

KAIST EE

Admission Guideline for Graduate Programs

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Ok! KAIST EE is GREAT!

How can I apply?

WHEN?

- **KAIST accepts students 3 times a year**
 - Spring semester starting in March : **Apply August**
 - Fall semester starting in September: **Apply December & April**

- **Example: Application Timeline for 2022 spring (Early)**
 - Online application: Aug. 26 – Sept. 23, 2021
 - You can apply later, too: April 2022 for 2022 Fall
 - Document arrival deadline: Sep. 30, 2021
 - Document check period: Sep. 2 – Sep.30, 2021
 - Application review: Nov. 1 – Dec. 6, 2021
 - Admission notification: December 17, 2021
 - Start a semester at KAIST on Feb 30th, 2022

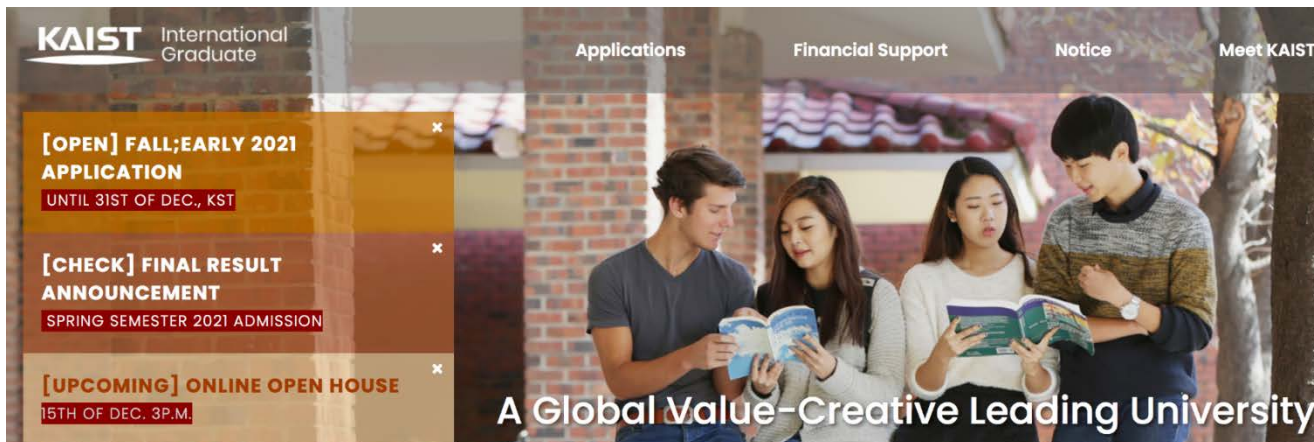
HOW? (1)

■ Step1:

- Same application site for all the applicants
- <https://admission.kaist.ac.kr/intl-graduate/>

■ Step 2: Review is done by **each department**

- Decision is made by each individual department
- Mainly based on the application materials
- Might do a phone interview with potential research advisors



The image is a screenshot of the KAIST International Graduate website. The top left corner features the KAIST logo and the text "International Graduate". The top navigation bar includes "Applications", "Financial Support", "Notice", and "Meet KAIST". On the left side, there are three orange and white callout boxes with the following text:

- [OPEN] FALL;EARLY 2021 APPLICATION**
UNTIL 31ST OF DEC., KST
- [CHECK] FINAL RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT**
SPRING SEMESTER 2021 ADMISSION
- [UPCOMING] ONLINE OPEN HOUSE**
15TH OF DEC. 3P.M.

The background of the website shows a group of four students (three women and one man) looking at books together. At the bottom of the page, the text "A Global Value-Creative Leading University" is displayed.

HOW? (2)

■ Regular KAIST Application Package

- Application form
- Statement of financial resources
- Two recommendation letters (electronical submission)
- Certified copy of degree/diploma and transcripts
- Certified copy of English Proficiency Test (EPT)
 - TOEFL iBT 83 (PBT 560, CBT 220), IELTS 6.5, TEPS 599, TOEIC 720 or higher
 - The English requirement is waived for students from the institutions where courses are taught in English. Check on KAIST webpage for detail.
- Curriculum Vitae (free style)
- Copy of identity documents
- Family relation certificate (for ethnically Koreans only)
- Optional documents
 - List of honors and awards
 - Employment certificate

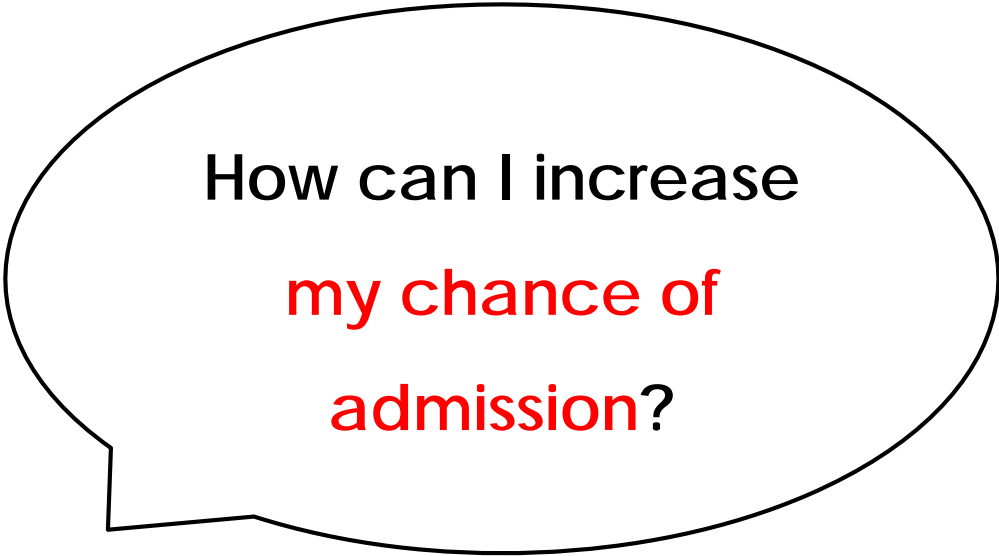
HOW? (3)

