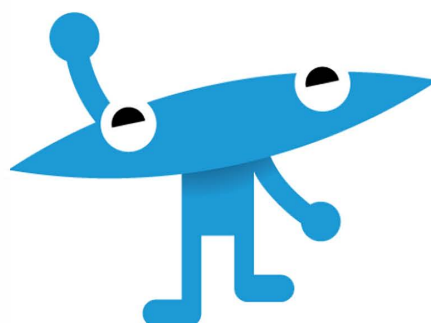


2025 Spring



**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 \(Application Fee KRW 80,000 or USD 80\).](#)
※ You cannot modify your application after paying the fee. Please review your application thoroughly before you pay.
- d. Monitor your application status and provide supplementary documents if required.
- e. Check your email at 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 **February 2025**.
 - 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 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 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 12th, 2022.*

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

* *The result must be available before the online application deadline.*

* **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:

- 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., English Lecture Certificate***

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 2025, you DO NOT need to submit an EPT score.

If you meet one of the conditions above, tick **EXEMPTION in 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 the application. For details, please check our IX Degrees and Programs (page 16) 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 recommended.
 - ※ *Please check whether we offer any program that meets your research interests at IX Degrees and Programs (page 16) first and learn about our faculty members at the [STARLIBRARY website \(click\)](#).*

E KAIST Admissions Integrity Policy

- *If any information in the submission of an application or the submitted materials is found to be false or counterfeit, KAIST(Office of Admissions) reserves the right to revoke your admission or withdraw an offer of admission even after having graduated from KAIST. In the event of discovery 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 12th, 2024

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

Step 1.

- Create an account and choose a degree and program of study at KAIST.
- Choose the degree and program you're applying for.

Step 2.

- Enter your academic backgrounds, prior experiences, and achievements.
- Register two referees.
- Upload all the required and other necessary documents. Refer to pages 10 through 13 for detailed information on required documents and their arrangement.
(*Original documents must be sent by post or hand-delivered if you are admitted.*)

Step 3.

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

Step 4.

- Choose your financial resources – **you can apply for the KAIST Scholarship in this step**.
- Review your application before proceeding to payment. Once payment is made, the online application form or uploaded file cannot be modified.

Step 5.

- Pay the application fee *online* – **KRW 80,000** or **USD 80**.

