
2026 Fall

Undergraduate Admission Guideline

Office of Admissions



TEL: +82-62-715-2958

FAX: +82-62-715-2959

Email: uadmis@gist.ac.kr

Mailing Address:

#323 Admission Team(N4)

123 Cheomdangwagi-ro Bukku Gwangju
South Korea

1 Academic Programs

GIST University seeks to admit students who embody its mission of nurturing future scientists capable of solving problems through creative thinking, effective communication, and collaborative teamwork. GIST is a research and educational institute established by the Korean government to advance national science and technology. All admitted students are selected as government-funded scholars. In addition, GIST offers various supplementary scholarships to ensure that students can fully dedicate themselves to their studies in the best possible environment.

All first-year students at GIST are admitted without declaring a major. At the end of their freshman year, students are given the opportunity to choose their desired field of study from a diverse selection of 10 majors. Students can enjoy a wide range of academic choices through various double major and minor programs.

□ Programs

College	Department
College of Information and Computing	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
	AI Convergence
	Semiconductor Engineering (Korean Students Only)
College of Natural Sciences	Physics and Photon Science
	Chemistry
	Mathematical Sciences
College of Engineering	Materials Science and Engineering
	Mechanical and Robotics Engineering
	Environment and Energy Engineering
College of Life Sciences and Medical Engineering	Life Sciences
	Biomedical Science and Engineering

2 Application Details

☐ Quota

- Approximately 15 students will be selected.

☐ Timeline

Contents	Schedule	Remarks
Online Application	Nov. 24(Mon), 2025 ~ Jan. 23(Fri), 2026	GIST System
Submission of Documents	Nov. 24(Mon), 2025 ~ Jan. 23(Fri), 2026	GIST System
Evaluation	Feb. 9(Mon) ~ Mar. 31(Tue), 2026	
Admission Announcement	Apr. 30(Thu), 2026 Expected	Email
Registration	May. 1(Fri) ~ May. 14(Thu), 2026	
Academic Year Begins	Fall 2026	

☐ Eligibility

- Applicants who have graduated from high school by August 31st, 2026.
- International applicants residing in Korea and who have completed or will have completed their high school education in Korea(국내 거주/국내 고교 출신 외국인 학생) are also eligible to apply for the GIST undergraduate program.
- International applicants must additionally satisfy one of the following two requirements.
 - Neither of the applicant's parents is a Korean citizen.
 - For an applicant of Korean origin, he or she must have completed elementary, middle, and high school outside of Korea and have never been enrolled in any school(s) in Korea.
- ※ Applicants who hold Korea citizenship(including dual citizenship) are not eligible to apply as international students.

□ The List of Required Documents

Categories		Remarks
1	Application Form	Mandatory
2	One Recommendation Letter	
3	High School/University Transcript	
4	High School Diploma (or Certification of Expected Graduation)	
5	Official English Proficiency Test Score Report	
6	Standardized Official Test Score Report	
7	Copy of Applicant's Passport(or National ID)	
8	Copies of Both Parent's Passports (or Official Documents Indicating Their Nationalities)	
9	Certificate of Entry and Exit	Korean Origin Only
10	Certificate of Loss of Korean Citizenship	
11	Certificate of Transcripts (Elementary and Middle School)	
12	Honors and Awards	Optional
13	High School Profile	

At GIST, we seek to select students who align with our vision of nurturing scientific talent equipped with the core competencies of 3C1P - Creativity, Cooperation, Communication, and Problem Solving. Our ideal candidates are those who can communicate with originality, collaborate effectively, and solve problems through innovative thinking. Please refer to this ideal student profile carefully as you prepare your application.

□ Required Documents in Details

1 Application Form





- Application must be completed via online.
→ <https://service.gist.ac.kr/admission/uniforeigner>

2 One Recommendation Letter

- The recommendation letter is encouraged to be written by an academic advisor, homeroom teacher, or a math/science teacher.
- Submission is possible only via our online system.
 - ※ Submissions by Post/Fax/Email are invalid.
- Successful submission of the document can be checked via online application system.
 - ※ If the recommendation letter is not submitted by the recommender, the applicant cannot complete his or her application process.
- The recommendation system does not authorize your recommender to access the system if his or her email address is not same as the one you entered in the application system.

※ The Recommender

The e-mail address that your student has entered in the application system is the ID. Also, you need the student's application number to access the recommendation system.

Recommendation letter submission step				
	(1) Enter the contents	(2) Print a recommendation letter	(3) Handwrite a signature at the bottom	(4) Scan and upload it in PDF format

3 High School/University Transcript

- Submit official transcripts from every high school (or university) attended.
 - ※ The information that explains the scoring/grading system must be submitted.
- Official high school transcripts must include academic records of each semester or each year from all years of high school.
 - ※ If you do not yet have grades from your 2nd semester of 12th grade, you may submit a transcript updated to 1st semester of 12th grade including the last semester of coursework underway
- The transcripts may include a statement of personal rank in class or school, if available.

4 High School Diploma (or Certification of Expected Graduation)

- If the certificate of (expected) graduation is unavailable, the applicant may submit a certificate of enrollment, transcripts, or an official document from their school (confirmed by the school authority, e.g. Principal) provided that those documents indicate the applicant's (expected) graduation date.
- All successful applicants must submit the Apostille(or consular verified) high school diploma by the registration deadline.

※ Therefore, those whose graduation date is after early July can not apply.

