

A wide-angle photograph of the KAUST campus at dusk, with modern glass buildings illuminated against a blue twilight sky. The foreground is a calm body of water reflecting the lights. A dark vertical bar is on the left side of the image.

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Visiting Student Research Program

**Contribute your ideas and talents in
an international research community**



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Match your ideas with cutting edge research projects.

At KAUST we value collaboration over competition. Our faculty, students, postdocs and researchers come together to explore novel ideas in water, energy, environment and food to bring solutions to society.

VSRP is an exciting opportunity for highly qualified international students in their baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate studies to be engaged in research with faculty mentors in selected areas of research.

Each internship typically lasts from three to six months.



[View KAUST's Academic Division videos](#)

Our VSRP Interns' Home Universities

Sample list

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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



University of Ljubljana



VSRP Intern Quick Facts



64%



36%



130

VSRP Interns Accepted Yearly

VSRP Interns come from over 60 Countries

Top Countries: Italy, United States of America, Germany, France, United Kingdom

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“The Visiting Student Research Program (VSRP) was the perfect opportunity to work in state-of-the-art laboratories and being trained to use experimental equipment that I had not come across during my time as an undergraduate and a postgraduate. The amenities offered by the VSRP program allowed me to get a unique and top-class research experience in my field with lots of benefits for an intern.”

– **Aoife O'Donnell**

M.Sc., Environmental Sustainability (2018)

University College Dublin

VSRP Intern, January – May 2018



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Who is Eligible?

- 3rd Year Baccalaureate or Masters Students
- GPA 3.5/4 or 14/20 (ECTS B)
- Strong verbal and written English Skills
Recommended levels, minimum TOEFL score of 79 on the IBT (Internet Based Test) or 6.0 on the IELTS (International English Language Testing System).

Three to Six Month Internships

Applications accepted year-round

Application Requirements

- Official Transcript(s) in English from current and previous institutions
- Personal Statement
- Letter of Recommendation
- Valid Passport

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The VSRP Opportunity

- Actively participate in curiosity-driven and applied research
- Potentially co-publish with faculty mentor
- Collaborate in a diverse laboratory environment
- Access to KAUST core laboratories and major facilities

Benefits

- \$1000USD Monthly Stipend
- Private Bedroom/Bathroom
- Visa and Airfare Fees
- Health Insurance
- Social and Cultural Activities
- Community Resources

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“ During my VSRP internship, I learned about the many disciplines offered at KAUST and the exciting research topics, focused on benefiting society. I discovered a research area that I am passionate about, and the unique environment here allows students to explore exciting opportunities with industry in parallel with their studies. There is such amazing support for entrepreneurs and innovators, which makes KAUST really stand out!”

– **Clara S. Stanschewski**
KAUST PhD candidate, Plant Science
M.Sc, Climate Change: Science and Impacts (2017),
University Dublin College
VSRP Intern, February – July 2018

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→ **Discover KAUST**

Discover KAUST

Established in 2009, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology is a graduate research university located on the shores of the Red Sea in Saudi Arabia.

KAUST is dedicated to advancing innovation through science, technology and engineering via our interdisciplinary research and education model.

Our students, faculty, scientists and engineers conduct curiosity-driven and goal-oriented research in the strategic areas of food, water, energy and the environment.

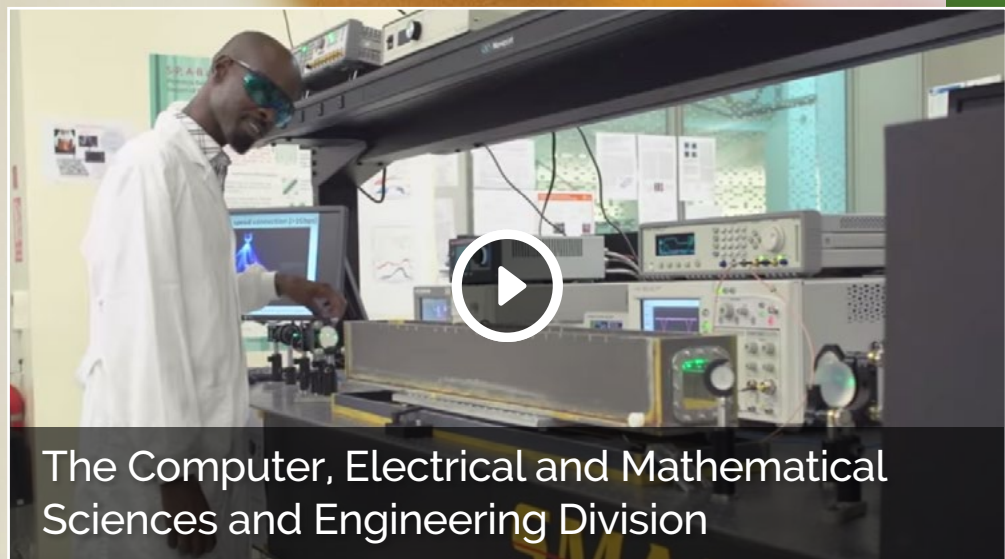
We bring together the best minds and ideas from around the world, with more than 100 nationalities working, living and innovating on our campus.

