ensuring it meets the specific requirements for each document.
 - ※ The program you are applying to may require additional application materials. Please read the information for each program in the application guide and include additional materials if required.
 - ※ *Do not submit hard copies of your application materials. We DO NOT require any materials at the application stage.*

1. Identification Document

- Applicants must provide official documents proving their citizenship.
 - Passport numbers and alien registration numbers must be erased or obscured.

e.g., a photocopy of the passport, national ID card, alien registration card, or any other form of public documents indicating information such as the issuance number, date of issue and expiration, photo, and name.

2. Identification Documents of Both Parents

- If your family registration or birth certificate includes your parents' citizenship, no ID copies are required; otherwise, submit the official documents confirming their citizenship.
 - Passport numbers and alien registration numbers must be erased or obscured.

e.g., a photocopy of the passport, national ID card, alien registration card, or any other form of public documents indicating information such as the issuance number, date of issue and expiration, photo, and name.

- If only one parent holds the parental responsibility due to death, divorce, or other reasons, you must submit the citizenship certificate of the parent with legal custody.

e.g., a copy of a death certificate, divorce certificate, or any other corresponding documents explaining the situation.

3. Certificate of Family Registration

- Applicants must provide a public document proving the relationship with their parents. It must indicate the names of the applicant, the parents, and their relationship.

e.g., certificate of family registration, family registration certificate (card), family relation certificate, birth certificate

- Applicants of Korean ethnicity who plan to prove their eligibility for the international graduate program by confirming the loss of their parents' Korean citizenship must provide "the Certificate for Renunciation of Korean Citizenship" or "Family Relation Certificate" (가족관계증명서), with the indication of the dates of their loss of Korean citizenship. The applicants' loss of Korean citizenship must also be included.

※ Applicants of Korean ethnicity intending to establish their eligibility for the international graduate program by demonstrating that they completed their entire education (corresponding to the period from the first year of elementary school to the final year of high school education) abroad must provide certified copies of their graduation certificates and transcripts from all primary and secondary schools attended. Additionally, they are required to submit a "Certificate of the Facts Concerning the Entry & Exit" ("출입국사실증명서") issued by the Korean Immigration Office.

4. Academic Documents

- Prepare certified copies of your Bachelor's degree certificate and transcript. Combine all documents into a single PDF file before uploading.
- If you have additional documents, such as a supplementary diploma, grading scale, or similar materials, compile all of them into one file and upload it in this section.
- If you hold a Master's degree or higher, you must also submit the relevant academic documents.

4-1. Official Degrees / Diplomas

- Scan and upload original degrees or diplomas or certified copies of them. You may also submit ones authenticated by a public notary.
- It is also acceptable (and strongly recommended) to submit Apostille or embassy-verified documents.
- If you are expected to graduate, you can replace your degree or diploma with a certificate of the expected graduation date or an official letter from your university confirming your expected graduation. The replacement must include your name, degree to be conferred, and date of graduation.
- Although we prioritize a certificate indicating the expected graduation date for evaluation purposes, if your institution does not provide such a certificate, you may substitute it with a certificate of enrollment.
- Your admission offer will be withdrawn if your degree is not officially received before the first day of classes.
 - ※ Graduates from colleges and universities in China can substitute an official degree with China Higher Education Qualification Certificate issued by CHESICC (中国高等教育学生信息网).

4-2. Official Transcripts

- Scan and upload official transcripts. You may also submit ones authenticated by a public notary.
 - It is also acceptable (and strongly recommended) to submit Apostille or embassy-verified documents.
- Transcripts must include information on the grading systems, courses completed, grades or marks earned, cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and personal rank (if possible). If the transcript does not indicate the grading scale, submit a supplementary document describing the university's grading system. (Be sure to **highlight** your CGPA and the maximum attainable CGPA on your transcript.)
 - ※ Graduates from colleges and universities in China can substitute official transcripts with China Higher Education Student's Academic Transcripts issued by **CHESICC** (中国高等教育学生信息网).

5. English Proficiency Test (EPT) REPORT

- English is the official language of communication and instruction for international students at KAIST. International graduate admissions applicants must prove their English language proficiency with one of the qualifications described in the English Language Proficiency section on [page 3](#).

6. Scholarship / Sponsorship Letter

If you select a Sponsoring Organization as your financial resource, please make sure to provide supporting documentation.

7. Curriculum Vitae

Applicants must provide summaries of their education, certifications, research experience, professional affiliations, and other information to present themselves to our student selection committees.

8. Certificate of Employment

- If there is work, internship, or assistantship experience related to your intended study or research at KAIST, please provide a certificate or official letter from your workplace. The certificate or letter must include the duration of the work period, position, and other information describing your job and duties.
 - ※ Note that any career records without corresponding documents will be excluded from your application. If you do not have relevant documents to verify your work experience, please do not include it in the application.

9. Proof of Excellence

- If you have received honors, awards, fellowships, academic certificates, test scores, or have publications that demonstrate your academic achievements, please provide a brief description and upload the corresponding proof documents.

e.g. Graduate Record Examination (GRE/ Code: 4558. Please report through the ETS website to be recognized), Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK), Korean Language Proficiency Test (KLPT), etc.

