

Application Form for 2027 Admission

■ Applicant Information

Name	Last(Family Name)				Picture (360px X 480px) Maximum File Size: 1Mbyte Available Format: JPG, GIF
	First(Given Name)				
Nationality			Place of Birth		
Date of Birth			Gender		
Contact Information	Postal Address				
	Email Address				
	Telephone				
	Mobile phone				
Guardian's Information	Name				
	Relationship				
	Postal Address				
	Telephone				
Fields of Interest	☐ Physics ☐ Electrical Engineering ☐ Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering				
	☐ Mathematical Science ☐ Computer Sciences ☐ Materials Science & Engineering				
	☐ Chemistry ☐ Civil & Environmental Engineering ☐ Nuclear & Quantum Engineering				
	☐ Biological Sciences ☐ Bio & Brain Engineering ☐ Business & Technology Management				
	☐ Mechanical Engineering ☐ Industrial Design ☐ School of Transdisciplinary Studies				
	☐ Aerospace Engineering ☐ Industrial & Systems Engineering ☐ Brain and Cognitive Sciences				
	☐ AI Computing ☐ AI Systems ☐ AX				
	☐ AI and Futures Studies				

※ You will hold an undeclared major for the first year at KAIST, and you will choose whichever major you want after your freshman year.

■ High School Information

The application requires one letter of recommendation from your academic advisor/homeroom teacher or math/science teacher. Please provide information of your recommender below. (Academic Advisor / Homeroom Teacher / Math or Science Teacher)

High School Name			
High School Postal Address		Zip Code	
City		Country	
Official Internet Website			
(Expected) Graduation Date		(YYYY) – (DD)	
Recommender 1 Information	Name		School Name
	Position		Email Address
	Telephone Number		Relationship to the Applicant e.g., homeroom teacher/ subject teacher
Recommender 2 Information	Name		School Name
	Position		Email Address
	Telephone Number		Relationship to the Applicant e.g., homeroom teacher/ subject teacher

■ Academics

List the names and other necessary information of the schools you have attended or are attending in chronological order (Up to 8 schools).

Date of Entrance ~ Graduation	Education	Name	Location		Enrolled Period
			Country	City	

Has your schooling been interrupted during the last six years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when was it? From (YYYY/MM) to (YYYY/MM) And Why? ()

English Proficiency Test

If you face any technical problem when choosing Year/Month from calendar (MAC OS may have conflict with the system), you can simple type the test date directly into the blank instead of choosing it from the calendar(yyyy-mm-dd).

	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	TOEIC	TEPS	Click here if you are meeting EPT exemption requirements*.
Score/Level					☐
Test Date (yyyy-mm-dd)					
TRF number					IETS: TRF number TOEFL: application number TOEIC: registration number

※ EPT Exemption: If applicants request for an EPT exemption for the following reasons, KAIST will confirm your EPT exemption after reviewing your documents.

- Applicants who are nationals of English native-speaking countries (automatically exempted); Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, the U.K., and the U.S.A.
- Applicants who completed their high schools where classes are taught in English (English must have been the language of instructions, including the language of the textbooks.) In this case, you have to submit an official letter issued by your high school on Doc. Submission → EPT section.

Extracurricular Activity

Please list your principal extracurricular, volunteer, or community activities. (Up to 5 items)

Period		Activity	Detailed Information on the activity, such as hours you spent and your role
From	To		

Work Experience

Please list your principal work experience and paid jobs. (Up to 3 items)

Period		Name & Location of Workplace	Position	Type of Work
From	To			

Standardized Official Test Score Submission

At least one of the Official Test Score Reports such as SAT, AP, IB, GCE A–Level, ACT, High School Leaving Exam, and University Entrance Exam results should be submitted.

<Submission Method>

You MUST choose at least one method for each type of standardized test score:

- Online Reporting (SAT, AP and ACT)
 - No need to enter scores or upload scanned copies.
 - Once the score reports are received from the testing agencies, you can check the status in My Page.
- ※ Institution Code for KAIST : SAT and AP (4433), ACT (7778), IB (000559)
- File Upload :
 - You MUST enter your scores and upload the official document. If you do not have scores other than the National Exam, please check the "Not Available" box for the other official test scores. Otherwise, you will not be able to save this page successfully.

<Important Note>

- It typically takes 1–2 weeks for KAIST to receive official SAT, AP, and ACT scores after they are reported online by the testing agency. Therefore, applicants should consider this timeframe in relation to the application deadline.
- Applicants who have submitted their High School Leaving Exam or University Entrance Exam results are requested to provide a one–page summary of the exam. This should cover the exam procedure, competition rate, results and any other relevant information.
- Please ensure that the official reports are sent to KAIST by the application deadline.