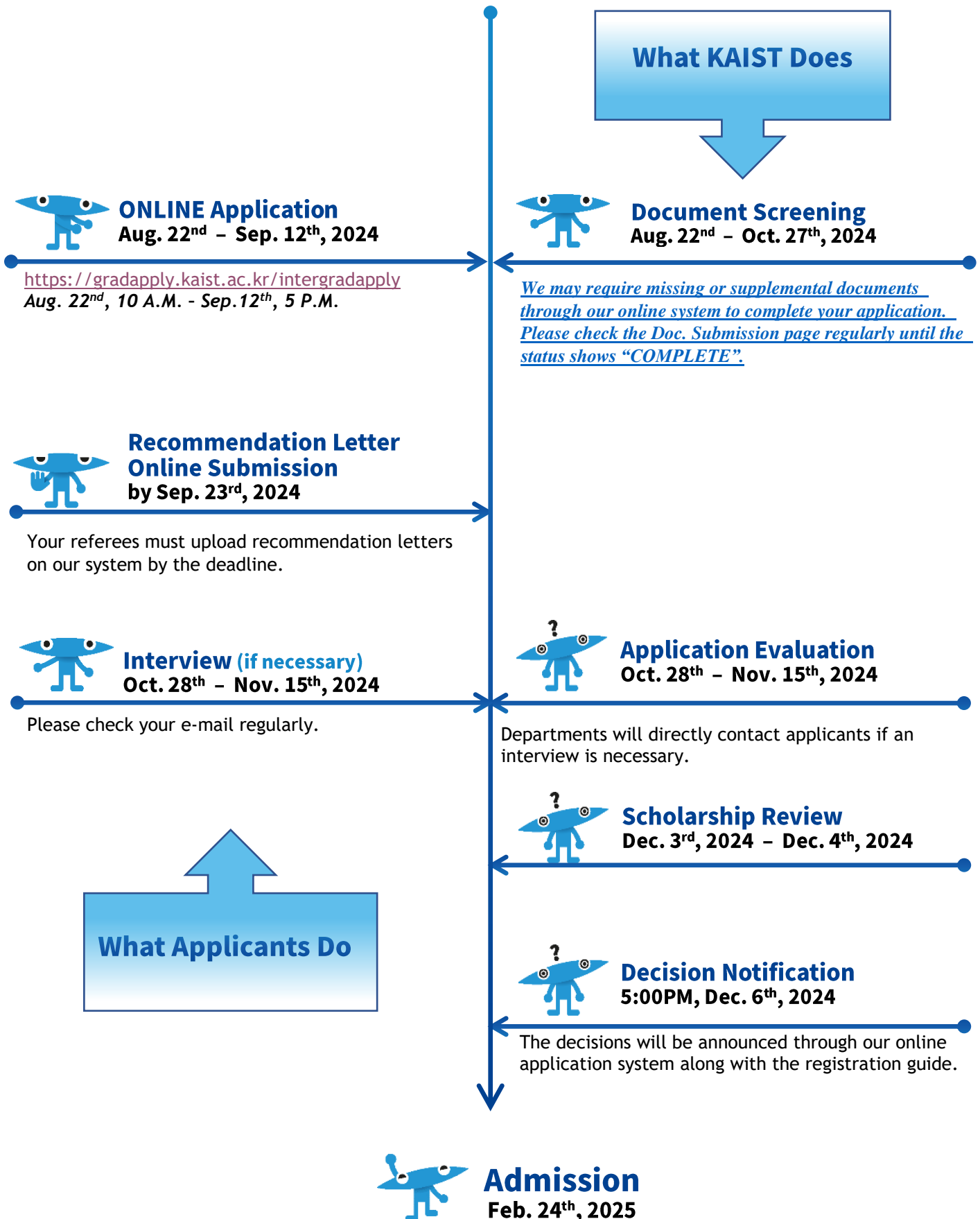
B **Recommendation Letter Online Submission** by September 23rd, 2024

- After you pay the application fee, our system will automatically email your referees, requesting that they upload their recommendation letters.
- Your referees must upload the recommendation letters to our system by the deadline.
 - ※ You can monitor the submission status of your letters or send a reminder to your referees on the Doc. Submission page.
 - ※ You do not need to include the recommendation letters in your application materials.

C **Keep checking for updates in KAIST Admission** until December 6th, 2024

- Monitor your application status on the Doc. Submission page and provide any supplemental materials if required.
- 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.
- 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 operation systems. Please use a computer with a Windows-based OS.

▫ **Step 1 Program of Study and Personal Background**

Create an account with your valid email account, select a degree program you want to study at KAIST, and enter your personal information.

** Submitting multiple applications within a single application term is strictly prohibited.*

▫ **Step 2 Academic History, Performances, Experiences, Referees and Application**

Materials Upload

a. Enter the required information, including academic history, EPT score, publication, work experiences, and referees.

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

b. You must upload your application materials file in this step. Refer to pages 10 through 13 to ensure your file complies with our guidelines.

▫ **Step 3 Statement of Purpose**

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 briefly answer the following questions.(up to 500 Bytes for each question).

- **What did you study at your previous institution? * Required**
- **What is your motivation for choosing this major? * Required**
- **Outline a brief study plan. * Required**
- **What are your plans after studying? * Required**
- **What honors and awards have you received? *Optional**
- **Introduction of any institution previously attended. *Optional**
- **What is your motivation for applying for your second-choice major? * Required**

b. Write down a detailed and accurate statement of your purpose and objective in pursuing your study 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 Statement of Financial Resources to Study at KAIST**

State your financial resources to cover the tuition and expenses for your study 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 \$16,000 USD. It's important to note that when applying for a visa to Korea, you will need to provide bank statements showing a balance of \$16,000 USD or more.

