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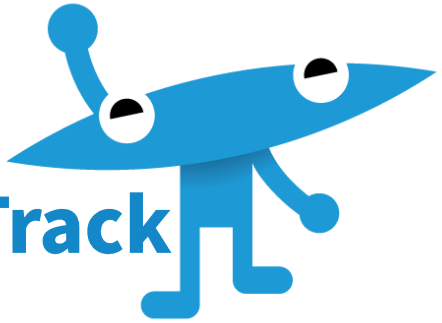

2026 Fall Regular Track

International Graduate Admission

Application Guide

KAIST

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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

a. What do I want to study at the graduate level?

b. *What courses does KAIST offer in my research field of interest?*

c. *What laboratories exist at KAIST in the field of my research interest?*

d. *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

a. *Visit our official website and learn about timelines, eligibility, and other important information before applying*.

b. *Complete the online application form and upload your application materials to the application portal.*

c. *Pay the application fee by the due date (Application Fee USD 80).*

※ *Once the application fee is paid, no changes can be made to your data or uploaded files. Please review everything thoroughly before proceeding to payment.*

d. *Monitor your application status and provide supplementary documents if required.*

e. Check your email regularly and attend an interview if required by the department you applied to.

f. *Check the final decisions – (if admitted), you must confirm your decision.*

g. Prepare for the transition to life at KAIST.

C Transition to Our Advanced institute In South Korea

a. Prepare for the school enrollment according to **the Registration Guide,** which will be announced with our final decisions.

b. 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.

c. 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 **August 2026.**

a. Master's or Master's-Ph.D. Integrated programs: a bachelor's or higher degree

b. Doctoral programs: a master's or higher degree

※ *Notes*

- *A Your degree must be equivalent to a 4-year Korean Bachelor's degree.*
  **** Learn and compare with the Korean system at WHED***
- *Equivalents*

① *A university degree requiring four years of study* ② *A three-year Bologna-compliant Bachelor's degree* ③ *The first cycle qualification in the framework of qualifications for the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)* ④ *A Bachelor's degree with honors in British pattern education* ⑤ *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 March 17, 2024.*

Test	Minimum Score	Remark
TOEFL iBT	**83** (Taken before Jan 21, 2026) **4.5** (Taken on or after Jan 21, 2026)	Report ***through the ETS* website** and upload ***a legible copy of the score report (*** Institutional Code: 0195/ Dept. Code: 99) *- Home Edition is accepted.* *- iBT MyBest Scores are NOT accepted.*
IELTS	**6.5 band**	**Academic Type Only** **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:

1. 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.

2. 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

3. If you anticipate graduating from KAIST's regular degree programs in August 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 March 17,2026

- Access our online application system at https://gradapply.kaist.ac.kr.
- Complete your online application.

Step 1.

- 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 March 24, 2026

- 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 communications from the Office of Admissions or the department you applied to, as they may request an interview or additional documents.
- The application portal will be inaccessible during the department's evaluation period.
- KAIST will announce final decisions through the system on the designated notification day, and you will be able to access the portal again starting from that day.

IV Timelines

What KAIST Does

Document Screening
March 3 – May 7, 2026

We may require missing or supplemental documents through our online system to complete your application. Please check the Application Status page regularly until the status shows "COMPLETE".

Note: The Document Screening period is subject to change. It may be shortened if the Office of Admissions completes the screening earlier than the original schedule. Once the Document Screening period is over, the application portal **will no longer be accessible.**

Application Evaluation
May 8 – June 2, 2026

-The application portal will be inaccessible during this period.
- Departments will directly contact applicants if an interview is necessary.

Decision Notification
5:00PM, June 26, 2026

The decisions will be announced through our online application system along with the registration guide.

What Applicants Do

ONLINE Application
March 3 – March 17 , 2026

https://gradapply.kaist.ac.kr
March 3, 10 AM - March 17, 5 PM

Recommendation Letter Online Submission
by March 24, 2026

Recommenders are required to upload their recommendation letters to our system by the deadline.

Interview (if necessary)
May 8 – June 2, 2026

Please check your e-mail regularly.

Admission
August 31, 2026

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

V Online Application

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, GT-TEP, 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

a. Upload your CV in PDF format. No specific form is required.

b. 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.

c. 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 *Submissions are accepted exclusively through the KAIST Letter Submission System.*

- 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

- Applicants must provide official documents proving their parents' 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 from the application stage.
- 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., Medical License (Mandatory document for Physician-Scientist Track in the Graduate School of Medical Science and Engineering), Graduate Record Examination (**GRE**/ Code: 4558. Please report through the ETS website to be recognized), 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	□ **Identity Document of the Applicant**	*- A photocopy of the ID pages of your valid passport* *- This document is to check your citizenship.* *- Redacting your passport number.*
2	□ **Identity Document of BOTH Parents**	*- These documents are to check your parents' citizenship.* *- Redacting their passport number.* 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.
3	□ **Certificate of Family Registration** *("가족관계증명서")* □ **Certificate for Renunciation of Korean Citizenship** ***(ONLY for Korean Ethnicity if applicable)***	*- You may provide a birth certificate or an equivalent document showing your relationship with your parents.* **** For circumstances like death or divorce not reflected on the birth certificate, submit the relevant official documents.***
4	□ **Academic Documents**	*- 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	□ **English Proficiency Test (EPT) Score**	***Please check your eligibility and available evidence*** □ EPT score report — □ Citizenship or degree from an exempt country □ Citizenship and English-medium degree from a specified country — □ Expected graduation from a regular KAIST program *- For iBT score, please report through the ETS website.* *(**TOEFL:** Institution code: **0195/ Dept. code: 99**)*
6	□ **Scholarship/Sponsorship Letter**	*- If you opt for a Sponsoring Organization as your financial resource, please ensure that you include the relevant evidence.*
7	□ **Curriculum Vitae**	- There is no designated form.
8	□ Certificate of Employment	***Optional***
9	□ Poof of Excellence	
10	□ 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. <u>All documents must be in English or Korean</u>. 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: **Fall (August 31, 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

