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

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 academic-industry collaboration.

The global academic community has marveled at POSTECH’s accomplishments in such a short time. In just 27 years, POSTECH’s bold move has proved it to become globally recognized as Asia’s leading science and technology institute. POSTECH was conferred 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 of 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 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 (SSE)
- School of Interdisciplinary Bioscience and Biotechnology (SIBIO)
- School of Materials Science and Engineering (SMMSE)
- School of Mathematical Sciences
- School of Physics
- School of Chemical Engineering
- School of Environment and Energy
- School of Engineering
- School of Marine Science and Technology (SMST)
- School of Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (SIST)

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

- Undergraduate and graduate students
- Students participating in the research program may be provided with a stipend depending on their supervisor’s approval.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Send application materials to POSTECH International Relations through your home university’s international exchange coordinator.

POSTECH’s research programs and projects provide students with a stipend based on the position.

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 and students are expected to learn the 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 folk culture of 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 other, familiarize themselves with the school system, and adjust to life at POSTECH and Pohang with the help of POSTECH voluntary buddy group.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Spring Session: March – Mid-June
- Summer Session: June – August
- Fall Session: September – Mid-December
- Winter Session: December - February

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SCHOLARSHIP

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

SUMMER PROGRAM

The POSTECH Summer Program offers students firsthand research experience with an advising professor. The initialization and 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 to learn basic Korean language and culture.

A scholarship of 100,000 KRW is given to students of Chinese universities and a scholarship of 200,000 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 and non-partner universities. Students are required to receive approval of their research project from a supervising professor-to-be at POSTECH before applying for the program admission. The maximum period of research participation period is 12 months. Students and their supervising professor should discuss with their advisor-to-be at POSTECH about their research projects and possible stipend via email.

POSTECH International Relations will send Certificate of Admission after receiving the department’s approval.

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 respective 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.

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Australia
- University of New South Wales
- Swinburne University

Brazil
- Federal University of Sao Paulo

Canada
- University of British Columbia
- McGill University
- University of Toronto

China
- Tsinghua University
- Beijing Institute of Technology
- Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China

Democrat People’s Republic of Korea
- Pusan National University

Norway
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology

New Zealand
- University of Auckland
- University of Otago

Singapore
- National University of Singapore

Spain
- Polytechnic University of Madrid

Switzerland
- École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne

Tunisia
- National University of Tunisia

United States
- California Institute of Technology
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Vietnam
- Hanoi University of Science
- Ho Chi Minh University of Science

Germany
- Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry
- Max Planck Institute for Metals Research

India
- Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Indonesia
- Institut Teknologi Bandung

Iran
- Sharif University of Technology

Italy
- Politecnico di Torino

Japan
- Kyoto University

South Korea
- Seoul National University
- Korea University

Namibia
- South African Institute of Science & Technology

Netherlands
- Kwartier van Zuid

New Zealand
- University of Auckland

Norway
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Russia
- Moscow Engineering Physics Institute

Taiwan
- National Taiwan University

United States
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- Stanford University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology

United Kingdom
- Imperial College London
- University College London
- University of Oxford

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- Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Canada
- University of Toronto
- University of British Columbia
- University of Waterloo

China
- Peking University
- Tsinghua University