General Requirements

- Master's degree from an accredited institution

- English proficiency: Only official TOEFL, IELTS, and STEP scores will be accepted. KSU requires a minimum TOEFL score of 61 on the IBT (Internet Based Test) or 6 on the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or 85 on STEP. The KSU admissions code for IELTS (147080) and for TOEFL (7498). A waiver from this requirement is possible if the applicant received a Master's degree from an accredited institution in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, or New Zealand.

- Two letters of recommendation.

- Curriculum Vitae (CV), with an evidence of a recent publication or a patent if available.

- A statement of purpose.

- The GRE general test is preferable, but not required, unless specified by the selected program.

- A personal interview may be required (virtual or in-person).

Scholarships are awarded through a competitive process across all programs, and meeting the minimum requirements doesn't guarantee awarding the scholarship. Best candidates will get notifications based on program's assessment and the initiative steering committee decisions. All decisions are final.

PhD in Computer Science

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Computer and Information Sciences	**Computer Science**	**--**	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in computer science, software engineering, IT, computer engineering, information systems, or non-educational computer disciplines from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent. • A score of at least 65 in the General Aptitude Test or at least 265 in the GRE-General test. • A score of at least 75 in the Quantitative section of the General Aptitude Test or 144 in the Quantitative section of the GRE-General test.

PhD in Computer Engineering

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Computer and Information Sciences	**Computer Engineering**	**--**	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in computer engineering, computer sciences, electrical engineering, software engineering, IT, or relevant scientific disciplines, from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent; for relevant disciplines, the applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process on the electronic portal. • A score of at least 65 in the General Aptitude Test or at least 265 in the GRE-General test.

PhD in Software Engineering

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Computer and Information Sciences	**Software Engineering**	**--**	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in software engineering, computer science, information technology, computer engineering, or information systems, from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent. • A score of at least 80 in the Quantitative section of the General Aptitude Test or 148 in the Quantitative section of the GRE-General test.

PhD in Civil Engineering

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Engineering	**Civil Engineering**	Construction Engineering and Management	• Applicant must hold a full-time BSc. in civil engineering from KSU or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75 / 5) GPA or equivalent. • Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in civil engineering, Construction Engineering and Management, Water Resources, Environmental Engineering, Structural Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering from KSU or any accredited university, with a minimum of "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent.
		Water Resources	
		Environmental Engineering	
		Structural Engineering	
		Geotechnical Engineering	
		Transportation Engineering	

PhD in Chemical Engineering

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Engineering	**Chemical Engineering**	Chemical Industries	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in chemical engineering or equivalent from KSU or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent; for relevant disciplines, applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process.
		Process Synthesis and Control	
		Materials Engineering	• A score of at least 65 in the Quantitative section of the General Aptitude Test or 144 in the Quantitative section of the GRE-General test.
		Transport Phenomena	

PhD in Electrical Engineering

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Engineering	**Electrical Engineering**	Electronics	• Applicant must hold a full-time BSc. in engineering from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent.
		Communications	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in electrical engineering or relevant scientific disciplines from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent; for relevant disciplines, applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process.
		Automatic Control and Computers	• A score of at least 151 in the Quantitative section of the GRE-General test. Except applicant who hold a full-time master's degree in electrical engineering from King Saud University with a minimum of (4.25/5) within the last two years.
		Electrical Power	

PhD in Mechanical Engineering

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Engineering	**Mechanical Engineering**	Solid Mechanics	• Applicant must hold a full-time BSc. in mechanical engineering from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of an "Above Average" (3.25/5) GPA or equivalent, provided that applicant's GPA of the specialty courses (mechanical engineering) is at least "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent. • Applicant holding a bachelor's degree in other engineering disciplines with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent might be accepted; for relevant disciplines, applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process.
		Refractories and Fluids	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in mechanical engineering or relevant engineering disciplines from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent; for relevant disciplines, applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process. • A score of at least 75 in the Quantitative section of the General Aptitude Test or 148 in the Quantitative section of the GRE-General test.

