

# POSTECH GIFT

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#### Admissions Timeline

	Application Period	Result Announcement	Semester Begins
First round	February 1, 2019 - April 24, 2019 (18:00)	June 11, 2019	Fall 2019 or Spring 2020
Second round	May 1, 2019 - October 15, 2019 (18:00)	November 26, 2019	Spring 2020

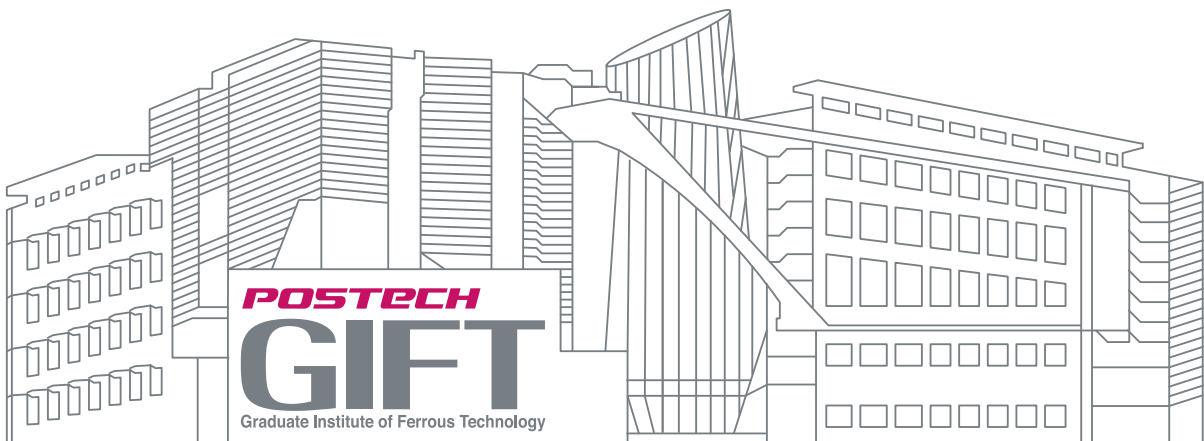
\* The timeline is based on Korean Standard Time.

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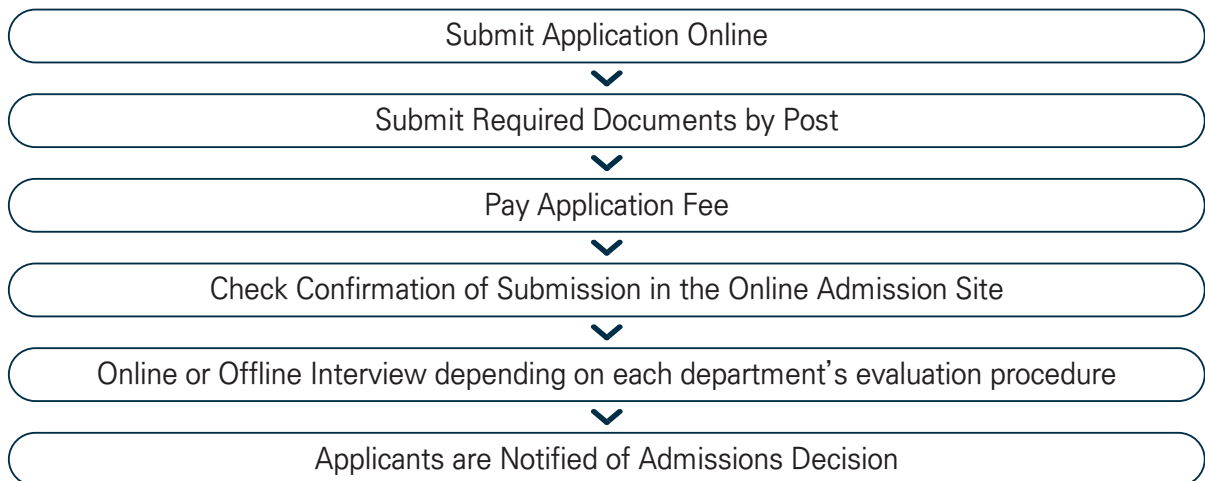
#### Programs and Degrees Offered

Application Period	MS	MS-Ph.D. Integrated*	Ph.D.
Ferrous Technology	○	○	○

\* **MS-Ph.D. Integrated Program** : Under this program, students can work towards a Ph.D. degree after passing the Ph.D. qualifying exam without going through an MS degree.