- If you have documents that demonstrate the excellence of your current or previous institution—such as a school profile—you may upload them in this section.
- Only achievements provided with evidence will be acknowledged in the evaluation.

10. Supporting Documents Submission by Major

- Some majors or programs may require additional application materials. Please refer to the brief introductions for each program on [page 18](#), visit the respective department's website, and prepare any required documents accordingly.

VII List of Application Materials

Prepare the necessary documents according to our guidelines and upload each PDF file in the appropriate section.

- ※ Make sure to scan the original or certified copies clearly. Illegible scanned documents may negatively affect your evaluation.
- ※ If the document is written in a language other than Korean or English, please have it translated by a public notary.

No.	Upload Documents	Note								
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Identity Document of the Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A photocopy of the ID pages of your valid passport- This document is to check your citizenship.- Redacting your passport number.								
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Identity Document of BOTH Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- These documents are to check your parents' citizenship.- Redacting their passport number. <p>If one specific parent holds the parental authority due to death, divorce, or other valid reasons, you must submit the citizenship certificate of the parent with legal custody.</p>								
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Family Registration (“가족관계증명서”) <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate for Renunciation of Korean Citizenship (ONLY for Korean Ethnicity if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You may provide a birth certificate or an equivalent document showing your relationship with your parents. <p>* For circumstances like death or divorce not reflected on the birth certificate, submit the relevant official documents.</p>								
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Upload certified copies of your Bachelor’s degree certificate (diploma) and official transcripts.- If you hold a Master’s degree or higher, you must also submit the relevant academic documents.- * If you have attended more than one college or university before completing your degree, you must submit transcripts from each institution you have attended.- You can add a supplementary diploma, grading scale, or similar materials.- Please see pages 11 through 14 for the approved format of the documents.								
5	<input type="checkbox"/> English Proficiency Test (EPT) Score	<p>Please check your eligibility and available evidence</p> <table><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>EPT score report</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Citizenship or degree from an exempt country</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Citizenship and English-medium degree from a specified country</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Expected graduation from a regular KAIST program</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- For iBT score, please report through the ETS website. (TOEFL: Institution code: 0195/ Dept. code: 99)	<input type="checkbox"/>	EPT score report	<input type="checkbox"/>	Citizenship or degree from an exempt country	<input type="checkbox"/>	Citizenship and English-medium degree from a specified country	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expected graduation from a regular KAIST program
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Citizenship and English-medium degree from a specified country	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expected graduation from a regular KAIST program							
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship/Sponsorship Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- If you opt for a Sponsoring Organization as your financial resource, please ensure that you include the relevant evidence.								
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- There is no designated form.								
8	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Employment	Optional								
9	<input type="checkbox"/> Poof of Excellence									
10	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Documents Submission									

- ※ For detailed conditions of each document, please refer to pages 11 through 14.
- ※ The program you will apply to may require additional application materials. Please read the information of each program on [page 18](#), visit the program's website, and **prepare additional materials**, if required.

VIII Notes

A Enrollments

- a. KAIST offers admissions to students who can study at KAIST full-time. Admitted students **must not have any professional responsibilities while studying at KAIST.**
- b. **KAIST prohibits multiple enrollments of our students.** All admitted students must have completed their degree programs before enrolling at KAIST and must not enroll in other institutions until they have completed their degrees at KAIST.

B Application

- a. Decisions on admission and scholarships are made independently. You may be offered admission to KAIST with or without a scholarship, and KAIST may assign a financial resource option that you did not initially choose.
- b. Multiple applications from a single applicant within a single application term are strictly prohibited. In the event that an applicant submits applications for more than one department or degree program, they shall face disqualification.
- c. Although it is not mandatory to enter a prospective advisor's name in the application form, many departments require Master's applicants to contact faculty members in advance. For Master's-Ph.D. integrated and Doctoral program applicants, it is strongly recommended to contact a faculty advisor beforehand and indicate their name in the application. For more details, please refer to the IX. Degrees and Programs section (page 18) and the website of your intended program.
- d. The application fee is non-refundable.

C Application Materials

- a. All application materials must be valid and up-to-date.
- b. All documents must be in English or Korean. Documents in languages other than English or Korean will have no value in supporting your application. They must be translated either in English or Korean preferably by the institutions that have issued them or by a public notary office to be accepted and recognized as evidence.
- c. Applicants are responsible for submitting their application materials. KAIST will not request documents from institutions on their behalf.
- d. KAIST places great importance on protecting personal information. We kindly request applicants to redact or obscure their own and their parents' passport numbers, alien registration numbers, and bank account numbers on all submitted documents.

- e. KAIST reserves the right to request additional materials from applicants for any further verification or qualification.
- f. If you are admitted, you must provide all the degrees and transcripts written in your application, certified by one of the following methods: 1) under the Hague Convention (the Apostille certificate), 2) by the Korean embassy where the schools attended are located, or 3) by the embassy or consulate in South Korea where the schools attended are located.
 - ※ It is also acceptable (and strongly recommended) to submit Apostille or embassy-verified documents during the online application period.
- g. Applicants who fail to comply with KAIST's prescribed processes and rules or fail to submit all required documents will be disqualified.

