

Applying for KAIST Exchange Program



Who can apply?

An Inbound Exchange student is someone from one of our partner institutions who meets the exchange eligibility requirements. The student will study at KAIST for one or two semesters and pay tuition fees to their home university. If you wish to study as an exchange student at KAIST, you should first contact the Exchange Coordinator at your home university.

Be sure that your school is on KAIST's list of worldwide partner institutions. KAIST will only process applications that have been nominated by the home institution.

Inbound Exchange Entry Requirements

- ☒ Undergraduates(Bachelor): Minimum 1 year of full study at a partner university
- ☒ Graduates(Master): Minimum 1 semester of full study at a partner university
- ☒ GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 or better (on a 4.3 point scale) or equivalent
- ☒ English Language Proficiency level in accordance with KAIST requirements when English is not the first language (TOEFL IBT 80, IELTS 6.5, TOEIC 720 or B2 or its equivalent in other English language proficiency test taken within 2 years of the nomination date)

* It would be waived for the students from institutions that use English as a medium of instruction.

**Nomination
Deadline**



Fall Semester
April 1st

Spring Semester
October 1st

Nomination by Email

- Please send the completed nomination form to incomingexchange@kaist.ac.kr before informing your students to proceed with the online registration.
- Please remember to include the following information about your students in the nomination form (attached excel file);

Required information on the nomination form:

- ☒ **Duration** (e.g. 2025 Fall (1 semester), or 2025 Fall – 26 Spring (2 semesters))
- ☒ **Full name**
- ☒ **Student Email**
- ☒ **Major**
- ☒ **Degree + Year of study** (e.g. Bachelor (or undergraduate) 2nd)
- ☒ **GPA(grade)** (e.g. x out of y)
- ☒ **English certificate name + Score** (e.g. IELTS 6.5)
- ☒ **Coordinator office address** (original transcript will be sent out by post)

※ If the student exchange has been agreed between departments, please send the nomination list to the agreed department. Other procedures would be the same as normal student exchange program

Application Deadline

Fall Semester April 15th

Spring Semester October 15th

All applicants have to receive a nomination code in order to sign up on our webpage.

※ Please note that the nomination code will ONLY be provided to the coordinators who have submitted the nomination form.

Application Procedure

① Once the nomination has been accepted, inform your students to proceed with the online registration on the following link. (<https://io.kaist.ac.kr/exchange.do>)

② Online registration (for applicants)

* In order for nominee(s) to sign up on our webpage, the nomination code must be provided to nominated students only and please keep the code in secure.

• Create an account with an email address
(valid e-mail address/not institution's e-mail/[gmail is fine](#))

• Complete the online application form and upload the following required documents

- ☒ Original (Oýcial) Transcripts; All in English
- ☒ English Language Proficiency Test Result
- ☒ Copy of Valid Passport. (Front page, not cover) Expired passport is not accepted!
- ☒ 3cm x 4cm Oýcial P hoto (Not ID card)

* For non-OECD country nationals ONLY

Submission by post mail (hard copies required)

1. Official Certificate of Enrollment (authentication like Apostille or Korean embassy/consulate legalization is needed on this document)
2. Official Bank/Financial Statement

* As for the study plan, please roughly make a plan by referring to the opening course list for last year. This course plan would be considered as a draft and there will be a final course registration a month before entering KAIST with finalized offering courses.

* Applicants must make sure to press the "Submit" button after completing their applications. Pressing "Temporarily Save" does not mean that it is submitted.

Timeline

Semester	Application Deadline	Screening Procedure
Spring	15th October	Oct-Nov
Fall	15th April	Apr-May

Semester	E-mail Notification of Acceptance	Welcome Packages sent
Spring	Early Dec	Mid Dec
Fall	Early June	Mid June

※ Welcome packages contain the Certificate of Admission (for visa application) and other necessary information.

Course Information for Applicants

- **Undergraduates (Bachelor):**
Minimum 4 courses (12 credits) / Maximum 8 courses (24 credits)
- **Graduates (Master):** Minimum 3 courses (9 credits) / Maximum 4 courses (12 credits)
- **Students from combined programs of Bachelor and Master (ex. 5-year program), please be extra cautious when choosing your program at KAIST.**
Students are not allowed to register for courses from different levels of degree. Bachelor students should only take courses for Bachelors and vice versa for Master students. The courses are classified by the course code/number. Course No. of 1xx~4xx is for Bachelors, 4xx~8xx is for Masters. (ex. MS211 = Bachelor course, BiS752 = Master course) Moreover, if you are going to be master, but currently bachelor, you should choose MS (master). Remember that there is no 5th year in bachelor at KAIST, so please do not get confused with the year. If you are not sure of what to choose, please email us and seek for our advice before proceeding with your application.
- **Course list for each semester is uploaded 2 months prior to the starting date of a semester.**
- **Course Information :** 📖 Academic Curricular
- **Syllabuses of courses** can be downloaded through online once students are enrolled and get a Portal ID from KAIST.
- Course registration will be opened 1-2 months before the semester starts and procedures will be informed after students' application are finalized and accepted by KAIST.
- **College & Department :** 📖 KAIST College & Department
- **Course and Program Limits :** Graduate School of Medical Science and Engineering and College of Business, Seoul Campus programs are not opened for exchange students.
- We encourage exchange students to take courses required for their graduation at home university in preparation for the changes occurred in any circumstances at KAIST.
- It is possible for the exchange students to take less courses than the minimum standards as mentioned above and the courses from different departments at KAIST if you adhere to the regulations of your home university.

Academic Information

Academic Calendar

2025 Fall Semester: September 1st – December 19th, 2025

 For more details

Academic Curricular Course Information Link

Academic Transcripts

IRT will send the scanned copy of student's transcript to each student via email within 1 month and the 2 copies of official transcripts will be delivered to coordinator at your home institution by post. It will take 1-2 months after the semester has ended.

Applying for on-campus dormitory

KAIST will apply for on-campus accommodation for all exchange students based on their application form. The assigned dormitories (room type: double or triple occupancy) for exchange students are furnished with beds, closets, desks and chairs for each room.

KAIST will lend you one pillow and one blanket. Shared facilities include restrooms, showers, washing machines, clothes dryer, and a lobby on each floor.

Cost of dormitory Approximately USD 550 ~ USD 900 per semester

Website <https://kds.kaist.ac.kr/main.do?lang=en>

Accommodation

Visa

All applicants who are not Korean need a visa to study in Korea. In order to get a visa, you must apply for one with the certificate of admission issued by KAIST at the embassy or consulate of the Republic of Korea in your home country.

Health Insurance

For students who hold D-2 visa must subscribe NHI(National Health Insurance). Since it takes more than a month to subscribe NHI you should prepare traveler's insurance that can cover at least your first month in Korea.

※ KAIST ISSS Team will give more details regarding dormitory, visa, alien registration card, and anything related student life at KAIST in general once all the procedures are finalized.

Useful Website

Official KAIST Homepage	https://www.kaist.ac.kr/en
International Office	https://io.kaist.ac.kr
- International Exchange Programs	https://io.kaist.ac.kr/exchange.do
KAIST Dormitory	https://kds.kaist.ac.kr/main.do?lang=en
Course Information	https://url.kr/rxxuj9
About Korea	http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto
About Daejeon	http://www.daejeon.go.kr/dre/index.do

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