Criteria	Eligibility										
MS/MS-Ph.D. Integrated Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must have completed a bachelor's degree; or,</li> <li>- Prospective graduate of undergraduate study. (Bachelor's degree must be awarded before enrollment)</li> </ul>										
Ph.D. Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must have completed a master's degree; or,</li> <li>- Prospective graduate of graduate study for MS. (Master's degree must be awarded before enrollment)</li> </ul>										
Nationality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicants must meet the one of the following requirements.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Applicants and their parents must hold foreign citizenship. (Korean citizens who hold another citizenship are not eligible for International Admissions.); or,</li> <li>2) Applicants who are Korean national residing abroad must have received their entire education course from 1<sup>st</sup> grade of elementary school to undergraduate graduation outside of Korea.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>										
English Proficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Every applicant whose native language is not English must demonstrate their English language proficiency.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Applicants must meet one of the minimum requirements for the following English Proficiency Tests; or,                   <table border="1" data-bbox="726 1205 1489 1361"> <thead> <tr> <th>TOEFL (PBT, ITP)</th> <th>TOEFL (iBT)</th> <th>TOEIC</th> <th>IELTS</th> <th>TEPS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>550</td> <td>79</td> <td>750</td> <td>6.0</td> <td>600 New) 327</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> <li>2) Proof of Instruction Language may be substituted for the above English proficiency test. This means applicants must submit a document with the institution's seal that proves they completed all of their courses in English.</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Applicants who have graduated from a university in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Great Britain, or the United States are exempted from the English Proficiency Test.</li> </ul>	TOEFL (PBT, ITP)	TOEFL (iBT)	TOEIC	IELTS	TEPS	550	79	750	6.0	600 New) 327
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Applicants must complete their online application, then submit the required documents by post.

### STEP 1. Submit Application and Required Documents Online

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**1) Application form (online application)**

**2) Personal Statement and Research Plan (provided form)**

- Download form at from the website, <http://admission.postech.ac.kr/linkUsen.do?f=sub3-2>

**3) Curriculum Vitae (free-form personal resume)**

**4) Applicant's and parents' proof of citizenship**

- Passport copies; or,
- A certificate of family registration issued by the government of the applicant's country.

**5) Two Recommendation Letters**

- From two recommenders by academic faculty or supervisors.
- Must be e-mailed directly by each recommender.

**6) List of Honors and Awards (optional)**

- Applicants who have received any honors, awards, or fellowships during their undergraduate or graduate studies may list them in the order of importance.
- ※ Note: Applicants must submit the online application before the deadline.

### STEP 2. Submit Required Documents by Post

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**1) Official Transcript(s)**

- From all undergraduate and graduate institutions the applicant attended.
- Must be issued by the institution attended, bearing the institution's official seal and signed by the head of the institution.

## 2) Degree Certificate(s)

- From all undergraduate and graduate institutions which the applicant received degrees.
- Applicants who are prospective graduates can submit an enrollment certificate or expectant graduation certificate.
- Applicants who have graduated from a university in China must additionally submit a certificate issued at the China Academic Degrees & Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC).

## 3) English Proficiency

### Score Report of English Proficiency Test; or

- Must be valid at the time of applying.
- The official TOEFL/IELTS Score Report issued by ETS/British Council can be sent to POSTECH Admissions office directly by requesting it at the ETS/ British Council website. Applicants must enter POSTECH's institution code (**0329**) in order for ETS to send the official score report to our office. Individual department code numbers are not necessary.
- TOEFL ITP organized only by POSTECH is accepted.

### Proof of Instruction Language

- A one-page document that verifies the instruction language (English) of the applicant's institution. It must have the institution's seal on it.