SAT Reasoning/ Subject	Submission method	☐ Online Reporting ☐ Not Available * Official score reports must be sent directly from the College Board.		
AP	Submission method	☐ Online Reporting ☐ Not Available * Official score reports must be sent directly from the College Board..		
ACT Test	Submission method	☐ Online Reporting ☐ Not Available * Official score reports must be sent directly from the testing agency..		
IB Diploma	Submission method	☐ Online Reporting ☐ File Upload ☐ Not Available * Official score reports must be sent directly from the testing agency.		
		☐ Check if you submit a predicted score		
	File Upload			
	Test Date	Subject	Level	Score
GCE A–Level	Submission method	☐ Online Reporting ☐ File Upload ☐ Not Available ☐ Check if you submit a predicted score		
	File Upload			
	Test Date	Subject		Score
National Exam (Univ. Entrance Exam/ High School Leaving Exam)	Test Date	Name of Test	Score (earned/full mark)	File Upload

Honors and Awards

Please list the honors or awards you have obtained during your high school years. Each item below will be considered valid only when respective testimonial/evidence is submitted. Please list them in order of importance. (Up to 5)

※ For Honors and Awards, please note that you can fill in the information and upload the files during the application period.

No	Title	Rank	Date	Level of Recognition (National/International)	
1					
	Issuing Institution				
	Name		Website	Email	
	Explanation of the Award/Honor (within 60 bytes)				
	File Upload				
No	Title	Rank	Date	Level of Recognition (National/International)	
2					
	Issuing Institution				
	Name		Website	Email	
	Explanation of the Award/Honor (within 60 bytes)				
	File Upload				
No	Title	Rank	Date	Level of Recognition (National/International)	
3					
	Issuing Institution				
	Name		Website	Email	
	Explanation of the Award/Honor (within 60 bytes)				
	File Upload				
No	Title	Rank	Date	Level of Recognition (National/International)	
4					
	Issuing Institution				
	Name		Website	Email	
	Explanation of the Award/Honor (within 60 bytes)				
	File Upload				
No	Title	Rank	Date	Level of Recognition (National/International)	
5					
	Issuing Institution				
			Website	Email	
	Explanation of the Award/Honor (within 60 bytes)				
	File Upload				

Financial Resources

※ At KAIST, every admitted international student will be granted the KAIST Scholarship or external scholarships. When completing the Financial Resources Section:

- 1) If you do not have any external scholarships, please select "KAIST Scholarship."
- 2) If you receive any financial support from external organizations in the form of scholarships for college, please select "Other Organization" and provide the detailed information.

* Please upload the Scholarship Certificate(s).

Resource	Classification
☐ KAIST Scholarship	Tuition Fees and Living Expenses
☐ Other Organization	☐ Firm ☐ Government

※ KAIST Scholarship: The KAIST Scholarship is designed to support students from diverse backgrounds, ensuring that financial challenges do not hinder their academic journeys or aspirations. KAIST offers assistance with tuition fees and living expenses, helping students focus on their studies and dreams without financial concerns.

※ KAIST offers KAIST Scholarships to Every Admitted Students

- Full Tuition Fee: Tuition Exemption for 8 Semesters
- Living expenses: 350,000 KRW per month
- Medical Health Insurance

School Violence Information

If there have been any disciplinary actions taken or are currently in progress regarding school violence during your high school enrollment, please check 'Yes' and provide the details. (Within 200 characters, including spaces)

Answer ☐ No ☐ Yes ()

Consent to the Collection and Use of Personal Information for Application Submission

☐ Consent to the Collection and Use of Personal Information

KAIST Admissions Office (hereinafter referred to as the “Admissions Office”) complies with the Personal Information Protection Act and relevant regulations, and hereby provides the following information regarding the collection and use of personal data.

- ☞ The Admissions Office collects only the minimum personal information necessary for student selection in a lawful and fair manner, and does not process such information beyond the stated purposes or provide it to third parties.
- ☞ In accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act, the Admissions Office implements technical, administrative, and physical measures—such as encryption and access control—to ensure the security of personal information.

1. Purpose of Collection and Use of Personal Information

- Verification of eligibility for admission in accordance with the Higher Education Act and confirmation of applicant identity
- Student selection process
- Issuance of admission certificates
- Issuance of the Certificate of Admission for student visa application

2. Items of Personal Information and Sensitive Personal Data Collected

- Name, photograph, date of birth, nationality, passport number, address, phone number, mobile number, email address, emergency contact information, application information (intended major), school information (highest level of education, name of high school attended, expected graduation date, school contact details), Academic records, personal statement.

3. Retention and Use Period of Personal Information

- 10 years

4. Right to Refuse Consent

- Applicants have the right to refuse consent to the collection and use of personal information. However, refusal to provide such consent may result in restrictions on completing and submitting the application.