- KAIST admission requires **two letters of recommendation** to be submitted **electronically**.
- **Description on recommendation letters on KAIST admission site**
 - Reference: <https://apply.kaist.ac.kr/intergradapply>
 - KAIST receives recommendation letters **electronically**. Once you complete the application by paying the application fee, each recommender will receive an automated email instructing how to proceed with their recommendation online.
 - Please complete your application as early as possible so that your recommenders can have enough time to complete the letter.

WHO?

- **Must** have a **Bachelor's/Master's degree**
 - Before you start graduate study at KAIST
 - e.g., by Aug. 31, 2019 if you start at KAIST on Sep. 1, 2019

- **Applying as international student**
 - Should have **non-Korean citizenship**
 - Korean citizens with dual citizenship cannot apply as an international student



How can I increase
**my chance of
admission?**

REVIEW CRITERIA (1)

■ Good GPA

- An important factor in decision
- Undergrad GPA for master's degree program
- Undergrad and master's GPAs for Ph.D. degree program

■ English proficiency test score

- Need to meet the minimum score, or your application won't be reviewed.

■ Research credentials

- Any research-related activities and records including, but not limited to, publications, awards, and project experiences.
- Publication records in prestigious conferences and journals will be highly valued.

REVIEW CRITERIA (2)

■ Student-advisor matchmaking!

- KAIST EE **strongly encourages the combined Master's and Ph.D. degree program** for international students.
- MS degree
 - Applicants are highly recommended to have an advisor in EE KAIST at the time of application but not mandatory.
- MS/Ph.D. and Ph.D. degree
 - MUST have an advisor in EE, KAIST at the time of admission.

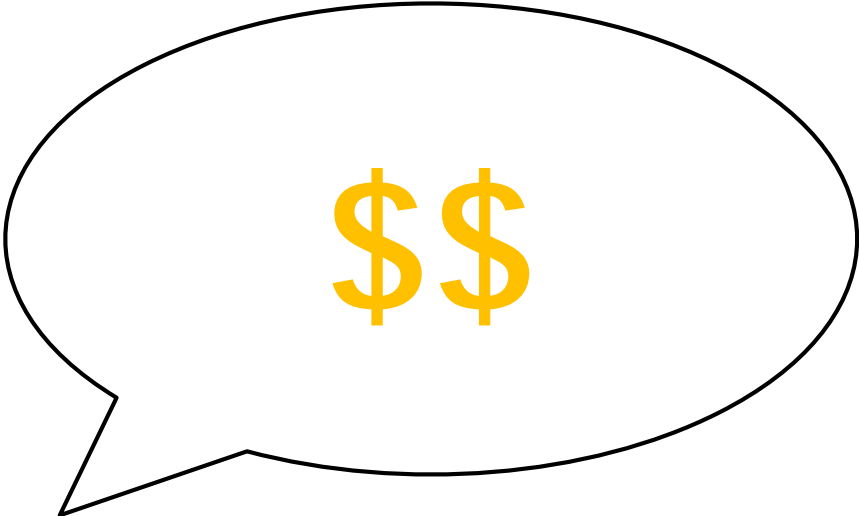
HOW TO FIND AN ADVISOR IN EE?

- **Good strategy in finding your potential advisor**
 - **Tip 0:** **Start early!** don't postpone it until the application period
 - **Tip 1:** Read homepages of your potential advisors (and recent publications)
 - **Tip 2:** Send a personalized email
 - **Professors do get lots of bulk emails looking for an advisor**
 - e.g., **Dear Respected Sir/Madam (bad)**
 - e.g., Dear Professor Hyunjoo Jenny Lee (good)
 - **Tip 3:** Talk about specific research area/subject in the email
 - If it's too broad, the advisor won't be interested.

HOW TO SPECIFY YOUR INTEREST

- **In the case, you don't have an advisor at the time of application, we do semi-happy marriage match-making**
 - Professors receive a list of applicants who passed pre-screening.
 - Pre-screened students are notified about the results so they can contact professors.
 - Students also receive a list of professors who are interested in the applicants.
 - Perform interview and have an email exchange.
 - Finalize student-advisor matching.

- **What does this mean?**
 - If you specify only one area, professors in other areas will probably not look at your applications.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- If accepted, **no need to worry** about tuition and financials!
- **Supports from KAIST EE**
 - Exemption of tuition and fees
 - **Minimum monthly allowance** from the EE advisor
 - 1,000,000 KRW (Master) (including health insurance)
 - 1,400,000 KRW (Ph.D.) (including health insurance)
- **External funding source**
 - Korean government scholarship program (KGSP)
 - International students can apply for KGSP
 - Announced in February
 - More information: <http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr>
 - Others



QUESTIONS?



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