PhD in Zoology

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Science	**Zoology**	**--**	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in zoology, or relevant scientific and health disciplines from KSU or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent; for relevant disciplines, the applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process on the electronic portal. • A score of at least 65 in the General Aptitude Test or at least 265 in the GRE-General test.

PhD in Biochemistry

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Science	**Biochemistry**	**--**	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in biochemistry or relevant scientific and health disciplines from KSU or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent; for relevant disciplines, the applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process on the electronic portal.

PhD in Physics

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Science	**Physics and Astronomy**	**--**	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in physics or relevant scientific and health disciplines from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75) GPA or equivalent; for relevant disciplines, applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process.

PhD in Chemistry

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Science	**Chemistry**	Inorganic Chemistry	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in chemistry from KSU or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent. • A score of at least 65 in the General Aptitude Test or at least 265 in the GRE-General test.
		Physical Chemistry	
		Organic Chemistry	
		Analytical Chemistry	

PhD in Food Sciences

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Food and Agriculture Sciences	**Food and Nutrition Sciences**	--	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in food sciences, human nutrition, or relevant scientific health disciplines, from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent; for relevant disciplines, the applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process on the electronic portal. • A score of at least 65 in the General Aptitude Test or at least 265 in the GRE-General test.

PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Pharmacy	**Pharmacology and Toxicology**	Pharmacology	• Applicant must hold a bachelor's degree in pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, a Pharm. D., from KSU or any accredited university. • Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, or relevant health disciplines from KSU or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent.; for relevant disciplines, applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process.
		Toxicology	• Certificate obtained from abroad must be accredited according to the equivalency program provided by the Ministry of Education. • Passing a written examination, with a minimum score of 50% held by the department.

PhD in Pharmaceutics

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Pharmacy	**Pharmaceutics**	**--**	• Applicant must hold a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences or a Pharm. D. from KSU or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Good" (2.75/5) GPA or equivalent, student's GPA of the specialty courses at the bachelor's stage is at least "Very Good" (3.75 / 5) or equivalent. • Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, or relevant health disciplines from KSU or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent.; for relevant disciplines, applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process. • Certificate obtained from abroad must be accredited according to the equivalency program provided by the Ministry of Education. • A score of at least 65 in the General Aptitude Test or at least 265 in the GRE-General test. • Passing a written examination, with a minimum score of 50% held by the department.

PhD in Clinical Laboratory Sciences

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Applied Medical Sciences	**Clinical Laboratory Sciences**	Medical Microbiology	• Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in clinical laboratory sciences or relevant medical disciplines (such as clinical biochemistry, medical microbiology, hematology, Clinical Immunology and blood transfusion, medical genetics, and clinical pathology) from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent; for relevant disciplines, the applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process on the electronic portal.
		Clinical Biochemistry	
		Medical Genetics	• Certificate obtained from abroad must be accredited according to the equivalency program provided by the Ministry of Education.
		Hematology & Blood Transfusion	
		Clinical Immunology	• Passing a written examination, with a minimum success score of 50% held by the department.

PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences

College	Department	Track	Program's Requirements
Applied Medical Sciences	**Health Rehabilitation Sciences**	**--**	• Applicant must hold a bachelor's degree in speech and language pathology, or respiratory therapy from King Saud University or any accredited university. • Applicant must hold a full-time master's degree in speech and language pathology, respiratory therapy, or relevant health disciplines from King Saud University or any accredited university, with a minimum of a "Very Good" (3.75/5) GPA or equivalent., for relevant disciplines, the applicant must refer to the concerned department before starting the application process on the electronic portal. • Certificate obtained from abroad must be accredited according to the equivalency program provided by the Ministry of Education. • A score of at least 65 in the General Aptitude Test or at least 265 in the GRE-General test.