The Ministry of Justice requires a minimum balance of \$16,000 USD for your first year in Korea. This is to ensure that you can cover your expenses for one year on campus, including tuition for two semesters and other living expenses. For more details, please refer to our rates on [page 26](#).

B. Government/Organization Scholarship

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, RCA-KAIST, KOICA-KAIST, GDI-ITTP, Kor-Pol Defense, and Global EPSS), you can choose the Government/Organization Scholarship 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 factors such as department, program, advisor, or involvement in research. For additional details, please contact the relevant department/program staff or the 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 5 Submission of the Application Fee**

To finalize your online application, please pay the application fee of KRW 80,000 or USD 80. Once payment is confirmed, our system will promptly assign an application number to your submission and will automatically send email requests to your referees so they can 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.

	Credit Card	Bank Transfer
International	Responsive, Low Charge - <i>through our payment platform</i> - <i>international transaction enabled</i>	Late, High Charge - <i>Applicants must send a copy of the transfer receipt through email to advanced.adm@kaist.ac.kr</i>
Korean	Responsive, Low Charge - <i>through our payment platform</i> - <i>online transaction activated</i>	Responsive, Low Charge - <i>through our payment platform</i> - <i>online transaction enabled</i>

- ※ *The international bank transfer option will take a few days to reach us, and there will be a few more days for KAIST to confirm the payment and assign your number – they are all manual.*
- ※ *You **CANNOT edit your online application after paying the fee.** Please proofread and complete your online application before you pay.*
- ※ *Eligible applicants can request an application fee waiver. Please Read page 27 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.**

- Referees must upload recommendation letters to our system by recommendation letter submission deadline. Applicants can monitor the submission status of their recommendation letters and email their referees 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.
- Applicants must also register the professional or institutional email accounts of their referees for verification.
 - ※ *Please note that the earlier you complete your online application, the more time your referees will have to write letters for you.*
Please DO NOT ATTACH the recommendation letters to your applicational materials file. We receive them online directly from the referees.

C Application Materials Upload

- Prepare the necessary documents according to our document requirements in advance. Scan all the prepared documents and make one single consolidated application materials file in PDF format, A4-sized. Upload the consolidated PDF file during **Step 2** of the online application.
 - ※ Only PDF files can be uploaded, and the file size must be 25 MB or less.
 - ※ Ensure all the scanned documents are clear and legible.
 - ※ On the top right corner of each document, number and label them as shown below.

(e.g.)

1. Bachelor's Degree
(translated by a notary public)

- ※ 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.

1. Official Degrees / Diplomas

- Scan and submit 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.
- If your degree is not awarded before the start of our admission period, your offer of admission will be withdrawn.
 - ※ 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).

2. Official Transcripts

- Scan and submit 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 points 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. (Ensure to **highlight** your CGPA and the maximum attainable CGPA on your transcript unless it is in electronic format (E-transcript). Please refrain from making any alterations for E-transcripts, as they may lead to verification failure.)
- 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).

3. English Proficiency Test (EPT) REPORT

- The official language of communication and instruction for international students at KAIST is English. 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](#).

4. 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.

5. Citizenship of Applicant

- Applicants must provide an official document proving their citizenship.
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.

6. Citizenship of Parents

- Applicants must provide official documents proving their parents' citizenship.
e.g., a photocopy of the passport, national ID card, alien registration card, or any other form of the 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.

7. 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.

8. Scholarship / Sponsorship Letter

- If you opt for a Government/Organization scholarship as your financial resource, a scholarship or sponsorship letter must be provided.