## 4) Degree Theses(optional)

- ※ Note: The "Required Documents by Post" must arrive at the Office of Admissions and by the admissions deadline. Any documents submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed.
- ※ To check whether your university is one of POSTECH's partner universities, please follow
- ※ the link: <http://www.postech.ac.kr/eng/academics/exchange/partner-universities/>

## STEP 3. Check Confirmation of Submission in the Online Site

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## Document Mailing Address

### **Admissions office,**

Pohang University of Science and Technology

77 Cheongam-Ro, Nam-gu, Pohang, Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea, 37673

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## Note

- POSTECH reserves the right to revoke an offer of admission or terminate a student's registration, should it be discovered later that:
  - a false statement has been made; or,
  - a false document has been provided; or,
  - documentation has been altered; or,

- if there has been an omission of significant information.
- All documents must be the original versions issued by the institution, bearing the institution's official seal and signed by the head of the institution. All official academic records must be issued **in the original language, accompanied by English**.
- All newly admitted students should submit **Notarization or Apostille certificates for diploma(s) & transcript(s)** during the orientation period.

## 1. Estimated Costs

(1 USD is approximately 1,200 KRW as of January 2019)

Tuition fee per year		13,260,000 KRW	12,369 USD
Housing per year	Dormitory for unmarried students	1,175,000 KRW	979 USD
	Apartment for unmarried students	2,400,000 KRW	2,000 USD
	Apartment for married students	3,000,000 KRW	2,500 USD
Graduate Student Association fee (optional) per year		30,000 KRW	25 USD
Meal costs		3,240,000 KRW	2,700 USD
Matriculation fee (only once when enrolling)		898,000 KRW	748 USD
Housing deposit (only once)	Apartment for married students	200,000 KRW	166 USD

\* To reduce financial burden on students in case of illness or injury. Students enrolled in the plan can receive 80% of medical expenses in reimbursement up to 1,000,000KRW per semester.

\*\* Payment should be made through KRW. The USD exchange rate is stated only for reference.

## 2. Health Insurance

All of POSTECH's prospective students **MUST** join or purchase one of the following three insurance plans:

- 1) Health insurance plan of their home country that covers most illnesses or injuries in a foreign land (i.e. Korea). In this case, applicants must submit a document of verification to International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) prior to their arrival at POSTECH.
- 2) National Health Insurance Service (NHIS). Students are required to pay approximately 40,000 KRW per month, the amount being accumulated since the most recent date of arrival. NHIS provides a wide range of coverage for various injuries and illnesses. Furthermore, instead of getting reimbursed afterwards, patients can pay the discounted amount from the start at the medical institutions.
- 3) Korean Private Health Insurance. Students are required to pay approximately 200,000 ~ 250,000 KRW per year. Please note that the Korean Private Health Insurance covers fewer illnesses and injuries than NHIS. Also, unlike NHIS, patients are required to pay the entire amount at the medical institutions, and then get a certain amount of reimbursement by submitting required evidential documents.



### 3. Financial Aid

#### POSCO Fellowship

##### 1) M.S

*(1 USD is approximately 1,200 KRW as of January 2019)*

Matriculation fee	Fully supported
Tuition	Fully supported
Living expenses assistance	833USD/1,000,000 KRW per month
Housing assistance	Dormitory

##### 2) Ph.D. (1<sup>st</sup> semester – 3<sup>rd</sup> semester)

*(1 USD is approximately 1,200 KRW as of January 2019)*

Matriculation fee	Fully supported
Tuition	Fully supported
Living expenses assistance	1,250USD/1,500,000 KRW per month
Housing assistance	Dormitory

##### 3) MS–Ph.D. Integrated (1<sup>st</sup> semester ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> semester)

*(1 USD is approximately 1,200 KRW as of January 2019)*

Matriculation fee	Fully supported
Tuition	Fully supported
Living expenses assistance	833USD/1,000,000 KRW per month
Housing assistance	Dormitory

#### POSCO special recruitment Scholarship

##### 1) Ph. D.\* (From being recruited – 8<sup>th</sup> semester)

*(1 USD is approximately 1,200 KRW as of January 2019)*

Tuition	Fully supported
Living expenses assistance	2,500USD/3,000,000 KRW per month
Housing assistance	Dormitory

\* Only those who pass the exam for POSCO special recruitment after passing the Qualifying Exam

Abide by POSCO's regulation of special recruitment

##### 2) MS–Ph.D. Integrated (From being recruited – 8<sup>th</sup> semester)

*(1 USD is approximately 1,200 KRW as of January 2019)*

Tuition	Fully supported
Living expenses assistance	2,083USD /2,500,000 KRW per month
Housing assistance	Dormitory

\* Only those who pass the exam for POSCO special recruitment after passing the Qualifying Exam

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## GIFT Scholarship

1) Ph. D. (After passing the Qualifying Exam – 8<sup>th</sup> semester)

*(1 USD is approximately 1,200 KRW as of January 2019)*

Tuition	Fully supported
Living expenses assistance	Awarded to those who participate in GIFT research projects
Housing assistance	Dormitory

## Others

All GIFT students can be eligible for other scholarship depending on the research projects they participate in.

