KAIST Student Exchange Program
Information Sheet for AY 2014-2015
KAIST

General Information

Overview

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, founded in 1971, has been the gateway to advanced science & technology and innovation. In order to meet the new demands of producing young talents who care for global citizenship and social responsibility, KAIST now offers cross-disciplinary academic and research. KAIST strives to address global challenges facing humanity through competitive research innovation and convergence.

KAIST fosters the innovation and creativity of global "thought leaders" who no longer abide by the boundaries between disciplines and departments, but instead work under the greater umbrella of interdisciplinary academic convergence. Marking 40th anniversary in 2011, KAIST will continue its steady rise to international prominence through its diversity, research outcomes, innovative governance, and remarkable contributions for global sustainability.

KAIST’s research focuses on addressing global challenges facing humanity through competitive research innovation and convergence. To contribute solutions to challenging problems of the 21st century, i.e. energy, environment, water, and sustainability (EEWS), KAIST is focusing on interdisciplinary research. As examples of such solutions, KAIST’s Online Electric Vehicle (OLEV) and Mobile Harbor Projects have been chosen as the nation’s representative “green growth” projects, and Time Magazine recently named OLEV as one of the “50 Best Inventions of 2010”.

Colleges & Departments

College of Natural Sciences
Dept. of Physics, Dept. of Mathematical Sciences, Dept. of Chemistry, Graduate School of Nanoscience & Technology, Nano Science and Technology Program

College of Life Science & Bioengineering
Dept. of Biological Sciences, Dept. of Bio and Brain Engineering, Graduate School of Medical Science & Engineering

College of Engineering
School of Mechanical Aerospace & Systems Eng.: Div. of Mechanical Engineering, Div. of Aerospace Engineering, Div. of Ocean Systems Engineering, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Dept. of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering, Dept. of Nuclear and Quantum Engineering, Graduate School of EEWS, The Cho Chun Sik Graduate School for Green Transportation

College of Liberal Arts and Convergence Science
Graduate School of Culture Technology, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, Graduate School of Science and Technology Policy, Dept. of Management Science, Graduate School of Innovation & Technology Management

College of Business
Dept. of Management Engineering, Graduate School of Management (MBA Program), Graduate School of Finance, Graduate School of Information & Media Management
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Application Deadline

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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
In order to apply for the Inbound Exchange Program you must satisfy the following criteria:
- 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 application online: http://irt.kaist.ac.kr/

ONLINE APPLICATION
a. Please visit the website of KAIST International Relations Team: http://irt.kaist.ac.kr.
b. Create an account in the online application system with an email address and a password.
c. Fill out the required information to complete the application form.
d. Print out the application form and get a coordinator’s signature.
C. Submit the following documents (hard copies) to KAIST International Relations Team.
   - 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

*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.
D. 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

Spring Semester: March 3rd – June 20th, 2014
Fall Semester: September 1st – December 19th, 2014
*For more details, visit http://www.kaist.edu

Course Information

https://cais.kaist.ac.kr/totalOpeningCourse
*It is possible to search for the courses taught in English. FYI, most of courses are taught in English.

Course Registration Period

- Spring Semester: March 3rd – March 14th, 2014
- Fall Semester: September 1st – September 12th, 2014

* ISSS will explain how to register for courses during orientation.

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  
  http://irt.kaist.ac.kr
  - International Collaboration, Exchange Programs
International Scholar and Student Services  
  http://isss.kaist.ac.kr/
  - Visa, Campus Life
KAIST Dormitory  
  http://kds.kaist.ac.kr
Course Information  
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About Korea  
  http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto
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