

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 to problems in areas related to water, food, energy, and the environment.

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

IISER -Pune and KAUST

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune

IISER-Pune & KAUST have established an agreement that offers IISER-Pune students a research internship at KAUST as part of the Visiting Student Research program (VSRP) and potentially apply for a Ph.D. at KAUST.

Under this agreement KAUST faculty will host up to three (3) students nominated by IISER-Pune to participate in VSRP. Students will spend their 5th year at KAUST. This is their final year and is dedicated to working on their thesis project, which will correspond to their VSRP project. The maximum stay at KAUST will be 10 months.

Eligible students may participate in the Chemical Science program at KAUST.

Contact us directly at

KAUST email: international.office@kaust.edu.sa

IISER-Pune email: iro@acads.iiserpune.ac.in

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King Abdullah University of
Science and Technology



KAUST

by the numbers

1,100
Students

65%
International students

35%
Women enrolled

159
Faculty

810
Research staff and
Post-Docs

7,300
KAUST community
residents

1,760
KAUST Alumni

96%*
of Alumni are employed

* Excludes those who could not be contacted or are continuing with their studies.

Apply Today!

Internship Opportunities:
vsrp.kaust.edu.sa

www.kaust.edu.sa



VSRP

Visiting Student Research Program

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







With research opportunities that span the breadth of the scientific and engineering fields, driven students with insatiable curiosity and strong academic performance, can gain unparalleled opportunities to pursue their research questions under the guidance and support of KAUST faculty mentors.

- ▶ **Three to six month internships**
- ▶ **Applications accepted year-round**
- ▶ **Over 100 VSRP internships offered every academic year**
- ▶ **Over 200 Faculty projects available for research internships**

Timeline

- ▶ KAUST will provide IISER-Pune a list of Faculty interested in hosting their students as interns as well as a list of related VSRP projects.
- ▶ IISER-Pune students will apply to participate in the VSRP.
- ▶ Selected students will be nominated by IISER-Pune.
- ▶ Nominated students will be interviewed by KAUST.
- ▶ Admitted interns will start their VSRP internship at KAUST. After 6 months, they will have two options depending on the decision of the two Faculty advisors and project needs:
 1. Interns can leave, and complete their project at IISER-Pune for the time remaining;
 2. Interns can spend their time at IISER-Pune, while having their visa renewed, and come back to KAUST for 4 additional months, and complete their project.

VSRP Benefits

-  **USD 1000**
Monthly Stipend
-  **Private** Bedroom/
Bathroom
-  **Visa and Airfare**
Fees
-  **Health**
Insurance
-  **Social and Cultural**
Activities
-  Access to **Core**
laboratories and
major research and
community facilities

Application Requirements

Please allow four to six weeks for your application review

- ✓ Official university transcripts in English
- ✓ Statement of purpose
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- ✓ Letter of recommendation
- ✓ Passport with 6 months validity

Eligibility

- ✓ 3rd and 4th Year Baccalaureate or Masters Students
- ✓ 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