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## Appendix 1 : Frequently Asked Questions

### Application

**Q1 : I am in my last semester of bachelor's/master's degree. Am I eligible to apply for the master's/doctoral degree for the following semester?**

Applicants who are in their last semester of bachelor's or master's degree are eligible of applying for the enrollment of the following semester under the condition that their bachelor's/master's degree will be awarded before they enroll at POSTECH.

**Q2 : Do I have to send the documents that I uploaded during the online application process by post?**

The documents applicants uploaded online will be printed out by the Graduate Admissions and Student Affairs Office. Therefore, applicants only need to send the aforementioned documents listed in "Submit Required Documents by Post."

**Q3 : How will I know whether my documents have arrived?**

The status of delivery can be checked in our online admission system.

**Q4 : How do I pay the application fee online?**

There is no application fee.

**Q5 : What if I want to revise my online application?**

Applicants are able to revise their online application until they press on the final "Submit" button and make the application payments. In the process, they can save and revise their application continuously until the deadline. After applicants make their payments or the deadline is over, it is no longer possible for applicants to edit their application.

**Q6 : I am currently a prospective graduate. When do I have to submit my degree certificate/certificate of graduation?**

Applicants who are not able to submit their degree certificate/certificate of graduation at the stage of their online application because they are prospective graduates are required



to submit the certificate after they are enrolled in POSTECH. It should be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions and Student Affairs.

## Language Proficiency

### **Q1 : What if I do not meet the required score for English proficiency?**

Since POSTECH's language of instruction is mainly English, prospective students must reach an average level of English proficiency. Therefore, all applicants are required to prove their English proficiency through an official test or either a document that proves the instruction language of applicants' institution. Refer to the contents of "Eligibility" previously.

### **Q2 : Is the Institutional Testing Program (ITP) hosted by institutions other than POSTECH acceptable?**

ITP held by other institutions is not acceptable when applying to POSTECH's graduate program. Only that hosted by POSTECH is valid.

### **Q3 : Can other English Proficiency Tests (e.g. GRE) substitute the English Proficiency Tests listed previously?**

No other English Proficiency Tests can substitute the English Proficiency Tests listed previously. You have to acquire the minimum score of at least one of the previously indicated tests. However, if you do possess other English Proficiency Score or certificates, you can submit them along with the compulsory requirements.

### **Q4 : How can I get a document for "Proof of Instruction Language"?**

Applicants whose institution performs all of the lectures in English are qualified to substitute the English Proficiency Test with a document that verifies the institution's instruction language. If the applicant's institution does not have such an official document, he/she can submit other documents (e.g. transcript, enrollment certificate, etc.) with the institution's original seal and the following phrase: "It is hereby verified that the instruction language of (institution's name) is English."

### **Q5 : Do I have to be proficient in the Korean language?**

Korean Language Proficiency is not an essential requirement for application. However, applicants who have minimum capacity in Korean can be preferred.

## Financial Aid

### **Q1 : How can I apply for the Korean Government Scholarship Program (KGSP)?**

The notice regarding the Korean Government Scholarship Program (KGSP) is posted between the beginning of February and mid-March every year. Applicants can choose to apply for KGSP through one of the following two tracks:

- 1) Applying to POSTECH directly and then being recommended to GKS
- 2) Being recommended by the Korean Embassy at the applicant's country to designated universities

Please keep an eye on the notice board of our website (<http://admission.postech.ac.kr/mainUsen.do>) or of the government website (<http://www.niied.go.kr/eng/index.do>) for further updates and more information.

POSTECH Homepage: <http://www.postech.ac.kr/>

### Administration Office

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