IX Degrees and Programs

1. Degree Information

Admission Dates: **Spring (March 2nd, 2026)**

Degree programs offered at KAIST:

- **Master's Degree**
The Master's degree generally requires two academic years of study.
- **MBA Degree**
The MBA degree is awarded in the department of KAIST MBA and Finance MBA
- **Doctoral Degree**
The Ph.D. degree generally requires four or more academic years of study.
- **Integrated Master's and Doctoral Degree**
The Master's-Ph.D. Integrated program is a Master's degree program integrated with a Doctoral degree program. It generally requires five academic years of study. The program starts with the Master's program, and candidates are promoted to the Doctoral program without the usual requirements of submitting the Master's thesis.
 - ※ The department evaluation committee may admit you for a Master's program, even if you originally applied for the Master's-Ph.D. Integrated program.
 - ※ In case of dropping out, Master's degree can be awarded if the candidate has completed all the requirements of the Master's degree.

2. Programs

※ **Main (Daejeon) Campus**

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master-Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
Natural Science	Physics Condensed Matter Physics, Optics, Atomic Physics, Particle and Theoretical Physics, Astronomy, Soft Matter Physics, Nonlinear and Complex Systems, Biophysics <i>*It is highly recommended that applicants find a prospective advisor prior to applying.</i>		•	•	http://physics.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-2502 E. eunahyoo@kaist.ac.kr
	Mathematical Sciences Algebra and Algebraic Geometry, Analysis and PDEs, Applied and Computational Mathematics, Discrete Mathematics, Financial Mathematics, Geometry and Topology, Mathematical Medicine and Biology, Mathematics for AI and Big Data, Number Theory, Probability, Statistics	•	•	•	http://mathsci.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-2704 E. hyuckk@kaist.ac.kr
	Chemistry Physical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Bio Chemistry, Nano Chemistry, Chemical Biology		•	•	http://chem.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-2804 E. ssyang11@kaist.ac.kr

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master-Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
	Graduate School of Quantum Science and Technology Quantum Computing, Quantum Communications, Quantum Sensing, Quantum Cryptography, Quantum Algorithm, Quantum Machine-Learning, Quantum Hybrid Systems, Quantum Internet and Networks		•	•	http://quantum.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-4432 thr. 4434 E. qst@kaist.ac.kr
Life Science and Bioengineering	Biological Sciences Biological/Biomedical Sciences (Cell Biology, Biochemistry, Structural Biology, Genetics, Epigenetics, Stem Cell Biology, Plant Biology, Developmental Biology, Neurobiology, Immunology), Biotechnology or Bioengineering (Applied Biophysics, Microbial and Cell Biotechnology, and Environmental Biotechnology, Synthetic Biotechnology)		•	•	http://bio.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-2603 E. e_santafe@kaist.ac.kr
	Graduate School of Medical Science and Engineering - Physician-Scientist Track Medical Sciences (Molecular Biology, Immunology, Virology, Stem Cell Biology, Vascular Biology, Pathology, Molecular Genetics, Neuroscience, Biochemistry, Structural Biology, Developmental Biology) and Biomedical Engineering (Cell and Tissue Engineering) <i>*Only open to applicants with a bachelor's degree (for M.S.-Ph.D. integrated) and a bachelor's degree and master's degree (for Ph.D.) from Medical, Dental or Oriental Medicine School. THE APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL OR CERTIFIED COPY OF MEDICAL LICENSE</i> - Medical Science and Engineering Track Medical Sciences (Vascular Biology, Stem Cell Biology, Regenerative Medicine, Developmental Biology, Immunology, Virology, Neuroscience, Metabolism, Liver Biology, Pathology, Structural Biology, Drug Design, Molecular Genetics, Molecular Biology). <i>*Only open to applicants majoring in science and engineering.</i>		•	•	https://qsmse.kaist.ac.kr/ T. 82-42-350-0202 E. halim@kaist.ac.kr
	Brain and Cognitive Sciences BCS department is aimed to study the brain to understand the mind and to provide with engineering and clinical applications. We deeply explore the brain mechanisms at all levels from genes to neurons to circuits to behavior and examine links across these levels. Neurobiology and systems neuroscience are at the heart of the education and research areas. In particular, we explore theoretical and computational neuroscience to gain a fundamental yet integrated understanding of the structure and function of the brain. What makes our department's teaching and research unique is to emphasize cognitive science including psychology, linguistics, anthropology, philosophy, ethics, and aesthetics based on brain sciences. Finally, we expand our research to brain engineering and translational medicine on brain disorders, such as brain-machine interface, brain-inspired artificial intelligence, and computational psychiatry.		•		https://bcs.kaist.ac.kr/ T. 82-42-350-6502 E. bcs_gradadm@kaist.ac.kr
	Graduate School of Engineering Biology System and Synthetic Biology, Genome Engineering, Biomolecular Design, Lab Automation, Bioinformatics, Machine Learning, Bioprocess Engineering, Industrial Biotechnology	•	•	•	https://eb.kaist.ac.kr T. 84-42-350-4402 E. gseb@kaist.ac.kr
	Graduate School of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology The Graduate School of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology provides an educational program that cultivates advanced master's and doctoral candidates in the field of stem cells and cell therapy. The program aims to foster leader-type talents who can conduct 'basic research' in the field of stem cells and regenerative medicine, as well as 'breakthrough translational research' for the development of innovative technologies for the treatment of incurable and degenerative diseases, leading the way in the emerging medical industry. <i>* It is highly recommended that applicants find a prospective advisor prior to applying.</i>	•	•	•	https://scrb.kaist.ac.kr T. 84-42-350-8433 E. hjsong@kaist.ac.kr
Engineering	Mechanical Engineering Micro/Nano Systems, IT-based Intelligent Mechanical Systems, New Energy Systems, Biomedical Engineering, Mechanics and Design Innovation, Pro-human Engineering, Ocean Systems	•		•	http://me.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-3002 E. e_suk@kaist.ac.kr
	Aerospace Engineering Airborne Vehicle Technology Aerospace Information and Intelligence Propulsion and Energy Space Systems Aerodynamics and Structural Mechanics	•		•	http://ae.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-3705 E. khg1732@kaist.ac.kr