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Biological and Environmental Sciences and Engineering Division



The Computer, Electrical and Mathematical Sciences and Engineering Division




Physical Science and Engineering Division

KAUST Academic Divisions

VSRP interns may participate in the program through one of the University's three academic divisions: Biological and Environmental Science and Engineering; Computer, Electrical and Mathematical Science and Engineering; or Physical Science and Engineering.

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A photograph of three scientists in a laboratory setting. In the foreground, a woman with brown hair and safety glasses smiles. Behind her, a man with glasses and a white lab coat smiles broadly. To the right, another man with a beard and safety glasses smiles. They are surrounded by scientific posters and equipment.

“ As a VRSP student, I think that the best outreach you can get at KAUST is to meet people from all over the world. In this cosmopolitan hub, interns are surrounded by expert scientists and helpful students, thus enlarging the scope of both their knowledge and interests in science. Social and cultural enrichment is a value shared by all members of KAUST community in a benevolent atmosphere.”

– **Myriam Belmekki**

MS, Chemistry (2019),
INP-ENSIACET

VRSP Intern, May – September 2018

Our Academic Community

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Total campus size
39 Million +
Square meters

149
Faculty

1050
Students

430
Post Docs

300
Research
Scientists
and Staff

108
Nationalities

1500
Alumni

7:1
Faculty Ratio

37%
Students are
Women

79%
Students are PhD

64%
Students are
international



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“ What is KAUST, you ask? A scientific utopia, built on the experience of some of the world’s most reputed scientists and engineers. It is a research institution of renowned excellence committed to the education of the next generation of worldwide leading scientists. This is KAUST.

– **Alejandro Fernandez Munoz**

BS Physics (2019),

Complutense University of Madrid

2018 Photonics Summer Workshop Participant



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KAUST UniverCITY

KAUST is more than a premier university.
We are a city that offers an exceptional quality of life.



47 Parks



50,000m² 9-Hole
floodlit golf course



Restaurants



Three recreational
facilities for exercise
and sports



Public Transportation



Movie Theater



Retail and
Grocery Services



Medical Facilities



Water recreation —
snorkeling, scuba
diving, windsurfing,
wakeboarding

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“ The VSRP program at KAUST has been a great opportunity to experience cutting edge research in a country that not many people get the opportunity to see. Nearly every person you meet is from a different country, and because everyone here is new, they’re all open to making friends. During the week, I’m in a brand-new laboratory, and on the weekends I get the chance to travel around Saudi Arabia and explore a new culture.”

– **Dale Gottlieb**

B.S., Material Engineering (2019)
University of Toronto
VSRP Intern May – September 2018

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→ **Our Core Labs and Facilities**

Our Core Labs and Facilities

The Core Labs are a prominent feature of the interdisciplinary research ecosystem at KAUST. The Core Labs provide state-of-the-art facilities, training and services to the KAUST research community, collaborators and industrial partners. These centrally organized, shared-user facilities provide direct access to specialized research equipment, operated by expert staff with advanced degrees in science and engineering. The Core Labs consists of ten laboratories that are strategically located throughout the academic campus enabling users to transition between labs in a matter of minutes.

 corelabs.kaust.edu.sa

Explore Saudi Arabia

Whether it's diving in the Red Sea on weekends or exploring the diversity of Saudi Arabia, our VSRP interns gain a firsthand experience in local culture and people.

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