

## **KIST International R &D Academy (IRDA) Program**

The IRDA consists of a master's and doctoral program, supported by the Korean government, for international students from a wide range of countries.

**KIST(Korea Institute of Science and Technology)** <http://eng.kist.re.kr>

KIST was established in 1966 as the premier multidisciplinary research institute in Korea. Its main goal is to lead Korea's research and development capacity in the field of science and technology, and to nurture young talent. The main campus of KIST is located in Seoul with branch campuses in Gangneung and Jeonbuk, Korea. Its overseas campus, KIST Europe, is located in Saarbruecken, Germany to facilitate collaboration with the European community. KIST is on its way to becoming a leading global institute for the future, contributing to humanity for a more convenient and prosperous world.

### **Full Scholarship**

- Tuition and registration cost is covered by the advisor professor.
- Monthly stipend provided in the amount of US\$1,100 for master's students and US\$1,500 for Ph.D. students.
- Most expenses, excluding transportation to/from Korea, are provided by KIST.

### **Advantages**

- Academic curriculum of the IRDA Program is based on systematic training utilizing KIST's accumulated research capacity and cutting-edge S&T infrastructure.
- KIST is equipped with the state-of-the-art facilities and equipment.
- Students have opportunities to participate in publishing research papers and securing patents.
- Diverse academic and cultural events for IRDA students (e.g. Academic Fair, Colloquium, etc.)
- KIST-IRDA Alumni Projects: IRDA Alumni have an opportunity to obtain research grants from KIST based on their research capabilities.

### **Welfare Benefits**

- Health insurance
- Use of campus facilities: cafeteria, fitness center, post office, bank, auto repair shop, library, and shuttle to/from subway
- Dinners provided when working overtime
- Discount rate for condominiums at many major tourist destinations in Korea
- One of the best dormitory facilities among Korean universities (Monthly cost is US\$120. International students may rent the dormitory for two years; two students share one room.)
- Students who live outside the KIST campus may receive housing allowance of up to US\$100 per month.



## **Majors**

- Biological Chemistry
- Biomedical Engineering
- Clean Energy and Chemical Engineering
- Energy and Environmental Engineering
- HCI and Robotics
- Nanomaterial Science and Engineering
- Neuroscience

## **UST Consortium**

- KIST IRDA Program has integrated its academic program with the University of Science and Technology (UST). The UST is a graduate school, established in 2004 with the consortium of various government-sponsored research institutions in Korea. As of August 2013, there are thirty members in the consortium including KIST.
- Degrees will be conferred from the UST with KIST diploma.

## **Semester**

- Spring Semester: Starts in March
- Fall Semester: Starts in September

## **Application**

- Admission process will be carried out by the UST. Please refer to the admission guide for details, which will be posted on the UST website: <http://www.ust.ac.kr>
- In your UST application, please indicate you are applying for the KIST Campus.
- Application Period for 2014:
  - ◆ Spring of 2014: September 11~17, 2013
  - ◆ Fall of 2014: March 12~18, 2014

The applications for the IRDA program are taken once a year during the fall semester. However, KIST is making a one-time only exception to accept applications for the spring semester.

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