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master-Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
	- Space Exploration Engineering Program space mission design/analysis, spacecraft engineering, payload technologies, space robotics, space propulsion, space informatics, space material	•		•	https://ae.kaist.ac.kr/pages/sub03_09 T. 82-42-350-3705 E. khg1732@kaist.ac.kr
	Electrical Engineering Circuits and Systems, Nano Devices and Integrated Systems, Electromagnetics and Photonics, Communications, Computing, Networking, Security, and Signals and Systems <i>*It is highly recommended that applicants find a prospective advisor prior to applying.</i> <i>*Applicants whose potential advisor has already been determined should write down the advisor's name on the application.</i>	•	•	•	http://ee.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-3402 E. dudwn@kaist.ac.kr
	- The Robotics Program Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Unmanned System, Smart Future Mobility	•		•	https://robots.kaist.ac.kr/ T. 82-42-350-5976 E. albert.ahn@kaist.ac.kr
	School of Computing Computing Theory, Systems-Networks, Software Design, Secure Computing, Visual Computing, AI-Information Service, Social Computing, Interactive Computing <i>*It is highly recommended that applicants find a prospective advisor prior to applying.</i> <i>*Applicants whose potential advisor is already determined must write down the advisor's name on the application.</i>	•	•	•	http://cs.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-3508 E. kimh@kaist.ac.kr
	- Graduate School of Information Security Cryptography, Software security, Network security, Systems security	•	•	•	http://qsis.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-8303 E. jisun813@kaist.ac.kr
	Civil and Environmental Engineering Structural Engineering, Construction Materials, Geotechnical Engineering and Geosystems, Environmental Engineering and Sustainability, Smart Transportation and Mobility, IT and Robotics for Construction, Urban Planning and Design, Urban Analytics, Architecture, Resilient Infrastructure System Design	•		•	https://cee.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-3602 E. jmyang@kaist.ac.kr
	- Environmental and Energy Technology Program	•		•	
	Bio and Brain Engineering Bioengineering and Brain Engineering including, Bioelectronics, Bioinformatics, Biomedical Imaging, BioNano/MEMS, Computational Neuroscience, Neural Engineering, Systems Biology, Tissue Engineering and Nanomedicine	•	•	•	http://bioeng.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-4303 E. wishjung@kaist.ac.kr
	- Brain and Cognitive Engineering Brain Cognitive Science, Computational Neuroscience, Neuroinformatics, Brain Systems Biology, Neuro Cognitive Robotics, Brain-Machine Interface, Neuroprosthetics, Brain-Inspired Artificial Intelligence, Clinical Neuroengineering, Neuro Stem Cell and Tissue Engineering, Neuroimaging and Signal Analysis	•	•	•	http://bce.kaist.ac.kr/ T. 82-42-350-4303 E. bceprogram@kaist.ac.kr
	Industrial Design Interaction Design, User Experience Design, Digital Health, Design for Wellbeing, Emotional Design, Immersive Storytelling, New Media Design, Augmented Design, Human-AI Interaction, Human-Computer Interaction, Human Augmentation, Philanthropic Design, Design for Social Innovation, Future Mobility Design, Digital Fabrication, Interactive Product Design, Extended Reality, Data-Centric Design <i>Digital portfolio showcasing past projects that exemplify the candidate's capabilities and skills, regardless of the major of origin.</i>	•		•	http://id.kaist.ac.kr/education/ T. 82-42-350-4503 E. sj104@kaist.ac.kr
	Industrial & Systems Engineering Statistical & Data Science, Machine Learning & AI for Industrial Intelligence, Financial Optimization & Risk Analysis, Mathematical Optimization and Stochastic Modeling & Analysis Methods, Modeling, Analysis, Optimization, and Simulation of Complex Systems, Design and Operation of Production and Logistics Systems, Operation Management and Supply Chain Management, Human Computer Interaction and Ergonomics, Design and Operation of Services and Service Systems, Modeling and Optimization of Future Healthcare, Transportation, Energy, and Defense Systems	•	•	•	http://ise.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-3103 E. xinxi24@kaist.ac.kr

