

GIST appoints 14 foreign student ambassadors for the 4th session: Admission Competition Ratio 20:1 increase in foreign graduate school applicants and more than 10 foreign students admitted to undergraduate programs each year

- 13th (Friday) 3rd term activity ends with 4th term appointments... Attracting excellent foreign students through honest student PR communication
- Student Affairs and Admissions Dean Mi-Ryoung Song, "We will expand foreign PR ambassadors to promote a sense of belonging and attract more talent"



▲ The GIST Admissions Team is taking a commemorative photo after awarding certificates of activity to the 3rd batch of international student ambassadors and appointing the 4th batch on Friday, the 13th.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that it has appointed the 4th batch of international student ambassadors to attract excellent international students and strengthen global competitiveness.

GIST started with 10 international students from 10 countries in 2021 and is now in its 4th year. The international student ambassadors are playing a role in attracting excellent international students by informing prospective students from their own countries of the advantages they actually felt while attending GIST's undergraduate and graduate programs.

At the appointment ceremony for international student ambassadors held on Friday, December 13, the 3rd batch of ambassadors (16 people from 14 countries) who are finishing their one-year term were awarded certificates of activity, and excellent ambassadors were awarded. In addition, the 4th batch of ambassadors were appointed and introduced.

The third group of PR ambassadors, who have been active for one year since December of last year, held online and offline admission information sessions for a total of 434 people from the United States,

Myanmar, Spain, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Turkey, etc., and conducted admission Q&As and admission application mentoring.

Special awards were given to Echavarren Echarri, Amaia (Environmental and Energy Engineering, Bachelor's Program, Class of 23) and Chan Myae Khin (Life Sciences, Bachelor's Program, Class of 23) for their active participation both online and offline in promoting admission to the undergraduate program.



▲ A special award is being presented to Echavarren Echarri and Amaia, students who were selected as excellent participants in the third batch of foreign student ambassadors.

On this day, the Admissions Team appointed 14 students from 8 countries, including China, Spain, Kazakhstan, and Mongolia, as the 4th group of public relations ambassadors. As new public relations ambassadors, they will participate in introducing the school in their native language and English, conducting admission information sessions, and producing public relations videos for the next year.

Student Affairs and Admissions Dean Mi-Ryoung Song (professor, School of Life Sciences) said, "Based on our experience in operating a curriculum that allowed international students, who account for 10% of graduate students, to successfully complete their studies, GIST has solidified its status as an international campus by selecting excellent international students for its undergraduate programs starting from the fall semester of 2020. We will expand the foreign ambassador program in the future to encourage their sense of belonging and attract more global science and technology talents."

Meanwhile, GIST has been promoting admissions to attract global talent from various countries. As a result, for undergraduate programs, more than 10 international students have been consistently recruited and selected every year for the past five years since the first selection in 2020 (a total of 51 international students from 17 countries have been admitted). In addition, more than 1,000 international students are applying for graduate programs, which have a competition rate of approximately 20:1, starting in 2022, and the number of applicants is increasing every year.