- **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 **It is highly recommended that applicants find a prospective advisor prior to applying.*		•	•	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 Biomedical Sciences (Immunology, Cancer Biology, Neuroscience, Metabolism, Genomics, Drug Discovery, Vascular and stem cell Biology) and Biomedical Engineering (Bio-Imaging, Tissue engineering, 3D microscopic imaging, Computational Neuroscience, Spatial Transcriptomics, Tissue Expansion) **- Physician-Scientist Track** * 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.* **- Medical Science and Engineering Track** * Only open to applicants majoring in science and engineering.		●	●	https://gsmse.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. ** It is highly recommended that applicants find a prospective advisor prior to applying.*	●	●	●	https://scrb.kaist.ac.kr/eng/ 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
	- 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/sub/sub03_09 T. 82-42-350-3705 E. khg1732@kaist.ac.kr

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master-Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
	Electrical Engineering Circuits and Systems, Nano Devices and Integrated Systems, Electromagnetics and Photonics, Communications, Computing, Networking, Security, and Signals and Systems **It is highly recommended that applicants find a prospective advisor prior to applying.* **Applicants whose potential advisor has already been determined should write down the advisor's name on the application.*	●	●	●	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 **It is highly recommended that applicants find a prospective advisor prior to applying.* **Applicants whose potential advisor is already determined must write down the advisor's name on the application.*	●	●	●	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://gsis.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, Bioinforma-tics, 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, Neuroprostehtics, 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 *Digital portfolio showcasing past projects that exemplify the candidate's capabilities and skills, regardless of the major of origin.*	●		●	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
	- 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

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master-Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
Engineering	**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
	- International Nuclear and Radiation Safety Master's Degree Program(KINS-KAIST) Only open to THOSE WHO ARE WORKING FOR GOVERNMENT OR NUCLEAR RELATED INSTITUTIONS OF HIS/HER COUNTRY AND ARE RECOMMENDED BY GOVERNMENT OR CURRENT INSTITUTION. Visit the website of the program for more information.	●			https://inss.kins.re.kr/inss/Action?act=INDEXKK T. 82-42-350-8511 E. juyeong@kaist.ac.
	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
	Global Transport and Trade Expert Program (GT-TEP) Intelligent and Smart Mobility, Electric and Autonomous Mobility, Sustainable and Green Mobility, Transportation, Logistics and International Trade ※ Non-thesis Master Program, open ONLY to applicants who are currently employed by the relevant governments of a member state of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) or the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Priority will be given to officials working in central or line ministries relevant to the program.	●			https://mo.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-1252 E. mo@kaist.ac.kr
	Kim Jaechul Graduate School of Artificial Intelligence Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, AI+Healthcare, AL+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

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master-Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
	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.* ** The advisor's name should be included in the application form.*	●		●	http://ct.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-2903 E. doohyunkim@kaist.ac.kr
	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. asr0106@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.
		Professional Master's only	
Business	**KAIST MBA** Two-year full-time MBA program newly launched in 2023 that aims to foster professional directors and entrepreneurs who want to learn new technologies and business models to lead innovation in digital transformation/ Various Practicum courses and Practical field projects/ General Management/ Entrepreneurship and Corporate Venture/ Global Business Analytics	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	http://business.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-2-958-3642/3661 E. mychoi@kaist.ac.kr jaychung@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: isss@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.k

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.
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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 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 Resources.
- Successful graduates are guaranteed employment at Samsung Electronics. Mandatory employment with a minimum period that corresponds to twice the total years supported by Samsung.

-Contact Info:

- https://eeio.kaist.ac.kr/g-epss
- T. 82-42-350-3406
- E. haileekim@kaist.ac.kr

B. Global Transport and Trade Expert Program(GT-TEP)

-Departments accepting applications: Global Transport and Trade Expert Program(GT-TEP)

-Degree offered: Master's (Non-thesis Master Only)

- Research Areas: Intelligent and Smart Mobility, Electric and Autonomous Mobility, Sustainable and Green Mobility, Transportation, Logistics and International Trade

- Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be currently employed by relevant governments of a member state of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) or the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

-Benefits:

- Full Tuition Coverage
- Monthly stipends covering living expenses, National Health Insurance fee, and dormitory fees
- Round-trip airfare
- Financial support for academic activities and conferences

-Remarks: Applicants admitted to the GT-TEP will be enrolled in the Cho Chun Shik Graduate School of Mobility.

-Contact Info:

- https://mo.kaist.ac.kr
- T. 82-42-350-1252
- E. mo@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 (2026, 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 2026(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 14,000,000 won per semester
Finance MBA 16,200,000 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 through our online recommendation submission system by the specific deadline. 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 must complete the Application Fee Waiver Form through our application system at **https://gradapply.kaist.ac.kr**.

Within the form, you are required to register one recommender for your recommendation letter.
Please note that your recommender must be the department head of either your BS or MS program.

Once you complete the application form, an email requesting the recommendation letter will be automatically sent to your recommender.

When to Request a Fee Waiver

You may submit the Application Fee Waiver Request Form during the designated period, **from February 6 to February 13.**
Please ensure that the form is submitted no later than **February 13, 6:00 p.m. (KST)**. The application system will close after the deadline, so be sure to complete your submission in advance.

The recommendation letter must be submitted through the system by **February 18, 6:00 p.m. (KST).**

Your application will be considered only if both the application form and the recommendation letter are submitted by their respective deadlines.

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