9. Optional Documents

- List of Honors and Awards **use Appendix*

- If you have received honors, awards, fellowships, or any academic certificates or test scores to support your academic achievements, you can provide a list along with the documents to prove your achievements.
e.g. Graduate Record Examination (GRE/ Code: 4558. Please report through the ETS website to be recognized), Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK), Korean Language Proficiency Test (KLPT), etc.
- Only achievements provided with evidence will be acknowledged in the evaluation.

- Employment Certificate

- 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 work period, position, and other information describing your job and duties.

- School Profile

- School profiles of colleges or universities you attended or are attending will help our committee evaluate your applications in a useful context.
- It may include information about demography, programs, grading system, and ranking.

VII List of Application Materials

Prepare the necessary documents according to our guidelines and arrange them in the order of the checklist below. Scan the documents and upload them as a single consolidated PDF file.

- ※ Please number and label each document on the top right corner before you scan.
- ※ 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List and Order of the Application Materials	Note												
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate (s) of Degree or Diploma	- Please see pages 10 through 13 for the approved format of the documents. * If you have attended more than one college or university before the completion of your degree, you must submit transcripts from each institution you have attended.												
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Transcripts	Organize in the following order: Bachelor's degree → transcripts → Master's degree → transcripts												
3	<input type="checkbox"/> English Proficiency Test (EPT) Score	- Please check your eligibility and available evidence												
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4	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae	- There is no designated form.												
5	<input type="checkbox"/> Identity Document of the Applicant	- A photocopy of the ID pages of your valid passport - This document is to check your citizenship.												
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Identity Document of BOTH Parents	- These documents are to check your parents' citizenship. - 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.												
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Family Registration (" 가족관계증명서 ")	- You can replace it with an equivalent public document or a birth certificate indicating the relationship between you and your parents												
	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate for Renunciation of Korean Citizenship <i>(ONLY for Korean Ethnicity if applicable)</i>	*If you have family-related circumstances that are not reflected on the birth certificate, such as death or divorce, you must provide the relevant official documents.												
8	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship/Sponsorship Letter	- If you opt for a Government/Organization scholarship as your financial resource, please ensure that you include the relevant evidence.												
9	<input type="checkbox"/> List of Honors and Awards(Use Appendix)	Optional												
	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Certificate													
	<input type="checkbox"/> School Profile / Credit Rating System													

- ※ **For detailed conditions of each document, please refer to pages 10 through 13.**
- ※ **The program you will apply to may require additional application materials. Please read the information of each program on page 16, 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 enrollment to KAIST and must not enroll in other institutions until they complete their degrees at KAIST.

B Application

- a. Decisions on admission and scholarships are independent. KAIST may offer admission with or without scholarships.
- b. The program you will apply to may require additional application materials. Please read brief introductions of each program from [page 16](#), visit the program's website, and prepare for the additional materials if required.
- c. 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.
- 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 to support 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 on your behalf from the document issuing institution.
- d. KAIST reserves the right to request additional materials from applicants for any further verification or qualification.
- e. 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.
- f. Applicants who fail to comply with KAIST's prescribed process and rules or do not submit all required documents will be disqualified.

IX Degrees and Programs

1. Degree Information

Admission Dates: **Spring (February 24th, 2025)**

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 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's-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. 82-42-350-2703 E. evercho@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
	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			•	•

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master's- Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
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. 82-42-350-2699 E. whitehee@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://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. hyoju0921@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>	•	•	•	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. 82-42-350-3708 E. redrose@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. barbie1975@kaist.ac.kr

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master's- Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
Engineering	- 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. leeminjae@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, 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 Design Driven Innovation, User-Centered Design, Human Computer Interaction, Design for Well-being and Social Innovation, Creative Design Thinking, Product Service System and Platform Design, Design for Co-Creation, Color psychology and emotional design, New design media, Interaction media, Entertainment media <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. 82-42-350-4502 E. hae@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://ie.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-3103 E. snk105@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. snk105@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	

