



FAQ

1. I am not from POSTECH's partner university. Can I still apply to be an exchange student for a semester or a year?

A. Only students from our partner universities are allowed to take courses for one to two semesters and transfer credits to their home universities. However, non-partner university students may apply to partake in research for several months.

2. Am I eligible for a research stipend?

A. Students participating in the research program are assigned to laboratories of their interest and may be provided with a small stipend depending on the area of research. The availability is determined after consulting with the advising professor of the laboratory.

3. I am a freshman in college. Can I apply for the research program?

A. Although freshmen and sophomores may be eligible for Research Program or Combined Program depending on individual qualifications, students in their junior/senior standing have an advantage in being assigned to the laboratory of their choice.

4. How do I choose my advising professor or research laboratory?

A. The best place to start is our university website (www.postech.ac.kr) where students have access to each department's homepage and list of faculty and their research areas. Contacting a professor that suits your interest prior to submitting your application may be helpful. For students who do not specify a laboratory or a professor in their applications, International Relations and relevant department offices will refer to the applicants' Statement of Purpose to match them with an appropriate professor.

5. I'm only staying in Korea for two months for research. Do I still need to get a student visa?

A. Yes. All exchange students (coursework and research programs) must carry a student visa for the entire duration of the program in Korea.

For more information:

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POSTECH

International Student Exchange Program



POSTECH

Since its founding in 1986, Pohang University of Science and Technology, POSTECH, defied the odds by blazing new trails that had not been attempted by other universities in Asia. The result is a strong research-oriented university that is focused on student-centered learning, excellent research, and academia-industry collaboration.

The global academic community has marveled at POSTECH’s accomplishments in such a short time. In just 27 years, POSTECH’s bold moves have propelled it to become globally recognized as Asia’s leading science and technology institute. POSTECH was crowned as the top university in the Times Higher Education’s ranking, “THE 100 under 50”, for three times in a row from 2012 to 2014.

POSTECH provides a student-centered education through diverse and personalized programs for students and POSTECH’s on-campus laboratories are recognized for retaining the best research facilities in Korea. The Pohang Accelerator Laboratory, the only national synchrotron, the POSTECH Biotech Center, the National Institute for Nanomaterials Technology, and the Max Planck POSTECH/Korea Research Initiative are just a few of the state of the art facilities at POSTECH.

The POSTECH Exchange Program is a great opportunity for students who seek a unique combination of traditional academic courses and firsthand research experiences.

AREAS OF STUDY

- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Creative IT Excellence Engineering (CITE)
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial and Management Engineering
- Life Science
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Physics
- School of Environmental Science and Engineering (SEE)
- School of Interdisciplinary Bioscience and Bioengineering (I-BIO)
- Technology Innovation and Management (TIM)
- Graduate School of Wind Energy (GWE)
- Division of Advanced Materials Science (AMS)
- Division of Integrative Biosciences & Biotechnology (IBB)
- Division of IT Convergence Engineering (ITCE)
- Division of Advanced Nuclear Engineering (DANE)
- Graduate Institute of Ferrous Technology (GIFT)
- POSTECH Ocean Science and Technology (POSTI)

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Exchange Program	Up to 2 semesters
Research Program	Research participation period is determined by the student and his/her advising professor at POSTECH. Maximum period of research is 12 months.
Combined Program	A combined program of coursework and research

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring Semester	March - Mid June
Summer Session	June - August
Fall Semester	September - Mid December
Winter Session	December - February
Research Program	Students can design their own research work period.

SCHOLARSHIP

- Tuition support is dependent on POSTECH’s agreement with applicant’s home university.
- Undergraduate and graduate students participating in the research program may be provided with a stipend depending on their supervising professor’s approval.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Send application materials to POSTECH International Relations through your home university’s international exchange coordinator.
- Research Program applicants should discuss with their advisor-to-be at POSTECH about their research projects and possible stipend via email.
- POSTECH International Relations will send a Certificate of Admission after receiving the department’s approval.

BILINGUAL CAMPUS

All official activities at POSTECH are conducted in both Korean and English. Currently, major undergraduate courses and all graduate courses are taught in English.

KOREAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The POSTECH Language Education Center offers Korean classes at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. Classes are taught twice each week to international students and scholars to accommodate their needs to learn Korean language and culture and to meet fellow international students.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & ORIENTATION WEEK

The International Relations hosts orientation week and cultural events for international students. Cultural programs include field trips to amusement parks, historical sites, and festivals throughout South Korea. On campus, students can enjoy events including International Night and traditional Korean holidays such as Chuseok. The exchange student orientation, which happens a week before the start of the semester, will help international students to meet each other, familiarize themselves with the school system, and adjust to life at POSTECH and Pohang with the help of the POSTECH voluntary buddy group.

SUMMER PROGRAM

The POSTECH Summer Program offers students firsthand research experience with an advising professor. The Individual Research and Korean Cultural Program allows students to explore the academic field of their interest and learn the uniqueness of Korean culture and language.

Cultural activities include special lectures, Korean classes offered through the POSTECH Language Center, and a trip to the famous Boryeong Mud Festival.

OPEN LAB PROGRAM

The POSTECH Open Lab Program is open to students of selected partner universities in China and Vietnam as well as a student nominated by Korean Education Centers in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

The program gives students the opportunity to experience POSTECH’s research facilities for three weeks in July. Students visit prominent research institutes and major laboratories to assist with their research and final presentation at the end of the program. Students are also offered “Survival Korean” class to learn basic Korean language and culture.

A scholarship of 500,000 KRW is given to students of Chinese universities and a scholarship of 700,000 KRW is given to students of Vietnamese universities and Korean Education Centers.

VISITING RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Visiting Research Program is a short term research program for international students from non-partner universities. Students are required to receive approval of their research project from a supervising professor-to-be at POSTECH before applying to the program for admission. The maximum period of stay is one year and students are eligible to receive financial support on a case-by-case basis decided by their supervising professors.

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Australia

U of Melbourne
U of New South Wales

Austria

Graz U of Technology

Brazil

Brazilian Federal Agency for the Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES)
The National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)

Canada

U of Waterloo

China

Fudan U
Harbin Institute of Technology
Nanjing U
Peking U
Shanghai Jiao Tong U
Tsinghua U
U of Electronic Science & Technology of China
U of Science & Technology Beijing
U of Science & Technology of China
Xi’an Jiaotong U
Yanbian U of Science & Technology
Zhejiang U

Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

Pyongyang U of Science and Technology

Ethiopia

Adama Science and Technology U
Addis Ababa Science and Technology U

France

ENSEIRB-MATMECA
Institut National des Sciences Appliquees de Lyon
Institut polytechnique de Grenoble
Universite de Technologie de Belfort-Montbeliard
Universite de Technologie de Compiegne
Universite de Technologie de Troyes

Germany

Freie Universitat Berlin
Max Planck Gesellschaft
RWTH Aachen
Technische Universitat Berlin
Technische Universitat Dresden

Hong Kong

Hong Kong U of Science & Technology

India

Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

Indonesia

Institut Teknologi Bandung

Iran

Sharif University of Technology

Italy

Politecnico di Torino

Japan

Kyoto U
Kyushu U
Nagoya U
Nara Institute of Science & Technology
RIKEN
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific U
Ritsumeikan U
Tohoku U
Tokyo Institute of Technology
Toyota Technological Institute
The U of Tokyo

New Zealand

U of Auckland

Norway

Norwegian U of Science & Technology

Russia

Moscow Engineering Physics Institute
Moscow State U
St. Petersburg Electrotechnical U
St. Petersburg State U
St. Petersburg State Polytechnical U
The Joint Institute of Nuclear Research

Singapore

Nanyang Technological U
National U of Singapore

Spain

U of Barcelona

Switzerland

Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule Zurich
Ecole polytechnique federale de Lausanne

Taiwan

National Chiao Tung U
National Taiwan U
National Tsing Hua U

Thailand

Chulalongkorn U

United Kingdom

Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine
U of Birmingham
U of Strathclyde

United States

Argonne National Laboratory
Carnegie Mellon U
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
Georgia Institute of Technology
Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rutgers, The State U of New Jersey
Stony Brook University
U of California, Berkeley
U of California, Davis
U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
U of Maryland, College Park
U of Minnesota, Twin Cities
U of Wisconsin-Madison

Vietnam

Hanoi U of Science
Hanoi U of Science & Technology
Ho Chi Minh City U of Science (HCMUS)
Ho Chi Minh City U of Technology (HCMUT)
U of Engineering and Technology (UET), VNU