

Greetings from KAIST.

KAIST is the first and top science and technology university in South Korea. KAIST was established in 1971 by the Korean government to educate scientists and engineers committed to industrialization and economic growth in South Korea. Since then, KAIST and our graduates have been the gateway to advanced science and technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship. One of the poorest countries has achieved quantum growth for the last 50 years, and now South Korea has become the 10th largest economic powerhouse and is spreading the Korean Wave around the world in various fields. During the miracle, KAIST has been standing at the forefront of the growth led by science and technology.

KAIST is acknowledged as a world-leading research university. In fifty years of its establishment, KAIST has ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in QS Top 50 under 50 Ranking for nine consecutive years since 2013, 41<sup>st</sup> at 2022 QS World University Rankings, 1<sup>st</sup> at Thomson Reuters Most Innovative Universities in Asia (2016-2018). Now, our graduates are found in the best companies brought by South Korea, such as SAMSUNG, LG, Hyundai Motors, and in companies with disruptive innovation such as Apple, Google, and Tesla.

KAIST will continue to strive to create sustainable global value that will serve humanity by pursuing excellence via unwavering innovations in education, advanced research, technology commercialization, and globalization. Therefore, it is also essential for our students to have collaborative and ethical minds and to be willing to contribute to the global society.

KAIST is a unique community of global talents. KAIST recruits passionate and extraordinary talents who enjoy exploring knowledge. To support their exploration through research, KAIST provides a wide range of research opportunities such as Natural Sciences, Information Technology, Bio-Technology, Nano Technology, Quantum Technology, Space Technology, Environmental Technology, and Cultural Technology.

KAIST provides the quality environment to support student's all-around growth intellectually, mentally, and physically. On-campus housing is ready to serve students. In addition, our sports facilities, medical institutions, and cafeterias with a wide range of cuisines are at student's convenient locations. While walking and working on our campus, you'll also enjoy a beautiful campus coloring with four seasons.

Undoubtedly, KAIST offers our students simple but outstanding scholarship programs. More than 93% of our international students were awarded full-tuition scholarships and 94% stipend support for the last five years. It appears that most of our international students study at KAIST financially independent from their parents with income from their research participation, TA, RA, and other opportunities.

The place where a community of talents challenges the existing and makes their dream come true, KAIST wants to be with creative and audacious students who want to discover the unseen, explore the untouched, and challenge the status quo.

Thank you.



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