

GIST provides full support for overseas research of graduate students

- Up to 9 months of living support expenses in addition to the dispatch reserve fund... to focus on research
- To help young scientists and engineers grow while strengthening universities' global R&D capabilities



▲ Panoramic view of GIST campus

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that it will establish and operate a new scholarship system to support graduate students' overseas research activities.

The 'GIST Graduate International Research Experience Fellowship (hereinafter referred to as GIST-IREF)' system is designed to strengthen global R&D capabilities by supporting living expenses during the dispatch period so that graduate students can reside at leading universities and research institutes around the world and focus on research.

Those eligible to apply for 'GIST-IREF' are current students who have completed at least one semester of GIST graduate school and have been recommended by their advisor, and students can freely select an overseas research institute appropriate for their field of study.

Depending on the dispatched region, 'GIST-IREF' provides scholarships of up to 4 million won in preparation for dispatch and 3 million won per month in living expenses. A total of 31 million won in scholarships will be provided to students who are dispatched to research institutes in the U.S. or Europe to conduct

research for 9 months. Scholarship recipients are only required to submit research results such as joint research papers after the overseas dispatch ends.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Sang-Don Kim said, "'GIST-IREF' is expected to help individual students develop and increase GIST's global research competitiveness. We plan to develop and expand various education and scholarship programs so that our students can grow further by focusing on their studies and research."

GIST plans to provide 'GIST-IREF' scholarships for up to 9 months per student, and also operate a short-term dispatch system as needed. Applications for 'GIST-IREF' will be accepted starting in March.

Meanwhile, according to a university evaluation published by a domestic media outlet in November last year, GIST has been selected as the university with the 'best educational conditions' in the natural sciences and engineering fields among domestic universities (△ 1st place in scholarships compared to tuition per capita △ 1st place in education fee payment ratio compared to tuition fees).

