KAUST Discovery Scholarship
Terms and Conditions

A. PURPOSE: The KAUST Discovery Scholarship (hereinafter “Scholarship”) has been awarded to you in recognition of your excellent academic achievements and to enable you to commit to pursue a unique research-based Graduate Degree program at KAUST’s innovative campus in Thuwal, 80km north of Jeddah, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In addition to the academic components of the Scholarship at your home undergraduate university, you shall attend student development activities that will be held in your region and annually in Saudi Arabia.

B. TUITION AND FEES: Your Scholarship provides for the payment of all tuition and required fees for your current home undergraduate university only. All payments will be made directly by or on behalf of KAUST to your university upon receipt of an official invoice from your home university. You agree to provide KAUST with correct information for direct payment of tuition to your current university. You agree to forward university invoices to KAUST to ensure prompt payment of required tuition and fees.

C. MONTHLY LIVING STIPEND: Your Scholarship includes a monthly living stipend in the amount set forth in the Terms of Appointment document. KAUST or its designee will wire transfer this stipend directly to your bank account each month. You agree to maintain a bank account in your home country with a nationally recognized banking institution that is able to accept international wire transfers. You will in due course receive further instructions from KAUST about this process and agree to promptly provide KAUST with appropriate wire transfer instructions from your bank to enable KAUST or its designee to pay the monthly living stipend. If you attend a university in an area that does not have a bank with the ability to accept international wire transfers, you must promptly notify KAUST. You will, in due course, receive further instructions on the process for receipt of your living stipend.

D. ACADEMIC TEXTBOOKS: Your Scholarship includes an allowance for necessary academic textbooks to complete your undergraduate degree courses at your home university. You agree to use this allowance solely to purchase the necessary academic textbooks.

E. LAPTOP COMPUTER ALLOWANCE: Your Scholarship includes the one-time payment of an allowance as outlined in the Terms of Appointment document that you can use for the purchase of a laptop or desktop computer of your choice. Any costs incurred by you in connection with the maintenance and/or repairs of this computer shall be your sole responsibility. You agree to use this allowance solely to purchase a laptop or desktop computer.

F. TRAVEL FUNDS FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES: As part of your Scholarship you agree to participate in KAUST-sponsored student development activities that will include an award ceremony in your region, a regional workshop, and a conference in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. KAUST or its designee will make and pay for all your necessary travel arrangements, including hotel arrangements and economy-class air tickets, or provide you with an allowance to enable you to make your own travel and hotel arrangements directly.

G. KAUST ONLINE COMMUNITY: You will be registered for the KAUST Online Community upon receipt of your signed Terms and Conditions. Upon registration on the site, you agree to the terms, conditions, and policies of the Online Community as stated on the site. You agree to use the site regularly to set up the user profile, receive and send required scholarship information to KAUST, register for and receive information on student development events, and participate in skill-building activities as required by KAUST.
H. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP: You are required to complete your undergraduate degree at your home undergraduate university and, upon graduation, to matriculate into the graduate program at KAUST in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Should an emergency necessitate your early withdrawal from the Scholarship program, prior written approval must be obtained from KAUST.

I. VISAS TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA: You agree to travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to attend an annual conference per the conditions of the Scholarship. Additionally, you are expected to matriculate at KAUST upon graduation from your undergraduate home university. It is your sole responsibility to obtain all of the necessary official home country documents for international travel. You also agree to contact KAUST prior to starting the visa application process for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. KAUST will assist you in obtaining the required visas for entry into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; however, it is your responsibility to obtain such visas.

J. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS MAY BE CONSIDERED TAXABLE INCOME IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY. You agree to verify with your home country tax adviser if the Scholarship benefits you receive are considered taxable income in your home country. If the Scholarship benefits are taxable, you will be solely responsible for filing the appropriate tax documentation and paying all required taxes.

K. SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT: Your point of contact for the Scholarship is as follows. Please contact this person if you have any questions regarding the Scholarship or the Terms and Conditions.

   Scholarship Advisor: Natalia Ksiezyk
   Email: scholars@kaust.edu.sa
   Phone: 713-621-6300 ext. 24
   Fax: 1-713-621-0876 (North America)
   Fax: 001-713-621-0876 (outside of North America)

L. EMERGENCY: You agree to report to the above contact any short-term problems or family emergencies that may interfere with your timely completion of your academic studies or prevent you from completing your undergraduate degree. Under such circumstances, KAUST will, in its sole discretion, decide on an appropriate course of action regarding your continued eligibility for Scholarship benefits.

M. ACADEMIC PROGRAM REPORT: Once you have accepted the Scholarship, you agree to provide KAUST with an official report at the beginning of each academic semester (exclusive of summer session) outlining your current academic program and your progress, countersigned by your academic advisor at your home university.

You also agree to provide KAUST with an official transcript from your home university, as soon as practicable following the end of each academic semester.

N. SCHOLARSHIP REVISIONS: KAUST reserves the right to revise or adjust these Terms and Conditions for any reason within its sole discretion.

O. ROLE OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (IIE): IIE administers the Scholarship for and on behalf of KAUST. Subject to KAUST review and approval, IIE will disburse your Scholarship funds and monitor your academic and Scholarship progress for the duration of the Scholarship. The Scholarship is wholly sponsored and funded by KAUST. By signing these Terms and Conditions, you acknowledge and accept that IIE has not been, and shall not be, held liable in any manner with respect to your participation in any Scholarship program-related activities.

