ONBOARDING TIMELINE

SUMMARY TIMELINE OF YOUR JOURNEY TO KAUST

PRE ONBOARDING

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ONE WEEK

ONBOARDING FORM

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

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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UP TO 30 DAYS

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

MEDICAL CLEARANCE

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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.

IQAMA TRANSFER

4

30 DAYS

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

VISA PROCESS

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8-12 WEEKS

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

DEGREE ATTESTATION

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4 WEEKS

This step is the longest step, please initiate a Musadaqa request as soon as possible thru this link
https://www.mosadaqa.sa/Home/Landing

VISA MEDICAL

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2-4 WEEKS

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

RELOCATION

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ONE WEEK

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

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ONBOARDING STEPS

DETAILED STEPS OF YOUR JOURNEY TO KAUST

PRE ONBOARDING

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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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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

ONBOARDING FORM

VISA PROCESS

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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 working days after you submit your onboarding form.

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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.

DEGREE ATTESTATION

VISA MEDICAL

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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.

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.

VISA COSTS

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KAUST will provide you with reimbursement of your visa costs and associated expenses during the onboarding phase. Reimbursement is normally paid with your first stipend

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.

HOUSING

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