

Greetings from KAIST.

KAIST is the first science and technology university in South Korea. Established in 1971 by the Korean government, KAIST was founded to educate scientists and engineers who would contribute to the country's industrialization and economic development. Since then, KAIST and its graduates have played a significant role in advancing science, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship in Korea and beyond.

Over the past five decades, South Korea has transformed from one of the world's poorest countries into a leading global economy. Today, the nation is recognized as a technological powerhouse and a global cultural influencer through the Korean Wave across many fields. Throughout this remarkable transformation, KAIST has stood at the forefront of progress driven by science and technology.

KAIST is widely recognized as a leading research university. The university consistently ranks among the top institutions globally in science and technology fields and has received international recognition for research impact and innovation. KAIST alumni have gone on to contribute to major global companies such as Samsung, LG, and Hyundai Motor Company, as well as innovative technology companies including Apple, Google, and Tesla.

KAIST continues to pursue excellence through innovation in education, advanced research, technology commercialization, and global collaboration. The university strives to create sustainable value for society and encourages its students to develop collaborative, ethical, and globally responsible mindsets.

KAIST is a vibrant community of global talent. The university seeks passionate and curious individuals who are eager to explore knowledge and push the boundaries of discovery. KAIST offers diverse research opportunities across fields such as Natural Sciences, Information Technology, Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Quantum Technology, Space Technology, Environmental Technology, and Cultural Technology.

KAIST also provides an environment that supports the well-being and holistic growth of its students intellectually, mentally, and physically. On-campus housing is available for students, and a wide range of facilities—including sports centers, medical services, and cafeterias offering diverse cuisines—are conveniently located on campus. The campus itself provides a beautiful setting throughout all four seasons, creating an inspiring place to study and conduct research.

KAIST offers competitive scholarship opportunities for international students. Over the past five years, more than 93% of international students received full tuition support, and 94% received stipend support. As a result, many international students are able to pursue their studies at KAIST with financial independence through scholarships and research-related opportunities such as teaching assistantships and research assistantships.

KAIST is a place where talented individuals challenge existing boundaries and turn their ideas into reality. We welcome creative and ambitious students who seek to discover the unseen, explore the unknown, and challenge the impossible.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Yong-Hyun Kim'.

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