P. WAIVER OF LIABILITY: KAUST and IIE have no responsibility, financial or otherwise, to you in connection with any program or activity other than as specified in these Scholarship Terms and Conditions.
It is understood that neither KAUST nor IIE assumes responsibility for personal injury, accident, illness, loss of personal property, or other contingencies, which may befall you and/or your dependents during the period of the Scholarship.

Moreover, KAUST and IIE shall not be liable to you or any other person for any claim or claims made during or after the term of the Scholarship arising out of or in connection with your Scholarship as set forth in these Terms and Conditions, including but not limited to any claim arising from your death, personal or financial injury, or any other claims whatsoever, and you hereby unconditionally waive any and all claims against any or all of KAUST and IIE in implementing this Scholarship or arising out of or in connection with this Scholarship.

Q. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: As a Scholarship recipient, you agree to observe all applicable academic and professional standards in your home country, at the KAUST campus, and at all functions related to the promotion of the Scholarship. You agree to maintain a standard of conduct and integrity which is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Scholarship and which will contribute positively to the promotion of mutual understanding between the culturally diverse cohorts of all Scholarship recipients. You agree to comply with all national, international, federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing your respective undergraduate courses of study and graduate research projects.

R. REVOCATION, TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP:

1. In the event you fail to sign and return a duplicate original of these Scholarship Terms and Conditions to the address specified in the Letter of Acceptance within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, your Scholarship may be withdrawn by KAUST.

2. Your Scholarship may be revoked, terminated, or suspended on the grounds set forth in section 3 below. In the event of: (a) a revocation, you will be considered as not having received the Scholarship and will consequently not be recognized as an alumnus or alumna of the Scholarship program; (b) a termination and unless otherwise stated, the Scholarship will be considered to have ended when KAUST notifies you of its decision to terminate the Scholarship; and (c) a suspension, the Scholarship will be considered inoperative for the duration of such suspension, until a decision is made to reinstate, revoke or terminate the Scholarship.

3. KAUST may suspend, revoke or terminate your Scholarship at any time during the program for the reasons set forth below.

Grounds for revocation or termination include, but are not limited to:

a) violation by you of the laws of your home country, Saudi Arabia, or any other country that you may visit under the Scholarship program;

b) failure by you to observe satisfactory academic, research or professional standards;

c) failure by you, without acceptable excuse, to participate in KAUST-sponsored student development activities;

d) failure by you to comply with these Terms and Conditions;

e) payment by you of any benefits that you may receive from KAUST in connection with Scholarship program for illegal or unintended purposes;

f) material misrepresentation made by you in your Scholarship application form or any other Scholarship-related document submitted by you or on your behalf; and

g) conduct on your part which may have the effect of bringing KAUST or IIE into disrepute.
4. In the event your Scholarship is revoked or terminated by KAUST, you agree to re-pay to KAUST all benefits that you may have received pursuant to your Scholarship.

S. PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Neither KAUST nor IIE has any responsibility to you or any other person, financial or otherwise, in connection with any program other than as specified in the Letter of Acceptance and these Terms and Conditions for the Scholarship.

T. REQUIREMENTS:

Required documentation: You must send all forms required by KAUST by e-mail, fax, or post within ten (10) days of receipt of the Initial Letter of Acceptance and these Terms and Conditions to the address indicated below.

1. A copy of all documents listed in the Checklist
2. Original signed Terms and Conditions contract

Address: KAUST Award Documentation
         c/o Institute of International Education
         520 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 740
         Houston, Texas 77027
         USA

Email: scholars@kaust.edu.sa
Fax: 1-713-621-0876 (North America)
Fax: 001-713-621-0876 (outside of North America)

By signing below, you as the recipient of the KAUST Scholarship understand that:

a) You are responsible for observing satisfactory academic standards, fulfilling Scholarship requirements and expectations, and successfully completing your chosen degree program. You are also responsible for maintaining a standard of conduct and integrity that is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Scholarship, and that will contribute positively to the promotion of mutual understanding among the diverse participants in the Scholarship programs.

b) Since you have been selected on the basis of your academic performance in your field of study, you may not change your field of study during the course of your undergraduate program without the prior written approval of KAUST. If approval to change your field of study is not sought and obtained from KAUST, you will forfeit your Scholarship.

c) The Scholarship involves a full course of academic study for the completion of your undergraduate program and subsequent graduate degree program at the KAUST campus in Thuwal in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

d) You agree to cause your home undergraduate university to submit to KAUST in a timely manner, official semester reports in a form prescribed by KAUST summarizing academic performance.

e) You agree to provide emergency contact information to KAUST.

f) You agree to complete the requirements of your respective degree program and remain in good academic standing at your home university.

U. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS: If the terms of your Scholarship as outlined above are acceptable to you, please sign and return this document to the address indicated above.

By countersigning these terms of agreement, you confirm that you will not promote or engage in violence, terrorism, bigotry or the destruction of any state, nor will you make payments from the proceeds of this assignment to any individual or entity that engages in these activities. Further, you agree that you will comply with the laws of your home country and any country which you visit during the course of the Scholarship.
I certify that I agree with the terms of this Scholarship awarded by KAUST as outlined above.

________________________________________________________________________
Student Signature                      Date

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Printed Name

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Printed Name in Native Language

Mail this original document to:
KAUST Award Documentation
C/o Institute of International Education
520 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 740
Houston, Texas 77027
USA

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Email: scholars@kaust.edu.sa
Fax: 1-713-621-0876 (North America)
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