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3,944
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Babar Khan
Head of Life Sciences Investments
NEOM Investment Fund
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Forbes 30 Under 30
M.S. '18, Ph.D. '23

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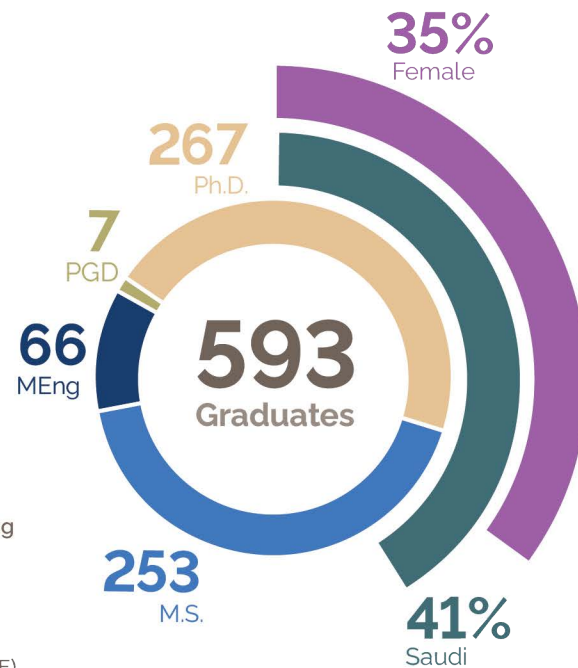Forbes 30 under 30 Asia 2022
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KAUST students accelerating impact 2025

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COMMENCEMENT

KAUST class of 2025

593 Graduates

35% Female
41% Saudi

- **267** Ph.D.
- **7** PGD
- **66** MEng
- **253** M.S.

- **136** Physical Science and Engineering
- **207** Biological and Environmental Science and Engineering
- **219** Computer, Electrical and Mathematical Sciences, and Engineering
- **24** Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship (TIE)

103 Sponsored Graduates

Ministry of Interior Kingdom of Saudi Arabia — 66	saudi aramco — 19	سابك SABIC — 4	KACST — 4
Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu — 2	University of Jeddah — 1	TU Taif University — 1	Taibah University — 1
Islamic University — 1	King Abdulaziz University — 1	King Saud University — 1	Weqaya — 1
Jouf University — 1	— 1		

Osama Dabbousi
M.S. student, Computer Science

KAUST Gifted Student Program (KGSP) alumnus received the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship to continue his high-performance computing research at the University of Oxford.

Jana Alghamdi
M.S. 2025, TIE program

The KGSP alumna and TIE graduate cofounded Furat — a KAUST startup advancing real-time water monitoring to support Saudi Arabia's sustainability goals.

Rabab Alomairy
Ph.D. 2022, Computer Science

In 2025, the Ibn Rushd Postdoctoral Fellow became the first Middle Easterner to receive the IEEE TCHPC Early Career Researcher Award for Excellence in High Performance Computing.

Abdullah Bukhamsin
Ph.D. 2024, Bioengineering

The KGSP alumnus attending CalTech under an Ibn Rushd Fellowship is advancing sensor technologies that support sustainable agriculture and plant health.

Walaa Khushaim
Ph.D. 2023, Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering

Now a postdoctoral researcher in MIT's Chemical Engineering Department she founded Gees Health, a startup advancing technology to support women's health.

Emma Ryan Higgins
M.S./Ph.D. student, Electrical Engineering

Kathryn Christian
M.S. student, Marine Science

The inaugural Fulbright-KAUST Graduate Award recipients are advancing research collaboration and strengthening cultural exchange between the United States and Saudi Arabia.

Our students and graduates are on a mission for Saudi Arabia and the world.

Driven by curiosity and empowered by cutting-edge resources, KAUST students push boundaries in science, engineering, and innovation. From advancing sustainable technologies to launching bold startups and pioneering research breakthroughs, they are turning ideas into real-world impact.

Sulaiman Al Suhaibani
M.S. 2025, TIE program

The KGSP alumnus and TIE graduate cofounded NeoRay — a KAUST medical technology venture developing non-invasive breast cancer diagnosis through breath analysis.

Razan Nughays
Ph.D. 2025, Material Science and Engineering

The materials scientist advancing semiconductor materials for future energy technologies will attend MIT under an Ibn Khaldun Fellowship for Saudi Arabian Women.

Katya Aguilar Pérez
Ph.D. 2025, Chemistry

The recipient of the prestigious Bayer Foundation Fellowship will join Kiel University in Germany to advance drought-resilient crop technologies through nanocarrier-based delivery systems.

Kaja Gruntkowska
Ph.D. student, Statistics

The Google PhD Fellowship recipient in algorithms and optimization is making AI training faster, more cost-effective, and more resource-efficient.