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master's- Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
	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. serashin@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. e_santafe@kaist.ac.kr
	- RCA-KAIST Master's Degree Program Only open to THOSE WHO ARE RECOMMENDED BY NATIONAL RCA REPRESENTATIVE of his/her country. Visit website of the program for more information.	•			https://nuclear.kaist.ac.kr/eng/study/inter_program03.php T. 82-42-350-8511 E. juyeong@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. 82-02-958-3904 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), Language and Cognitive Science (Phonetics, Neurolinguistics, Music Cognition, Vision, Culture 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. The advisor's name should be included in the application form.	•		•	http://ct.kaist.ac.kr T. 82-42-350-2903 E. yujeong0610@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

College	Programs	Degree Offered			Contact Info.
		Master's	Master's- Ph.D. Integrated	Ph.D.	
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
	- 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. - GDI-GTIP track applications will be reviewed concurrently by both the first and second-choice programs. However, candidates receiving admission for the first-choice program will automatically be declined to the GDI-GTIP track.	•			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's- 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)		•

X Campus Life (Daejeon & Seoul)

1. Life in Daejeon

International Scholar and Student Services (ISSS)

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

- <http://iss.kaist.ac.kr>
- Email: iss@kaist.ac.kr
- Tel: +82-42-350-2481 thr.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 settlement 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.

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

Medical service

Minor wounds and illnesses can be treated at an on-campus healthcare center for free. For more serious illnesses, professional medical service is offered on campus at the KAIST Clinic Pappalardo Center.

Sports facilities

KAIST has excellent facilities for table tennis, tennis, soccer, racketball, badminton, volleyball, and basketball. We also have swimming pools and fitness centers equipped with cycles, treadmills, gym equipment, barbells, etc.

Library

KAIST has two major libraries: the Main Library and the Undergraduate Branch Library. There are also a bookstore and a giftshop on the first floor of the Main Library.

Restaurants

There are three cafeterias, some fast-food restaurants, and cafes on campus. You will also find numerous restaurants located right outside of campus. KAIST also has an international kitchen. Many of our international students gather at this place to cook and eat together.

KAIST Language Center (KLC)

KLC offers language courses to improve the Korean and English skills of KAIST students and researchers. All of the classes offered by KLC are non-credit classes, and tuition is charged for each class. Also, KLC provides English proofreading services and Korean-English translation services.

- <http://lang.kaist.ac.kr>
- Email: language@kaist.ac.kr
- Tel: +82-42-350-8731 thr. 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 uj.cho@kaist.ac.kr

A Scholarship Programs

KAIST Scholarship

KAIST offers a comprehensive scholarship package, comprising full tuition coverage for four semesters (Master's), ten semesters (Master-Ph.D. Integrated), and eight semesters (Ph.D.). Additionally, the scholarship provides a monthly stipend to assist international students, with the exact amount determined by factors such as department, advisor, and research engagement. Furthermore, the scholarship includes coverage for National Health Insurance premiums.

** The rate and coverage may vary based on by your involvement in research projects and performance.*

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 only highly competitive applicants will be recommended by the department head.

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 scholarship at the start of the PhD program.)
- Details: Applicants for the KAIST scholarship in the Master-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 M.S.-Ph.D. integrated 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.

- <https://engineering.kaist.ac.kr/content?menu=142>

- Contact Info:

- T. 82-42-350-2493

- E. mihee@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.

* Submitted applications will be transferred to Samsung Electronics for a job interview.