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master-Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
Engineering	- Graduate School of Data Science Data Science, Big Data, Knowledge Modeling and Representation, Knowledge Engineering, Business Intelligence, Human-Computer Interaction, User Experience, User Behavior Modeling, Human Decision Making, Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery, Intelligent System Modeling and Design, Intelligent Decision Support, Information Design, Content Networking, Pervasive Knowledge Services, Content Service, Service Modeling.	•	•	•	https://gsds.kaist.ac.kr/ T. 82-42-350-3103 E. xinxi24@kaist.ac.kr
	Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Synthetic/Systems biotechnology, BioRefinery, Nanobiotechnology, Protein Engineering, Molecular & Interface Engineering, Superlattice Nanomaterials, Microfluidic Systems, Functional Nano-Coatings, Semiconductor and metal nanocrystals, Nano Catalysis, Chemical Product / Process Design, Process Operation and Control, Green Catalysis, etc.	•		•	http://cbe.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-3904 E. h153214@kaist.ac.kr
	Materials Science & Engineering Computational Material Science and Electron Microscopy, Data-Storage Materials, Magnetic Materials, Electronic Packaging Materials, Optical Materials, Informational Materials for Energy/Biotechnology Applications, Energy Storage Materials, Energy Conversion Materials, Structural Materials, Heat-Resistant Materials, Biomaterials, Materials for Sustainable or Functional Nano Technology, and Materials/Device for Display and flexible electronic.	•		•	http://mse.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-3308 E. sea1004@kaist.ac.kr
	Nuclear and Quantum Engineering Peaceful Use of Energy Generated by Nuclear Fission and Fusion Reactions (Electric Power, Desalination, District Heating, Propulsion etc.) Nuclear Fuel Cycle, Nuclear Security and Nonproliferation, Nuclear Policy, Radiation Science and Technology, Radiation Applications, Radiation Medical Imaging, Radiation Devices.	•		•	http://nuclear.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-3804 E. sayang@kaist.ac.kr
	Cho Chun Shik Graduate School of Mobility Eco-friendly Transportation Technology (Electric Vehicle, Hybrid Electric Vehicle, Wireless Electric Transfer, e-Mobility), Intelligent Transportation Technology (Autonomous Vehicle, Vehicular Communication for Cooperative Driving), Sustainable Transportation Technology (Efficient Urban Transportation Systems, Logistics Optimization, Future City Policy)	•		•	https://mo.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-1252 E. gsm@kaist.ac.kr
	Kim Jaechul Graduate School of Artificial Intelligence Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, AI+Healthcare, AI+Autonomous Driving, AI+Manufacturing, AI+Security, AI+Emerging	•	•	•	http://gsai.kaist.ac.kr/ T. 82-42-350-1802 E. eunzi@kaist.ac.kr
	Graduate School of Green Growth and Sustainability Carbon Neutrality Technology & Policy Assessment, Carbon Neutrality Technology System, Green Energy System, Resource Recirculation Technology System, Climate & Energy Policy Analysis, Climate & Energy Data Analysis, Carbon Accounting and Disclosure, Climate Financial Risk Assessment, Sustainable Investing, Global Energy Politics and Trade, Integrated Assessment Modeling	•		•	http://gggs.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-4162 E. gggs@kaist.ac.kr
Liberal Arts and Convergence Science	School of Digital Humanities and Computational Social Sciences Digital Humanities (Text and Narrative Analysis, Digital History, AI Logic and Ethics), Computational Social Sciences (Social Data Analysis, Digital Politics, HCI and Communication, Environmental Policy Modelling), Cognitive Convergence Science (Applied Linguistics, Mental Lexicon and Language Science, Phonetics, Psycholinguistics, Affective Science, Computational Cognitive Modeling, Culture and Cognition, Music Cognition, Vision and Cognition) * We encourage applicants to find a prospective advisor before applying. Please include the advisor's name in the application form.	•		•	http://ghss.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-4604 E. hssdept@kaist.ac.kr
	Graduate School of Culture Technology Creative Technologies (Computer Graphics/Animation, Music Technology, AR, VR, HCI, Computational Design, Augmented Humans), Human & Culture Sciences (Network Science, Social Computing, Cognitive Science, Digital Heritage), Culture Industries (Computer Game, Art & Technology, Museum/Exhibition Technology) * It is highly recommended that applicants find a prospective advisor prior to the application.	•		•	http://ct.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-2903 E. doohyunkim@kaist.ac.kr

