

International Activities

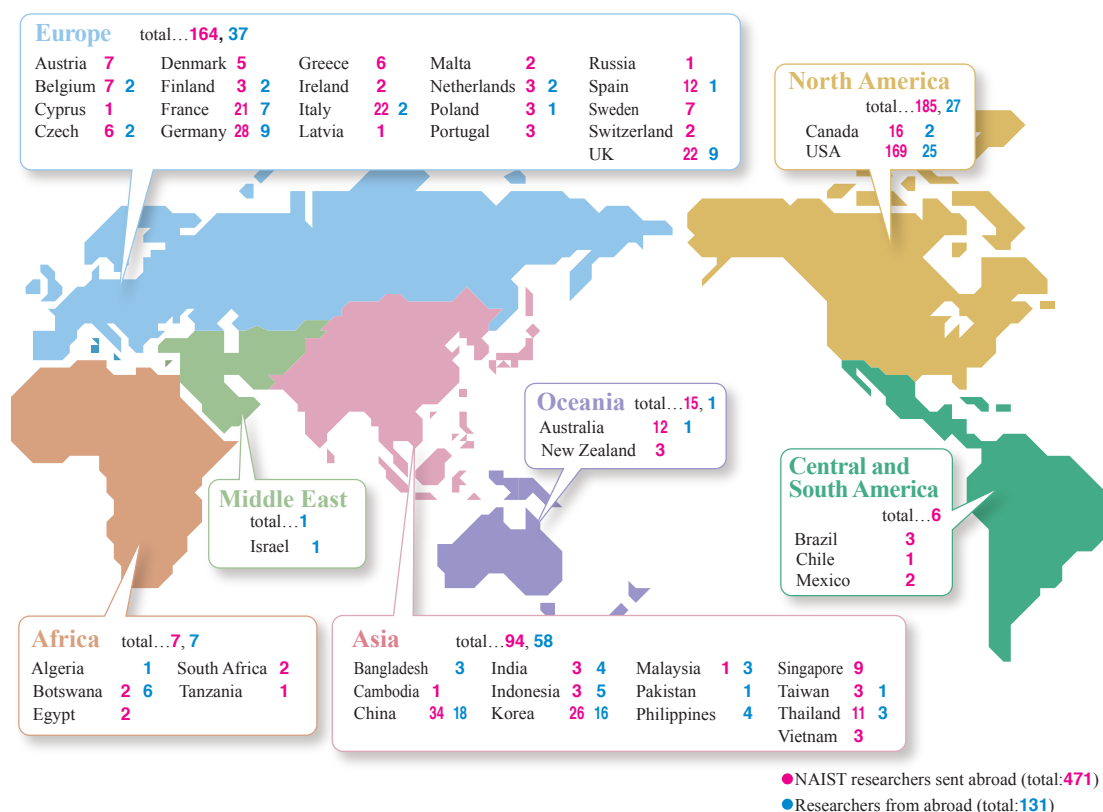
With the aim of further enhancing our global scientific research activities, NAIST is progressively promoting academic international exchange in the field of advanced science and technology, through the exchange of researchers and by hosting international symposia. These activities are funded through government projects provided by MEXT and other quasi-government programs offered by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.



Exchange of Researchers

We encourage researchers to study abroad, and we accept international researchers, with an increasing number of exchanges every year. To encourage young researchers, we also offer students research opportunities at overseas institutions.

Exchange of Researchers in 2007



Diverse Researcher Exchanges from Short- to Long-term

As part of our effort to build a network of international researchers, NAIST actively sends our experts to international symposia and invites researchers from overseas. Combined with these short-term exchanges, our long-term commitments, such as dispatching and accepting academics for periods exceeding a month, serve the purpose of promoting deeper-level international research activities. We accepted 46 long-stay researchers from overseas in 2007. This reflects the high standard of our research.

| NAIST researchers sent abroad | | Researchers from abroad | |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Short-term (less than a month) | 456 | Short-term (less than a month) | 85 |
| Long-term (over a month) | 15 | Long-term (over a month) | 46 |
| Total number | 471 | Total number | 131 |



Academic Exchange Agreements

NAIST has concluded 37 exchange agreements with overseas universities (23 for institution-level agreements and 14 for school/department-level agreements) in a bid to strengthen international relationships and to encourage further academic exchanges. This includes research collaborations, symposia, guest lectures, faculty and student exchange, and sharing of scientific information and materials. We also have concluded a MIT-Japan Program agreement with Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Agreements on Academic Exchange with Overseas Institutes

