

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying to the KAUST Red Sea Summer Program. We look forward to reviewing your full application!

We wanted to share with you some brief tips for completing the online application. Reviewing the information below should help you gather and prepare the required materials.

Supporting documents:

You will need the following documents in a scanned format. PDFs are preferred, although the system will accept some other formats.

1. Your passport information page (valid at least until 2021)
2. Transcript(s) from all colleges/universities attended
3. Your CV

Letters of recommendation:

The system will also require that you provide contact details for someone who will write a letter of recommendation on your behalf. The strongest recommendation letters come from people who know you well in an academic context – your professors, for example, or direct supervisors of any research experience you may have had. Please be sure that your recommenders can speak to your academic or scientific abilities.

Statement of Purpose:

One of the most important parts of the application is the Statement of Purpose. The system will require you to upload a document to help us learn a little more about you. For the KAUST Red Sea Summer Program application, please provide short statements (each no more than 200 words, total response maximum of 2 pages) addressing the prompts below, if they apply to you. Keep in mind that you are also providing your transcript and CV; therefore, it is not helpful to simply list your courses or projects. Tell us which courses had the most impact on you and why, what areas of research excite you, etc.

- Brief statement of marine science course experience
- Brief statement of previous biology course experience
- Brief statement of research experience
- Brief statement of previous international experience
- When do you plan to graduate, and what are the next steps in your career plan?
- Why do you want to attend the summer course at KAUST? Which of the five themes (genomics, ecology, microbiology, environmental science, or oceanography) are most interesting to you?
- Tell us anything else about yourself that you would like us to know.

Deadline

Please note that the application deadline is April 12, 2020. To receive full consideration, applications must be submitted by this date and the letter of recommendation must be received.

Again, thank you for your interest! We look forward to reviewing your application. For further information, please visit this website!

Sincerely,

Members of the KAUST Marine Science Faculty and the International Office