



KAUST-Belarus Program

As part of the KAUST-Belarus program, the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) annually awards up to ten scholarships for research internships for highly qualified senior undergraduate students, graduate/Ph.D. students, and postdoctoral scholars affiliated with the Belarusian State University (BSU) or The National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (NASB) within the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM subjects).

This is the first interdisciplinary program for highly gifted Belarusian scholars to study and research in a gulf state. This takes account of the growing economic and political significance of the region, especially the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and promotes cultural exchange as a living example of the promotion of scientific, cultural and social relations, which is at the center of a foreign culture oriented towards understanding and dialogue.

The program combines high-class research according to the system of North American universities. KAUST provides an international environment and the campus language is English. Dependent on the concrete internship topic, the duration of the stay at KAUST can be between two and eight months.

Interested applicants are kindly asked to inform themselves about research topics at KAUST's divison of Computer, Electrical and Mathematical Sciences & Engineering via the website <u>http://cemse.kaust.edu.sa/</u> and contact Dr. Lyakhov (see below) who is responsible for the program together with Professor Michels, and also provides information on potential topics as well as living conditions at KAUST and in general in KSA. The decision on the award of a scholarship will be made after reviewing the recommendation letter, the CV, and a video interview. The recommendation letter should be provided by a researcher or faculty member of the BSU or the NASB.

KAUST has an excellent reputation as an academic and technological hot spot in academia and industry, and is one of the leading institutions in numerous scientific communities. Examples include the Visual Computing Center, the Computational Bioscience Research Center and the Extreme Computing Research Center at KAUST. With the Shaheen XC40, KAUST has one of the most powerful supercomputers in the world. KAUST's Industry Collaboration Program provides a network to leading companies and opens the door for outstanding career opportunities as well as funding for startups and further research projects between KAUST, BSU and NASB.

Only full scholarships are awarded under the program. This includes all residential and travel expenses and a monthly payment of USD 1,800 (tax free in KSA). The scholarship also covers all study fees of around USD 3,000 monthly, housing expenses, health insurance, travel and relocation costs. The equivalent of such a scholarship is approximately USD 70,000 per year.

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