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master-Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
	* The advisor's name should be included in the application form.				
	Graduate School of Science and Technology Policy National Policy in Science and Technology, Health and Biomedical Policy, the National Innovation System, Dynamics of R&D Policy Decisions, Energy and Environment Policy, Aging and Welfare Technology Policy, Ethics of Emerging Technologies	•	•	•	http://stp.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-4843 E. cmpark@kaist.ac.kr
Business	Business and Technology Management Technology Management, Innovative Strategy and Policy, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Financial Economics, Supply Chain Management, Management Information Systems/E-business, Information Economics, Organizational Behavior, Human Resource Management, Information Sociology, Marketing, Accounting, Science and Technology Policy	•		•	http://btm.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-6302 E. jyleeb@kaist.ac.kr
	Graduate School of Global Digital Innovation (GDI) - Global Information and Telecommunication Technology Program (GDI-ITTP) Track Only open to government officials, employees of public institutions, or senior-level researchers at national research centers working in the IT-related fields in developing countries. * GDI-ITTP requests an additional 'GITTP APPLICATION' form To download the form: https://gdi.kaist.ac.kr/boards/view/board_forms_en/12480 Please visit the official website for more information at https://gdi.kaist.ac.kr/ - Global Technology and Innovation Program (GDI-GTIP) Track Non-thesis Master Program, open to those who are aiming to be the next generation global leader. Contact the program coordinator for more information. * GDI-GTIP is NOT supported by KAIST Scholarship ** GDI-GTIP is the ONLY program that additionally accepts the second choice regardless of the track or program. - If you want to apply for the GDI-GTIP track as a second choice , check ' YES ' in the first step of the online application.	•		•	https://gdi.kaist.ac.kr/ T. 82-42-350-6392 E. gdi.adm@kaist.ac.kr

Seoul Campus

College	Department /Division	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master-Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
Business	Management Engineering The Department of ME deals with a variety of management issues in business and offers Master of Science (MS) and Doctoral programs in pursuit of academic advancement, one of the core objectives of KAIST. Specifically, The MS and Ph.D programs are systemized to cultivate students' research ability based on scientific methodology and theoretical expertise. The research areas involve Accounting, Economics, Finance, Technology & Strategy & Organization, Marketing, IT Management, Operations Strategy and Management Science.	•	•	•	http://business.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-2-958-3603 E. kwsh93@kaist.ac.kr
	Finance MBA Investment Banking, Asset Management, Corporate Financing, Policy, Accounting, Risk Management, International Finance	Professional Master's only (Master of Business Administration)			http://business.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-2-958-3121 E. jiwe@kaist.ac.kr

X Campus Life (Daejeon)

1. Life in Daejeon

International Scholar and Student Services (ISSS)

ISSS aids international students concerning their visa issuance/extension, school registration, housing, and orientation. ISSS also organizes various events, exciting activities, festivals, community services, etc.

- Website: <https://io.kaist.ac.kr/>
- Email: iss@kaist.ac.kr
- Tel: +82-42-350-2481 or 2482

Global Talent Visa Center (On-Campus Visa Center)

KAISTians are acknowledged as the best scientists, and many of them are international scholars. The Korean government supports them in seeking jobs and settling into Korean society. Therefore, the Ministry of Justice has established the Global Talent Visa Center on the KAIST main campus for easier access and convenience in addressing immigration affairs. The center provides KAISTians with the easiest access and best support to handle their immigration affairs.

- *Various Visa Options*
 - F-2-7S: KAIST graduate degree holders can now enjoy expanded prospects for a long-term residency visa (F-2-7S), thanks to the simplified selection procedures introduced in early 2023.
 - F-5-16S: The Ministry of Justice is introducing the F-5-16S permanent resident visas, specifically designed for foreign professionals in the fields of science and technology. This new system removes income requirements, making it more accessible for qualified applicants.

Dormitory

All students may apply for on-campus student housing. Each room is shared by one or two students and is furnished with beds, closets, desks, and chairs. Residents share bathrooms, laundry rooms, and lounges. Dormitory fees start at approximately KRW 115,000 per month.

- Website: <https://kds.kaist.ac.kr/>
- Email: student_life@kaist.ac.kr
- Tel: +82-42-350-1341 or 1342

Medical service

KAIST provides accessible and affordable healthcare services to ensure the well-being of its students. Minor injuries and common illnesses—such as colds, headaches, or minor cuts—can be treated free of charge at the on-campus Healthcare Center. For more complex or specialized medical concerns, students can visit the KAIST Clinic at the Pappalardo Center, which is staffed with licensed medical professionals and offers advanced diagnostic and treatment services. These medical facilities aim to provide prompt and comprehensive care within the campus itself, reducing the need to visit off-campus hospitals for most health issues.

Sports facilities

KAIST promotes a healthy and active lifestyle with excellent sports and fitness facilities. Students can enjoy courts and fields for tennis, soccer, basketball, racquetball, badminton, volleyball, and table tennis. Modern fitness centers are equipped with treadmills, bikes, weights, and more. Indoor and outdoor swimming pools are also available. These facilities are open year-round, supporting student wellness and an active campus life.

Library

KAIST libraries offer a wide range of academic resources and specialized spaces to facilitate learning and research. The Main Library acts as the central hub, featuring extensive collections and study areas. The Undergraduate Branch Library offers a dynamic environment with a curated selection of resources to support students' academic progress. The Academic Cultural Complex merges academic tools with cultural innovation, encouraging creativity. Collectively, these libraries enrich the academic and cultural experiences of KAIST members.

Restaurants

KAIST offers a variety of dining choices both on and around campus. There are three main student cafeterias serving affordable, balanced meals. Within campus, you'll also find fast-food outlets and café spaces for quick bites or coffee breaks. Outside the campus perimeter, numerous restaurants offer local and international cuisine. Additionally, KAIST features an international kitchen—a shared space where many international students cook and enjoy meals together, fostering cultural exchange and community.