→ Do you agree to the collection and use of your personal information as described above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Essay Prompts for 2027 Admission

KAIST seeks to foster talent who possess a love of challenges, creativity, and a caring spirit.
Please complete the Personal Statement with consideration of the above qualities.

1. KAIST seeks to foster individuals with a questioning spirit. Write about a question you have in the field of STEM* that sets you apart from others, and describe the reason that inspired you to ask this question.

* STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, etc.

(Note) This is not about evaluating the question itself but rather about assessing your attitude, curiosity, and challenging spirit toward the field of STEM. It is recommended to avoid content related to R&E activities and instead focus on sharing your personal story.

Write a question (within 300 characters, including spaces; portal system limit: 300 bytes)

Describe the reason (within 1,600 characters, including spaces; portal system limit: 1,600 bytes)

2. Please write the personal statement with a focus on what you learned from and felt during curricular and/or extracurricular activities (up to three) to which you attached meaning and devoted yourself in high school. (within 1,500 characters, including spaces; portal system limit: 1,500 bytes)

3. Please cite any cases in which you thought and/or made attempts in ways different from those of others and describe how such ideas and/or attempts affected you and people around you. (within 1,500 characters, including spaces; portal system limit: 1,500 bytes)

4. Please cite any cases in which you practiced consideration, sharing, cooperation, and/or conflict management and describe what you learned from and felt during the process(es). (within 1,500 characters, including spaces; portal system limit: 1,500 bytes)

5. Please write if there is any other information you would like to tell us regarding your family/social background or difficulties you had to overcome in the past. (within 1,000 characters, including spaces; portal system limit: 1,000 bytes)

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION for 2027 Admission

Thank you for taking the time to support this applicant. Your insights will help us better understand the student's academic abilities, character, and potential.

<Note>

1. The Letter of Recommendation should be written by the recommender him/herself and the recommender should only provide factual accounts of the abilities, characteristics, or experiences of the applicant fairly and truthfully.
2. The recommender and applicant should fully cooperate with the institute when asked of factual confirmation on the matters described in the letter.
3. The Similarity Search will be conducted on the recommendation letter submitted to verify that the letter is free of plagiarism, ghostwriting, false information, and other illegal actions. If the letter is found to have even one of the aforementioned elements, the application will be rejected and the admission revoked.

To the President of Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

I, as a recommender of the applicant, fully understand the note with regards to writing the recommendation letter, and will not raise any objection to the actions taken for the violation of the matters specified in the note.

☐ I agree

Please complete this recommendation form with reference to KAIST's Desired Student Profile

- Students who demonstrate strong potential in science and technology, intellectual curiosity, and a passion for self-directed learning
- Students with the initiative and determination to pioneer new paths
- Students who possess a high level of integrity and a collaborative mindset, contributing to society and humanity

■ Recommender Information

Name in English		Email	
School Name			
School Address			
Country		City	
Position		Teaching Subject	
Relation with the applicant			
Year(s) of engagement with the applicant		From (mm/yyyy) To (mm/yyyy) (Months in total)	
Phone		Mobile	

※ For Questions 1–5, please evaluate the applicant in comparison with a group of students whom you have taught or closely observed. Please select the most appropriate comparison group below:

☐ Grade Level (entire cohort)	☐ Class Group	☐ Other (e.g., science club)
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1. [Academic Motivation & Perseverance] To what extent does the applicant demonstrate clear academic goals, diligence, and perseverance in completing tasks to the best of their ability, even for minor assignments?

10 ☐	9 ☐	8 ☐	7 ☐	6 ☐	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	0 ☐	
Sets clear academic goals and consistently produces work of exceptional quality, regardless of task significance					⇐			⇒			Lacks clear goals and shows minimal commitment to completing tasks

2. [Self-Directed Learning & Intellectual Curiosity] To what extent does the applicant independently understand academic material and actively expand their knowledge, regardless of external support or provided resources?

10 ☐	9 ☐	8 ☐	7 ☐	6 ☐	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	0 ☐	
Demonstrates strong understanding independently and actively extends learning beyond requirements					⇐			⇒			Struggles to develop understanding without external support or guidance

3. [Initiative & Problem-Solving] When faced with new or challenging situations, to what extent does the applicant demonstrate initiative, resilience, and a willingness to explore multiple approaches without fear of failure?

10 ☐	9 ☐	8 ☐	7 ☐	6 ☐	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	0 ☐	
Actively embraces challenges, persists through failure, and generates diverse, well-considered solutions					⇐			⇒			Avoids challenges and demonstrates little initiative or problem-solving effort

4. [Collaboration & Integrity] To what extent does the applicant respect others, work collaboratively toward shared goals, and demonstrate integrity and consideration within the school community?

