

# Recruitment Announcement for the 2025 GIST Graduate International Research Experience Fellowship (GIST-IREF)

**1. Objective:** To enhance graduate students' academic capabilities and establish global networks through collaborative research at prestigious overseas universities or research institutions, ultimately fostering innovative research outcomes.

## 2. Eligibility

- Enrolled graduate students who have completed at least one semester and have received recommendations from their department head and academic advisor.
- Students who have previously been awarded the GIST-IREF scholarship are eligible to reapply only after submitting a joint research paper (or equivalent accomplishments) from their prior fellowship.

**3. Host Institutions:** Applicants should select an overseas institution aligned with their research field and initiate contact through their academic advisor.

## 4. Program Duration

- No restriction on the duration of the stay (scholarship support is capped at a maximum of nine months).
- **The program duration must be verifiable through official documents such as an invitation letter and cannot include personal schedules.**
- Once submitted, the application cannot be amended; applicants must finalize the institution and duration before submission.

## 5. Financial Support

| Category            | Details   | Notes                        |
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| Preparation Support | KRW 3,000,000 for Asia<br>KRW 4,000,000 for the U.S./Europe | One-time support only        |
| Living Allowance    | KRW 3,000,000 per month                                     | Supported for up to 9 months |

\* Preparation support is not provided for stays of **110 days or less**.

\* The final month's living allowance will be prorated based on the exact number of days, and excess amounts will be recovered in cases of early return. (Living allowances will not be additionally provided for extensions beyond the originally approved stay.)

\* Travel expenses (e.g., air/train fare) exceeding the preparation support can only be claimed if travel expenses can also be covered by the budget of the affiliated research lab or other available project funds.

## 6. Selection Criteria

- Selection is based on the excellence of the host institution, the expected quality and feasibility of the research outcomes, and other relevant factors.
- Evaluation includes both document review and interviews.

### 7. Application Submission

- Submission Period: **Rolling applications** (until the 2025 budget is exhausted)
- Required Documents: Application form, research proposal, recommendation letters, invitation letter from the host institution, and applicant's CV.
- Submission Method: By email (park9489@gist.ac.kr)

**8. Selection Timeline:** Fellowship selection will occur bi-monthly starting January 2025 (six rounds in total).

| Category                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Round (Jan.) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round (Mar.) | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round (May) | 4 <sup>th</sup> Round (Jul.) | 5 <sup>th</sup> Round (Sep.) | 6 <sup>th</sup> Round (Nov.) |
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| <b>Submission Deadline</b> | <b><u>Jan. 10</u></b>        | <b><u>Mar. 10</u></b>        | <b><u>May 10</u></b>        | <b><u>Jul. 10</u></b>        | <b><u>Sep. 10</u></b>        | <b><u>Nov. 10</u></b>        |
| <b>Interview</b>           | Late Jan.                    | Late Mar.                    | Late May                    | Late Jul.                    | Late Sep.                    | Late Nov.                    |
| <b>Payment</b>             | Early Feb.                   | Early Apr.                   | Early Jun.                  | Early Aug.                   | Early Oct.                   | Early Dec.                   |

\* Interview schedules will be communicated to applicants who pass the document screening stage.

### 9. Overlapping Benefits

- Receiving extra support such as other research grants, scholarships, or stipends is allowed.
- **However, overlapping support with similar overseas host programs or scholarships of a similar nature to the GIST-IREF program is restricted.**
- Applicants must verify eligibility for overlapping benefits when submitting their application with the GIST-IREF administrator.

### 10. Requirements: **Submit a joint research paper (or equivalent outcomes) with the host institution within two years of completing the program.**

- \* Only collaborative research papers accepted for publication in SCI-grade journals (or equivalent prestigious academic conferences) will be recognized as achievements.
- \* Research achievements must explicitly mention both the host institution and GIST.
- \* The number of scholarship recipients per laboratory is limited to a maximum of four. However, if previously selected recipients have submitted outcomes from collaborative research, additional recipients may be selected accordingly.
- \* If a scholarship recipient graduates before the deadline for submitting evidence of achievements, the affiliated laboratory must submit the relevant proof within the given timeframe. Failure to do so will result in a two-year restriction on the selection of scholarship recipients from that laboratory.

### 11. Additional Details

- Selected students must apply for an overseas business trip through their department office.

- Proof of traveler's insurance is mandatory prior to departure (to be submitted as part of the business trip documentation).

**12. Contact Information:** Academic Affairs Team (email: [park9489@gist.ac.kr](mailto:park9489@gist.ac.kr))