KAIST Language Center (KLC)

The KAIST Language Center (KLC) provides a variety of language courses designed to help students and researchers improve their Korean and English proficiency. These courses are non-credit and require a separate tuition fee for each class. KLC classes cover different levels and are open to all KAIST members seeking to enhance their academic or everyday communication skills.

In addition to courses, KLC offers English proofreading and Korean–English translation services, supporting students in preparing academic papers, theses, and other documents. For more information, visit the website or contact the center directly.

- Website: <http://lang.kaist.ac.kr>
- Email: language@kaist.ac.kr
- Tel: +82-42-350-8731 or 8732

2. Life in Seoul (College of Business)

Dormitory

KAIST College of Business (KCB) students board at the on-campus dormitory. The three dorm buildings, Pajung, Sojung Hall, and Haejung Hall, are all located within 3-minute walking distance from each other and approximately 5-minute walking distance from the main buildings of the campus.

The dorm rooms are designed for double occupancy. Each person is provided with a desk, a bed, and a wardrobe. The bathroom facilities with shower booth are shared. It costs KRW 160,000 (approx. USD 160) per month.

Medical service

The Nurse's Office is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union Building. You can get medication for minor illnesses and injuries. There is a nominal fee for the purchase of medication.

Sports Facilities

There are outdoor tennis and basketball courts near the dormitories, and an indoor fitness center (gym) is located on the 1st floor of Building 7, which is connected to SUPEX building. The gym is open 24 hours and requires a student ID card to open. Lockers and shower rooms are also facilitated inside the gym. A table tennis room can be found on the 1st floor of the Student Union Building in addition to a golf practice range, located on the ground floor of the Administration building (Building No. 1) which is open to registered members only.

Library

Unlike traditional libraries, the KAIST College of Business students' library is a digital multi-media library. This gives students and faculty members the advantage of being able to obtain necessary resources in the comfort of one's computer at home. The digital library is joined with the Cyber Hall, a facility where students have access to the Internet 24 hours a day.

Restaurants

Student cafeteria serves Korean traditional / inter-national dishes. It is open Monday through Friday providing lunch and dinner. Additionally, the Faculty Restaurant is on the 4th floor of the same building. Another place to eat is the Atrium located on 2nd floor of SUPEX building. It houses a café where you can buy simple snack and sandwiches.

Office for Exchange Students

The External Affairs Center coordinates international affairs for the Seoul campus, including the student exchange program.

Student Exchange Program yj.cho@kaist.ac.kr.

XI Financial Aid

A Scholarship Programs

KAIST Scholarship

KAIST offers a comprehensive scholarship package, comprising **full tuition coverage for four semesters (Master's), ten semesters (Master's-Ph.D. Integrated), and eight semesters (Ph.D.)**. This enables international students to pursue their degrees without financial concerns regarding tuition. Additionally, the scholarship provides a **monthly stipend to support living expenses**, with the amount varying based on factors such as the department, academic advisor, and level of research engagement. Students involved in active research may receive additional support depending on the advisor's funding. The scholarship also includes **full coverage of National Health Insurance premiums**, ensuring access to healthcare services during the study period. Overall, this scholarship aims to ease financial burdens and create an environment where students can focus fully on their academic and research goals. Through this support, KAIST fosters global talent in science and technology.

① KAIST Global Presidential Scholarship (KGPS)

- Departments accepting applications: All departments
- Admission open: Spring/Fall Early/Fall Regular
- Eligibility Requirements: KAIST scholarship applicants for Master's or Master-Ph.D. Integrated programs
- Benefits: Full tuition coverage and a monthly stipend of 1,000,000 KRW for 4 regular semesters.
- Details: KAIST scholarship applicants for Master's or Master-Ph.D. Integrated programs will automatically be considered for the KGPS scholarship. No separate application is needed, but the department head will recommend only highly competitive applicants.

② KAIST Prestige Scholarship for International Ph.D. Students

- Departments accepting applications: All departments
- Admission open: Spring/Fall Early/Fall Regular
- Eligibility Requirements: KAIST scholarship applicants for Master-Ph.D. Integrated and Ph.D. programs
- Benefits: Full tuition coverage and a monthly stipend of 300,000 KRW for 8 regular semesters. (Applicants admitted to Master-Ph.D. Integrated program will receive the scholarship at the start of the PhD program.)
- Details: Applicants for the KAIST scholarship in the Master's-Ph.D. Integrated or Ph.D. programs will automatically be eligible for consideration. Those demonstrating outstanding academic and research achievements will receive recommendations from the department head. Subsequently, the dean of each college will determine the recipients of this scholarship.