5 Official English Proficiency Test Score Report

- TOEFL (Code: 0144), IELTS, TEPS, TOEIC, Cambridge English Exam(CAE, CPE), PTE Academic, Duolingo English Test· In the case of applicants from specific countries, they may be required to submit an Official English proficiency test score report such as IELTS for visa issuance. (e.g., Pakistan)
 - Only tests taken within 2 years prior to the deadline of the online application are valid.
 - Applicants who are native English speakers (USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand) do not need to submit English proficiency test score report.
-

6 Standardized Official Test Score Report

- SAT, ACT, GCE A-Level, IB, AP, and Certificate of International Olympiad, the relevant country's qualifying test for high school graduation or college entrance examination.
 - At least one of the above official test score reports should be submitted.
 - Submission of one of the SAT, ACT, GCE A-Level, IB, AP, ATAR and Certification of International Olympiad is strongly recommended.
 - In case of submitting a high school graduation report card (or college entrance examination),
 - The high school graduation exam is not the final semester's report card.
 - Additional documents containing exam procedure, competition rate, result, etc must be submitted along with the report card.
 - ※ It is highly encouraged to compare your score on the basis of the international official test (SAT, AP, IB, etc)
 - For IB or GCE A-level test applicants, we accept predicted score reports written by a counselor or teacher at the school. Once the applicant is admitted, he/she must submit an IB diploma/GCE Certificate as soon as it is received.
 - National Olympiad Certificate is not acceptable.
-

7 | Copy of Applicant's Passport (or National ID)

- Submit a copy of international passport or national ID, along with an official document that indicates your nationality. (such as passport, national ID, alien registration, etc)
 - Make sure to include a copy of the page that shows your passport number, date of issue and expiration, photo and name.
-

8 | Copies of Both Parent's Passports (or Official Documents indicating their nationalities)

- Submit a copy of international passport or national ID, along with an official document that indicates your parent's nationalities. (such as passport, national ID, alien registration, etc)
 - Make sure to include a copy of the page that shows your passport number, date of issue and expiration, photo and name. ·
-

Korean Origin Only
[9] Certificate of Entry and Exit

- The Certificate of Entry & Exit must be issued by the Korean Immigration Office within 60 days of the application deadline.
- It must contain the complete records from the applicant's date of birth to the date of submission.
- The passport number on the applicant's passport copy must correspond to the passport number on the Certificate of Entry & Exit. If not, applicants must submit a copy of both old and new passports and a certificate of passport issuance.

[10] Certificate of Loss of Korean Citizenship

- Loss or renunciation of Korean citizenship has to be proven in the documents with dates and other details. For example: family relation certificate, family census register, certificate of loss/renunciation of Korean nationality, etc.
- The documents must contain explicit notes on the loss of Korean citizenship and its date.

[11] Certificate of Transcripts (Elementary and Middle School)

- Official transcripts issued by the applicant's elementary and middle school, which are not located in Korea.
-

Optional
[12] Honors and Awards

- You may submit up to five honors and awards obtained during high school years.

[13] High School Profile(Highly Recommended)

- Submit official high school profile/introduction/brochures published by the applicant's high school, Department of Education or Ministry of Education.
-

□ Application Procedure

-
- 1 Create your account in the online application system.
-



Fill in the online application and make sure to keep a record of your application number, which is automatically created when you sign up.

- 2 It is important to enter your recommender's email address correctly.
In order for your recommender to submit the recommendation letter, he or she must use exactly the same email address which you entered for him or her in your application.
-



Request your recommender to submit a recommendation letter.

- 3 He/she will need your application number to create an account on the recommendation system.
-



-
- 4 Upload the required documents on the application system and click the [Submission] button before the deadline to complete the application. You can submit your application only when all the mandatory documents are uploaded and the recommendation letter has been submitted by your recommender.
-



-
- 5 After submission, check your email at least once daily to find out if there are any requests for an interview or additional documents from GIST.
-



-
- 6 Check your final admission result at the online application system on the announcement date.
-



-
- 7 Completion of your enrollment requires the reception of documents by GIST. If you have decided to accept the offer of admission, you should enroll at GIST within the deadline provided. An original Apostilled(or consular-verified) high school diploma and other documents requested by GIST must be sent to the Admissions team by post. After this procedure, you will receive the Certificate of Admission and other documents for the visa application.
-

3 Important Notes

☐ Application & Required Documents

- All required documents must be uploaded online and Uploaded file should be in PDF form and legible.
- All documents must be submitted in English. Any document in different language should be accompanied by an English translation. However, international applicants who completed high school in Korea may submit their academic records or school transcripts in Korean.
- GIST strongly advise applicants to double check their all information before submitting the application. GIST is not responsible for any missed communication with the applicant or consequences resulting from incorrect contact information provided by applicant.
- In the case of multiple applications submitted by a single applicant, only the most recently uploaded application will be reviewed, and all previous submissions will be discarded. The applicant bears full responsibility for any issues arising from duplicate applications.
- Admission will be revoked if the application form or submitted documents are found to false or counterfeit regardless of whether it is before or after admission.

☐ Interview

- Interviews will be requested only for selected applicants after document screening. Applicants are responsible for checking their email regularly, as GIST will not be liable for missed communications.
- Interviewees must follow the provided instructions and attend as scheduled.

☐ Enrollment

- All successful applicants are required to submit an Apostille or notarized copy of their high school diploma, academic transcripts, and other relevant documents by the designated deadline. Failure to submit the required documents within the given time frame will result in the cancellation of enrollment.
- All the submitted documents shall not be returned to the applicants.