10 ☐	9 ☐	8 ☐	7 ☐	6 ☐	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	0 ☐	
Consistently demonstrates respect, accountability, and leadership in collaborative settings					⇐			⇒			Struggles with collaboration, with recurring issues in responsibility or teamwork

5. [Overall Evaluation] Considering the applicant's academic ability, intellectual engagement, and character, to what extent do you believe the applicant has strong potential to pursue studies in science and engineering and to grow into a future leader in the field?

10 ☐	9 ☐	8 ☐	7 ☐	6 ☐	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	0 ☐	
Outstanding across academics, inquiry, and character; demonstrates clear STEM direction and exceptional potential aligned with KAIST values					⇐			⇒			Shows insufficient academic and intellectual readiness, with unclear direction and limited alignment with KAIST values

6. [Areas for Improvement] If there are any areas in which the applicant could further develop in terms of academic attitude, intellectual engagement, character, or interpersonal skills, please describe them below.

(within 500 characters, including spaces; portal system limit: 500 bytes)
You may respond in bullet points.

7. [Strengths and Additional Comments] Please describe the applicant's strengths or any additional information that would be helpful in evaluating the applicant.

(within 1,000 characters, including spaces; portal system limit: 1,000 bytes)
You may respond in bullet points.

8. [Conduct and Disciplinary Record] Has the applicant been involved in any incidents (e.g., school violence, disciplinary action) that may be inconsistent with KAIST's values?

☐ No	☐ Yes (Please specify, within 500 characters)	☐ Other (Please specify, within 500 characters)
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Application Fee Waiver Request Form

* Early track(Spring, Fall), Regular track - separate applications required.

■ Applicant Information

Name	Last(Family Name)		
	First(Given Name)		
Nationality		Place of Birth	
Date of Birth		Gender	
Contact Information	Postal Address		
	Email Address		
	Telephone		
	Mobile phone		

■ High School Information

The application requires one letter of recommendation from the high school principal*. Please provide information of your recommender below.

* The principal may also be referred to as Head of School, Headmaster, or School Director, depending on school.

High School Name				
High School Postal Address		Zip Code		
City		Country		
Official Internet Website				
High School Enrollment Year				
Current Grade	☐ 10 th ☐ 11 th ☐ 12 th ☐ Graduated (Year of Graduation:)			
Recommender Information	Name		School Name	
	Position		Postal Address	
	City		Country	
	Email Address		Telephone Number	

Declaration of Consent:

(For each consent item below, please review and check the box to indicate your consent.)

- ☐ I confirm that I was born and have lived in the country listed in the UN list of LDCs.
- ☐ I request an application fee waiver and confirm that the information and documents provided are true and correct.
- ☐ I fully agree that if any information is found to be false or counterfeit, KAIST (Office of Admissions) reserves the right to cancel my request for an application fee waiver and to revoke my admission or withdraw an offer of admission.
- ☐ I consent for my data to be shared for the purpose of assessing my application fee waiver request and for compiling anonymized data for monitoring purposes.
- ☐ I understand that KAIST has the sole and absolute discretion in determining my eligibility for an application fee waiver and their decision shall be final and conclusive.
- ☐ I pledge to accept any decision made and agree not to contest or appeal it.

By typing your full name below, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agreed to all of the statements above.

Full Name (in lieu of signature)

Letter of Recommendation for Application Fee Waiver

■ Recommender Information

Name in English		Email	
School Name			
School Address			
Country		City	
Position		Teaching Subject	
Relation with the applicant			
Year(s) of engagement with the applicant		From (mm/yyyy) To (mm/yyyy) (Months in total)	
Phone		Mobile	

Evaluation

- Please rate the applicant in overall academic competence.
☐ Exceptional ☐ Outstanding ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ N/A
- How does the applicant compare to other students in their grade level at your high school?
☐ Top 1% ☐ Top 2~3% ☐ Top 4~5% ☐ Below 5%
- Place a check to indicate your comprehensive evaluation of the applicant and give your opinions.
☐ Strongly Recommended ☐ Recommend ☐ Neutral ☐ Not recommend

Opinions (Up to 1,200 characters, including spaces; portal system limit: 1,000 bytes)

Declaration of Consent:

(For each consent item below, please review and check the box to indicate your consent.)

- ☐ I fully agree that if any information is found to be false or counterfeit, KAIST (Office of Admissions) reserves the right to revoke the application fee waiver.
- ☐ I have carefully filled out this letter of recommendation myself and understand that the opinions expressed herein may continue to serve as a reference in the subsequent admission process within KAIST.

By typing your full name below, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agreed to all of the statements above.

Full Name (in lieu of signature)