* Successful graduates 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. 82-42-350-8502
- E. haileekim@kaist.ac.kr

b. International Nuclear and Radiation Safety Master's Degree Program (KINS-KAIST)

- Departments accepting applications: International Nuclear and Radiation Safety Master's Degree Program
- Admission open: Fall Regular Track only
- Degree offered: Master's
- Research Areas: Nuclear and Radiation Safety
- Eligibility Requirements: This program is intended for employees in the nuclear and radiation fields with a bachelor's degree or higher from IAEA member countries. Applicants must submit an official letter of recommendation issued by their current workplace as a mandatory document.
- Benefits: Application fee, tuition for 3 semesters, round-trip airfare, monthly scholarship (1,200,000 KRW), Korean National Insurance fees
- Details: KINS-KAIST International Nuclear and Radiation Safety Master's Degree Program" aims to educate and train overseas professionals in nuclear and radiation safety, with a focus on regulation. It's a joint initiative by the Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety (KINS) and the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) since 2009. The International Nuclear Safety School (INSS) at KINS runs the program in collaboration with KAIST's Dept. of Nuclear and Quantum Engineering. The program lasts about one and a half years and awards a Certificate of Completion from KINS and an Engineering Master's Degree from KAIST upon fulfilling requirements.
- Contact Info: Ms. Juyeong Park at juyeong@kaist.ac.kr

c. RCA-KAIST Master's Degree Program(RCA-KAIST)

- Departments accepting applications: Department of Nuclear and Quantum Engineering
- Admission open: Spring only
- Degree offered: Master's
- Research Areas: 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
- Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must have graduated from a 4-year academic institution (or equivalent by the time) and have BA (Bachelor of Arts) or equivalent degree. Applicants must submit an official letter of recommendation issued by National RCA Representative of his/her country.
- Benefits: Application fee, tuition for 4 semesters, one-way airfare, monthly stipend (1,000,000 KRW)
- Details: The RCA-KAIST Master's Degree is designed to educate and train high-caliber students from the RCA Member States with the aim to preserve and enhance nuclear technology for RCA Member States. The graduates of the program have been contributing to the developments of nuclear and radiation technology for the graduates' countries by working in government supported R&D institutions, or government funded enterprises, universities etc. as elite leaders. This program has been implemented since March 2003. Completing the program typically takes two years, during which students must obtain 33 credits.
- Contact Info: Ms. Juyeong Park at juyeong@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

Planning your enrollment at KAIST, you should be aware of the estimated expenses that you will incur. The average budget for a single graduate student living on-campus, with no dependents, is listed below. Students living off-campus can expect living expenses to be 35% to 50% higher.

- **Non-tuition average expenses (2024, 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 2024(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

Impact 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 2023) 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 an exceptional academic standing within their department or field of study, ranking in the top 5% or higher of their BS or MS class.
 - ※ One letter of recommendation by the department head (either of your BS or MS) should be submitted along with the application fee waiver request form. This recommendation letter should provide insight into your character and highlight your academic excellence. (No need to include the financial hardship.)

How to request an application fee waiver

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

Google form: <https://forms.gle/vr6Gzeekh2jvZtneA>

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 2025 Spring' in the subject line.

↓ [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, starting from August 5th to August 12th. It's important to ensure that the form is submitted by the deadline of **[August 12th, 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 starting day 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>)

Appendix. Form - List of Honors and Awards

NOTE: To download the form, please click the following [LINK](#).



LIST OF HONORS AND AWARDS

Applicant Name		Applicant Nationality	
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Please list up to five honors or awards you have obtained during university in order of importance.

Each item below will be considered valid only when the respective testimonial/evidence is submitted.

No	Title	Rank	Date (yyyy/mm)	Level of Recognition (National / International)
1			/	
	Issuing Institution			
	Name:	Website:		Email:
	Explanation of the Award/Honor (up to 100 words):			
2			/	
	Issuing Institution			
	Name:	Website:		Email:
	Explanation of the Award/Honor (up to 100 words):			
3			/	
	Issuing Institution			
	Name:	Website:		Email:
	Explanation of the Award/Honor (up to 100 words):			
4			/	
	Issuing Institution			
	Name:	Website:		Email:
	Explanation of the Award/Honor (up to 100 words):			
5			/	
	Issuing Institution			
	Name:	Website:		Email:
	Explanation of the Award/Honor (up to 100 words):			