As of August 1, 2009

| Level | Graduate School | Counterpart |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Institution-level | All Schools | University of California, Davis, USA University of Maryland, College Park, USA University of Joensuu, Finland Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia Mahidol University, Thailand Ege University, Turkey Åbo Akademi University, Finland Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium University Paul Sabatier, France Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology, Korea Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Korea University of Poitiers, France Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, Chinese Academy of Science, China Ecole Polytechnique, France Tianjin University of Technology, China Ateneo de Manila University, Philippine St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University, Russia Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia Chulalongkorn University, Thailand University of Malaya, Malaysia Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia |
| School / Department-level | Information Science | Department of Information Processing Science, Faculty of Science, University of Oulu, Finland College of Engineering, University of Hawaii, USA School of Computer Science and Engineering & School of Software, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, China |
| | Biological Sciences | Biotechnology Institute, University of Minnesota, USA School of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, Korea University, Korea Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, Institute of Biotechnology, Vietnam |
| | Materials Science | Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology, Korea Faculty of Physics and Mathematics, University of Latvia, Latvia Faculty of Science, University of Zurich, Switzerland Ph.D. School in Physics, University of Debrecen, Hungary Department of Engineering, University of Applied Sciences Wiesbaden, Germany Faculty of Science, Leiden University, Netherlands College of Science, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan College of Chemistry, Liaoning University, China |

International Symposia and Seminars

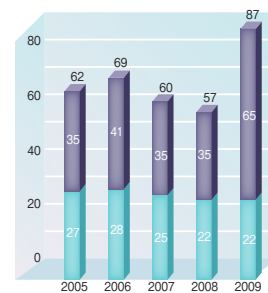
We hold international symposia and seminars to demonstrate our research worldwide and to advance research not only within our institute but also throughout Japan and overseas. In 2007 we held eleven international symposia in which nearly 900 people participated. We have active exchange programs with researchers in Europe, USA and Asian countries.

International Student Profile

As of April 1, 2009

| Country | Asia | | | | | | | | | | Middle East | | Africa | | | Americas | | | | Europe | | | | Oceania | | Total | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-------|-------------|------------------|
| | Bangladesh | China | Indonesia | Korea | Malaysia | Mongolia | Philippines | Taiwan | Thailand | Pakistan | Saudi Arabia | Cote d'Ivoire | Egypt | Kenya | Brazil | Dominican Republic | Panama | Paraguay | U.S.A. | Albania | Belgium | Finland | France | Spain | Ukraine | | New Zealand | Papua New Guinea |
| Master's Program | 12 (6) | | 3 (1) | 1 (1) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 3 (1) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | 28 (9) |
| Doctoral Program | 2 (1) | 7 (4) | 11 (5) | 2 (1) | 3 (1) | | 3 (2) | | 6 (4) | | | 1 | 1 (1) | 1 | 1 (1) | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | 43 (19) |
| Research Students | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 16 (5) | |
| Total | 2 (1) | 20 (10) | 15 (7) | 6 (1) | 5 (3) | 1 | 6 (3) | 1 | 8 (4) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 (1) | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 87 (33) |

Parenthesized figures indicate the number of female students



■ Number of Privately Financed Students
■ Number of Japanese Government Scholarship Students

Support for International Students

■ Student Dormitories

All international students are eligible to live in campus dormitories. To support students' research work on a 24-hour basis, LAN access is provided from the dormitories, allowing access to university networks, including the university's Digital Library, as well as national and international scientific research institutions.

■ Financial Support

■ Support from NAIST

Admission / Tuition Fees Exemption

Excellent students who are deemed to have difficulty in paying admission or tuition fees may earn exemption from all or part of such fees.

Teaching Assistants

We actively support students by providing opportunities for them to assist in teaching and education and receive financial assistance. TAs help in areas such as preparing teaching materials, grading reports, and providing experimental assistance.

Research Assistants

The RA program was introduced by MEXT in 1996 to enable outstanding Doctoral program students to participate as RAs in research projects. NAIST was the first university nationwide to introduce an RA program, in 1995, using independent funding sources. Since 1996, support from the MEXT program has allowed us to strengthen our RA program.

■ Support from sources other than NAIST

Students deemed to be outstanding are eligible to receive scholarships from the Japan Student Services Organization or private organizations such as the Heiwa Nakajima Foundation and the Rotary Yoneyame Memorial Foundation.

■ Social Events

The university holds the following events to provide opportunities for international students to meet each other.

■ International student excursions

One-day-trips in the historic Nara region and its environs.

■ International student parties

Japanese researchers, students, and local people are also invited to parties that offer participants the chance to get to know each other.

■ Japanese Classes

Japanese classes for international students are offered, at no charge, by a charitable organization based in Ikoma City. These classes not only offer a helping hand to international students in learning Japanese, but also provide a valuable opportunity for getting to know local people.

