



KAUST by the numbers

1,100
Students

65%
International students

37%
Women enrolled

158
Faculty

810
Research staff and
Post-Docs

7,300
KAUST community
residents

1,909
KAUST Alumni

65%
of Alumni are employed

24%
of Alumni are in academia

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KAUST

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

An international graduate-level research university located on the shores of the Red Sea. **Ranked 1st in the Middle East** and 6th in the world of the Global Top Ten Young Universities (New Nature Index, 2019).

KAUST provides an excellent learning environment, attracting top international faculty and students from across the globe all focused on finding solutions in areas related to water, food, energy, and the environment.

Admission to KAUST is merit-based, and the language of instruction is English.

Chimie ParisTech-PSL and KAUST

Chimie ParisTech & KAUST have established an agreement that offers Chimie ParisTech students a Short Term Exchange Track (STET), or a Long Term Degree Seeking Track (a dual degree M.S.).

The Short Term Exchange Track

Allows students to come to KAUST for a 3-6 month research internship in their second or third year of study under the KAUST [Visiting Student Research Program \(VSRP\)](#).

As a VSRP intern, students will be supervised by KAUST faculty on a defined research project, conducting for-credit research in state-of-the-art laboratories.

The Long Term Degree Seeking Track (LTDST)

Offers students the opportunity to come to KAUST in their second year of study in a M.S. degree to attend courses and receive credits for graduation. A degree may be granted based on meeting graduation criteria while at KAUST. Students entering this LTDST then enroll for the KAUST Ph.D. program.



VSRP

Visiting Student Research Program

A unique program that offers students the chance to conduct innovative research at KAUST.

The VSRP Program offers research opportunities that span the breadth of the scientific and engineering fields. Driven students with an insatiable curiosity and strong academic performance can gain unparalleled opportunities to pursue their research questions under the guidance and support of KAUST faculty mentors.

- ▶ Internships are 3-6 months
- ▶ Applications are accepted year-round
- ▶ Over 100 VSRP internships offered every academic year
- ▶ Over 200 faculty projects are available for research internships

Short Term Exchange Track (STET)

Equivalent to KAUST VSRP

- ▶ VSRP internships at KAUST are 3-6 months.
- ▶ Chimie ParisTech will nominate students, and KAUST may accept up to five students for the academic year.
- ▶ Students may take part in the KAUST VSRP at the following stages of their studies for a research internship:
 - Second year during the second semester (April-August).
 - Or
 - Third year during the first semester (September-January), or second semester (February-August).
- ▶ Chimie ParisTech students must meet the STET **VSRP eligibility requirements.**
- ▶ All admitted students will receive the **VSRP benefits.**

VSRP Benefits



USD 1000 monthly allowance



Free housing: Private bedroom/ bathroom



Full airfare and visa fees covered



Medical insurance



Access to recreation and sports facilities and social activities



Access to Core laboratories and major research facilities

VSRP Eligibility Requirements

for Chimie ParisTech STET:

- ✓ GPA 3.5/4 or 14/20 (ECTS B)
- ✓ Strong verbal and written English skills. Recommended levels: minimum TOEFL score of 79 on the IBT or 6.0 on the IELTS
- ✓ Second year Bachelor's Degree students can participate during their second semester
- ✓ Third year Bachelor's Degree students can participate during their first or second semester
- ✓ Official university transcripts in English
- ✓ Statement of purpose
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- ✓ Letter of recommendation
- ✓ Passport with six months' validity



Long Term Degree Seeking Track (LTDST)

4+1 Program – Dual Master's Degree

- ▶ Chimie ParisTech will nominate students and KAUST will accept up to three students per academic year.
- ▶ Students must meet the **KAUST admissions requirements**.
- ▶ Admitted students will pay Chimie ParisTech the full tuition for the first year of the LTDST directly.
- ▶ All admitted students will receive the e **KAUST Fellowship**.
- ▶ KAUST will determine whether to graduate the student based on the criteria set out by KAUST.
- ▶ By embarking on this track, Chimie ParisTech students will be entering their second year of study in M.S. committed to pursuing a KAUST Ph.D. program throughout **three periods**:

Period 1: Enroll for a research (VSRP) internship at KAUST during the student's second year of engineering (equivalent to KAUST first year of Master's Degree).

Students must defend their research internship at the end of the first period (according to Chimie ParisTech rules) for the enrollment of the second year traineeship in engineering.

Period 2: Enroll for 2nd year Master's Degree at KAUST leading to the award of Diplôme d'ingénieur de CHIMIE PARISTECH and Master's Degree at KAUST.

During this period, both KAUST and Chimie ParisTech will register the students.

At the end of this period, KAUST will issue and transmit a transcript of courses completed by the student to Chimie ParisTech.

Period 3: Ph.D. thesis at KAUST.

- ▶ The number of credits that can be pursued by the student shall not exceed 30 credits.
- ▶ Courses may only include graduate-level classes.
- ▶ Admission to the KAUST Ph.D. program is contingent upon the student's successful passing of the KAUST Ph.D. qualification examination

KAUST Fellowship



Full tuition at KAUST



Monthly allowance (\$20,000 annually)



Free housing



Relocation allowance



Medical and dental insurance



Annual repatriation allowance

Admissions Requirements

- ✓ Official university transcripts in English
- ✓ Statement of purpose
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation
- ✓ Official TOEFL or IELTS academic score, or Duolingo English test

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