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## GIST College foreign student applications have soared

- GIST (Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology) College application ratio of undergraduate foreign freshmen for the 2021 fall semester was about 20 to 1.
  - GIST, which established the new admissions process for foreign undergraduate students for the 2020 fall semester, saw a surge in the number of applicants to 300 within a year from 49 countries, including European countries such as Germany and the UK, confirming that GIST's reputation is rising.
- Accordingly, to attract excellent foreign students, GIST has increased the number of students selected for the undergraduate program to around 15 students. In addition to the existing document and interview evaluation, English proficiency was verified as GIST conducts 100% of major subjects in English. GIST used various methods for selecting excellent students with the ability to study.
- The major factors contributing to the surge in applicants for the undergraduate program were the excellent research capabilities of GIST, which were proven through world university evaluations, the increase in GIST's recognition, and the promotion of GIST through international study abroad fairs and Zoom admissions sessions.



- Foreign freshmen for the 2021 academic year will start living at GIST from the fall semester of this year. The GIST campus plans to operate various exchange programs so that foreign freshmen can communicate with other GIST members and participate in various activities to support them all to grow into global convergence leaders.
  
- The Office of Student Affairs and Admissions Dean Keun-Young Kim, a professor in the Department of Physics and Photon Science, said, "GIST strengthens its status as an international campus by selecting excellent foreign students for the bachelor's program based on its experience in successfully operating foreign master's and doctoral graduate programs, which account for 10% of the total. It is expected that undergraduate students will also be able to naturally experience various cultures on campus and acquire an international perspective."
  
- GIST plans to continuously attract excellent foreign students to create an internationalized campus where all members can experience diverse cultures and values.



▲ Students of various nationalities doing academic research at the GIST campus