

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

- Minimum 1 year of full-time 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 or its equivalent in other English language proficiency test

Procedure

- A. The partner University selects students for the exchange programs according to the entry requirements and nominates them for the exchange semester.
- B. Nominated students are required to submit the following documents (hard copies) to KAIST International Relations Team.

*Applications sent directly to International Relations Team at KAIST will not be accepted. They should be sent to through the international office of their home university with the nomination letter from the student coordinator.

- Application Form(printed version with a coordinator's signature)
 - Current original transcript(s)
(All transcripts must be in English or accompanied by a certified translation.)
 - Statement of Purpose (one page, word processed only)
 - Three passport-size photos (write your name on the back of every photo)
(No larger than 55mm x 45mm and not smaller than 50mm x 40mm).
 - English Language Proficiency Record(if any)
 - Copy of Passport
- C. Once the nominated students are finally accepted by each KAIST department, KAIST will send them the admission package with the certificate of admission.

Academic Information

Academic Calendar	<p>Fall Semester : August 31st – December 18th, 2015</p> <p>Spring Semester : February 29th – June 17th, 2016</p> <p>*For more details, visit http://www.kaist.edu</p>
Course Information	<p>https://cais.kaist.ac.kr/totalOpeningCourse</p> <p>*It is possible to search for the courses taught in English. FYI, most of courses are taught in English.</p>
Course Registration	<p>Period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Semester : August 24th – September 4th, 2015 • Spring Semester : February 22nd – March 4th, 2016 <p>*subject to change</p> <p>Course Registration System: http://kaipa.kaist.ac.kr</p>
Course Choice	It is possible for the exchange students to take courses from different departments.
Semester Workload	Exchange students are recommended to take 12-15 credits per semester
Academic Transcripts	The transcript will be delivered to a coordinator at your home institution. It will take 1-2 months after the semester has ended.

Accommodation

Applying for on-campus dormitory	IRT 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 drier, and a lobby on each floor.
Cost of dormitory	USD 70-100/month
Website	http://kds.kaist.ac.kr/

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 original certificate of admission issued by KAIST at the embassy or consulate of the Republic of Korea in your home country.

Health Insurance

Although the limit of coverage is up to each student, all incoming exchange students must acquire health insurance that covers them during the full duration of their stay overseas. KAIST doesn't provide any insurance for exchange students.

Useful Website

Official KAIST Homepage	www.kaist.edu
International Relations Team - International Collaboration, Exchange Programs	http://irt.kaist.ac.kr
International Scholar and Student Services team (ISSS) - Visa, Campus Life	http://iss.kaist.ac.kr
KAIST Dormitory	http://kds.kaist.ac.kr
Course Information	https://cais.kaist.ac.kr/totalOpeningCourse
About Korea	http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto
About Daejeon	http://www.daejeon.go.kr/language/english/