③ KAIST CoE PhD Fellowship

- Departments accepting applications: All departments within the College of Engineering
- Admission open: Spring/Fall Early/Fall Regular
- Eligibility Requirements: Recommendation from the applicant's department (The recommendation process relies solely on the department's decision and the final decision of the College of Engineering and does not involve the applicant directly.)
- Benefits: Full tuition coverage and a monthly fellowship of 2,500,000 KRW for 4 academic years
- Details: Highly qualified candidates with exceptional GPAs will automatically be considered for these CoE PhD Fellowship positions. Only those applying for integrated MS/Ph.D. or Ph.D. studies are qualified for KAIST CoE PhD Fellowships. The fellowship pays a monthly fellowship of 2,500,000 KRW (with 50% from CoE and 50% from individual departments/professors) and is awarded for the duration of 4 years, conditioned on satisfactory progress toward degree requirements. This benefit is in addition to the tuition waivers. To receive the fellowship, recipients cannot receive other financial aid apart from the KAIST CoE PhD Fellowship and must maintain an enrolled academic status. Additionally, they must commit full-time to their laboratory.
- Contact Info:
 - <https://engineering.kaist.ac.kr/content?menu=142>
 - T. 82-42-350-2493
 - E. caucow@kaist.ac.kr

④ KAIST Collaborative Excellence Scholarship

A. Global Educational Program for Samsung Semiconductor(Global EPSS)

- Departments accepting applications: Electrical Engineering
- Admission open: Fall Regular only
- Degree offered: Master's or Ph.D.
- Research Areas: Semiconductor design, devices and processes, and related software in the memory and system LSI(circuits)
- Eligibility Requirements: Students from top universities in Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam Only.
- Benefits:
 - Full Tuition Coverage
 - Year-Specific Monthly Stipends : ranging from \$1,000 USD to \$1,500 USD
 - One-time Scholarship for Ph.D.(KRW 3,000,000)
 - Samsung internship
 - Guaranteed employment at Samsung Electronics
- Details:
 - Submit an application to KAIST international graduate admission and specify 'Global EPSS' under Financial Resource.
 - Successful graduates are guaranteed employment at Samsung Electronics. Mandatory employment with a minimum period that corresponds to twice the total year supported by Samsung.
- Contact Info:
 - <https://eeio.kaist.ac.kr/g-epss>
 - T. 82-42-350-3406
 - E. haileekim@kaist.ac.kr

B On Campus Employment Opportunities

At KAIST, international students have the opportunity to earn income while on campus through various avenues. These earnings can be obtained through roles such as Research Assistants (RA), Teaching Assistants (TA), or other part-time positions such as administrative assistants. These roles are typically available during a student's enrollment period, and students can apply for these positions after they have commenced their studies at KAIST.

Remarks

Cost of Attendance

When planning your enrollment at KAIST, it is essential to consider the estimated expenses you will incur. The average budget for a single graduate student living on campus, without dependents, is listed below. Students living off-campus should expect living expenses to be 35% to 50% higher.

- **Non-tuition average expenses (2025, currency in KRW): 5,350,000/6 months**

Dormitory approx. 700,000/6 months

Food approx. 3,500,000/6 months

Transportation approx. 100,000/6 months

Books and Supplies approx. 150,000/6 months

Medical Health Insurance approx. 900,000/6 months

Tuition Fees for 2025(currency in KRW):

The tuition fee is 9,559,000 won per semester for all departments except for the following:

Graduate School of Global Digital Innovation 4,800,000 won per semester

Management Engineering 7,004,000 won per semester

KAIST MBA 13,200,000 won per semester

Finance MBA 15,910,000 won per semester

Subject to change on a yearly basis

XII Application Fee Waiver Program

The KAIST Application Waiver Program is designed to enable exceptional individuals from one of the Least Developed Countries (according to the UN list of LDCs in 2024) to pursue their academic dreams at KAIST. This unique program is tailored for applicants seeking admission to our graduate programs, ensuring that financial constraints do not stand in the way of deserving candidates.

Who is eligible to request an application fee waiver?

- ✓ Applicants for KAIST International Graduate Admissions
 - ✓ Applicants should be a national of the country(see the list below)
 - ✓ Applicants with exceptional academic standing in their department or field of study, ranking in the top 5% or higher of their BS or MS class
- ※ One letter of recommendation from the department head (of either your BS or MS program) must be submitted along with the application fee waiver request form. This letter should highlight your academic excellence and provide insight into your character. (No need to include financial hardship.)

How to request an application fee waiver

Eligible applicants should first fill out the application fee waiver request form through Google Form.

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/cMVUHry4eAihUGh28>

Then you must submit the **application fee waiver request form** and submit a **letter of recommendation from the department head** via email to fee_waiver@kaist.ac.kr with 'Application Fee Waiver Request for the 2026 Spring' in the subject line.

Ensure that documents are submitted in full. Incomplete submissions will result in the denial of your fee waiver request.

↓ [Application Fee Waiver Request Form](#)

↓ [Letter of Recommendation for the Application Fee Waiver](#)

When to Request a Fee Waiver

You can submit the application fee waiver request form within a specific timeframe, from July 28th to August 4th. It's crucial to ensure that the form is submitted by the deadline of **August 4th, 6:00 p.m. (KST)**. If the application isn't submitted by this deadline, you will need to make a payment.

We will notify you of the result through email 2-3 days before the start of the application period. If your request is denied, payment will be required.

UN list of least developed countries

(<https://unctad.org/topic/least-developed-countries/list>)