

ONBOARDING TIMELINE

STEPS TO OUTLINE YOUR JOURNEY TO KAUST

PRE ONBOARDING



ONE WEEK

ONBOARDING FORM

The information shared is essential to start your onboarding in a timely manner

If you have school age children, entry to TKS is by application and not guaranteed.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS



UP TO 30 DAYS

MEDICAL CLEARANCE



10 DAYS OR MORE

Local/GCC students medical clearance can be completed in 10 days unless additional information is required. International students please share your visa medical once completed.

All international students must be under KAUST sponsorship unless you have a Premium Iqama, or sponsored by a Saudi mother.

IQAMA TRANSFER



30 DAYS

VISA PROCESS



8-12 WEEKS

International student require a Student visa. Visa requirements can differ between countries. Please contact the visa agent in your country.

Please request a copy from the medical provider to share with us once available.

VISA MEDICAL



2-4 WEEKS

DEGREE ATTESTATION



4-8 WEEKS

Your latest degree must be attested by the Saudi Cultural Attache in your country or nearest neighboring country.

One you have been medically cleared and/or received your visa, or iqama transferred, our team will arrange your travel.

RELOCATION



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To get started and ensure that we have all the personal information for you and any dependents, please click on the following link to complete and submit the form within one week of receiving this email

Please check you passport validity
Make sure you have a passport valid for at least twelve (12) months with at least two (2) clear visa pages adjacent to each other.
* If you recently renewed your passport and it is different than what you provided to the KAUST Admissions team, please let us know so we can update your record accordingly.

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VISA PROCESS



The degree attestation process is complex in many countries and, under normal circumstances, can take up to 60 days to finalize. Discuss this process with your visa agent, and start it as soon as possible.

Please contact the local visa agent in the country you will be applying from to provide you with the visa requirements and assist you with your application for a "Student visa / Educational Government visa". The agency will ask you to provide an "Invitation Letter" or a "Visa Approval Number". This document will be sent to you around 10 days after you submit your onboarding form.

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VISA MEDICAL



Please share the medical report with your Onboarding advisor once you obtain it for KAUST health department to review it. They might require further medical details.

Is a report that will include the results of blood tests for infectious diseases (Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV, VDRL, and Tuberculosis), Urine tests, Eye checkups, VDRL, and Chest X-Ray. The report is mandatory to submit along with your other documents for the visa process. A positive test for one (or more) of these conditions will exclude you (or your dependent) from holding an Iqama (residency permit) and therefore entering the Kingdom.

VISA COSTS



KAUST will provide you with visa cost assistance that would be paid with your first stipend to assist with incurred visa costs and associated expenses during the onboarding phase.

HOUSING



Single students are required to live on campus and will be allocated shared accommodation. Married students are assigned to family-style housing once they confirm their family is arriving with them.

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