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 2025**.

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

1. University degree requiring four years of study
2. 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. 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, 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

If one or both parents were Korean citizens before, a Certificate for Renunciation of Korean Citizenship must be submitted. In this case, the renunciation must be completed before the starting day 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 through the KAIST General Admission (**“일반전형”** at [http://admission.kaist.ac.kr/graduate](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 12th, 2022.
  * The result must be available before the online application deadline.

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* Test scores from the Institutional Testing Program (ITP) are NOT accepted.
* Programs that do not require EPT score: GDI-ITTP track, KINS-KAIST, RCA-KAIST, Impact MBA(KOICA-KAIST)

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

  a. You do not need to provide an EPT score if you hold citizenship of the following countries OR you must 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.

  b. You do not need to provide an EPT score if you hold citizenship of 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 supplemented.
     * i.e., English Lecture Certificate


c. Those enrolled in KAIST’s regular degree programs DO NOT need to provide an EPT score.

   - Those who are expected to graduate in Februrary, 2025

If you meet one of the conditions above, tick EXEMPTION in English section in Step 2 of the online application.