

## About GIST

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| Name                                   | Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology                                                                                                                            |
| Location                               | 123 Cheomdangwagi-ro, Buk-gu, Gwangju, 61005, South Korea                                                                                                              |
| The section of International Relations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Director: Mr. Yongryul Kim (yrkim@gist.ac.kr)</li> <li>· Student Exchange: Ms. Jeongsoon Kim (mobility@gist.ac.kr)</li> </ul> |
| Website                                | <a href="https://www.gist.ac.kr/en/">https://www.gist.ac.kr/en/</a><br><a href="https://ipa.gist.ac.kr">https://ipa.gist.ac.kr</a>                                     |
| Language                               | Korean/English                                                                                                                                                         |

## Inbound Exchange Entry Requirements

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| Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Minimum 1 year of full-time study at home university</li> <li>· GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 or better (on a 4.5 Point scale) or equivalent GPA</li> <li>· English Language Proficiency level in accordance with GIST requirement when English is not the first language (TOEFL IBT 80 or TOEIC 750 or other equivalent English language proficiency test score)</li> <li>* It would be waived for the students from English medium institutions.</li> <li>* If the student does not have the score of English language proficiency level, <b>the certificate issued by home university's language center is possible.</b></li> <li><b>The Certificate or letter should be submitted during the application process</b></li> <li>· The student will study at GIST for a semester and pay tuition fees to their home university.</li> <li>* If GIST agrees, the student can study for up to two semesters.</li> </ul> |
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## Nomination

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| Nomination by Email | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Please send a nomination to <b>mobility@gist.ac.kr</b> before informing your students to proceed with the online registration. (<b>attached excel file</b>);</li> <li>· <b>BEFORE nominating student, please refer to the requirements and check the students' qualifications above.</b></li> <li>· The student should first contact the Exchange Coordinator <b>at your home university</b>. GIST will only process applications that have been nominated by the home institution.</li> </ul> |
| Deadline            | · <b>2026 Spring Semester: by 19th Sep (Undetermined)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Application

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| Application | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>(GIST)</b><br/>Nomination<br/>accepted         </div> <div style="font-size: 2em;">➡</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>(Home University)</b><br/>Inform students of<br/>"registration link" and<br/>"CODE" *         </div> <div style="font-size: 2em;">➡</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>(Students)</b><br/>Online registration         </div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Complete the online application form and Upload following documents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Original (Official) Transcripts; All in English, Full transcript for academic years.</li> <li>(2) English Language Proficiency Test Result</li> <li>(3) Copy of Valid Passport. (Front page, not cover / check the expiration)</li> <li>(4) Official Photo(3cm x 4cm)</li> </ol> </li> </ul> |
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| Nomination Code | * All applicants have to receive GIST's online registration link and a nomination code in order to sign up on our webpage. The code will be provided to the student and exchange coordinator of the home university.                                                           |
| Deadline        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2026 Spring Semester: Sep 23th - Oct 17th 2025 (Undetermined)</b></li> <li>* After a screening procedure, the student can get a notification of acceptance by email in last week of Oct 2025 (for 2026 Spring semester)</li> </ul> |

## Academic Information

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| Course information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student should take minimum 9 credits (3~4 courses in general), maximum 21 credits (7 courses in general)</li> <li>• The course list for the 2026 Spring semester for exchange students will be open before the semester. Students can refer to the course list for the 2024 and 2025 Spring semesters. In the meantime, students can get a rough look at what classes we have in our school here:<br/> <a href="https://zeus.gist.ac.kr/sys/lecture/lecture_open_eng.do">https://zeus.gist.ac.kr/sys/lecture/lecture_open_eng.do</a></li> <li>• Course registration procedures will be informed after the application process.</li> <li>* The academic transcripts will be delivered to a coordinator at your home institution. It will take 1-2 months after the semester has ended.</li> </ul> |
| Graduate student   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GIST Exchange Program primarily <b>focuses on academic credit exchange, which involves taking courses to earn credits</b>. Therefore, please note that participation in research activities is not guaranteed.</li> <li>• However, considering your field of major, we can assign an academic advisor for you.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Academic Calendar  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026 Spring Semester: March 4th – June 19th (To be determined)</li> <li>* Schedule of 2026 has not updated yet on the website</li> <li>* For more details, visit:<br/> <a href="https://www.gist.ac.kr/en/html/sub05/0501.html">https://www.gist.ac.kr/en/html/sub05/0501.html</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## Accommodation

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| Dormitory | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dormitories are free for all exchange students.</b><br/> <b>(Bedding rental is USD \$20 per month/ optional)</b><br/> <b>(Cleaning fee is USD \$38 per student/ mandatory)</b></li> <li>• The room is for 2 people, furnished with beds, closets, desks, and chairs. (blankets and pillows are not included) Shared facilities include restrooms, showers, study rooms, washing machines, clothes dryer, and a lobby.</li> <li>• All types of heaters and cooking equipment are not allowed.</li> </ul> |
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## VISA, Health Insurance, etc.

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| VISA                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All applicants who are not Korean need a visa to study in Korea. In order to get a visa, you must apply for one with the original certificate of admission issued by GIST at the embassy or consulate of the Republic of Korea in your home country.</li> <li>* The certificate of admission will be sent to the student in early Jan 2026.(via mail)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Health Insurance            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GIST does <b>not</b> provide any insurance for exchange students. Also Korean National Health Insurance is mandatory for the international students who are staying 90days or above(\$50/month). There are few exceptions in countries. All incoming exchange students must acquire health insurance that covers them during the full duration of their stay overseas either private or KNHI. Details will be announced to the applicants.</li> <li>• As of August 2024, measles vaccinations are required for all students entering the dormitory. Students must complete their measles vaccination before entering the GIST dormitory.</li> </ul> |
| Alien Registration          | • As an international student, it is essential to issue an Alien Registration Card(ARC) to stay in Korea for more than 90 days.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Arrival Dates / Orientation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Student should arrive before <b>one week prior</b> to the beginning of the semester.</li> <li>• GIST offers Korean Language courses.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Bank                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To create a bank account, it is needed to issue an Alien Registration Card(ARC). Usually, it takes 2 months after your arrival in Korea.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## About Korea

### Study in Korea

Students can learn about Korea at the site here:

- <http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/main.do>