

(Spring 2026) Pusan National University 「K-STAR Visa Track」 Outstanding Talent Nomination

1. Eligibility: Outstanding international talents in science and technology fields seeking to change their visa status to K-STAR Residence(F-2-7S)

[Eligibility Criteria for Nomination]

1) Mandatory Requirements(All Requirements Must Be Met)

- Major in a science & technology-related field(Natural Sciences, Life Sciences, Engineering & Technology, or Neuroscience*), based on the National Science and Technology Classification System.
* Within the Humanities and Social Sciences, only the field of Brain Science is recognized as a science and technology-related field.
※ Please refer to Appendix 1 for the scope of science and technology fields.
- Participation in government-funded research projects(including BK21) or receipt of government grants

2) Eligibility(Must Meet at Least One)

- Expected to receive a PNU Master's degree or have graduated within the past year.
- Current Ph.D. student, Ph.D. candidate, Ph.D. degree holder(within the past year) at PNU.
- Integrated Master's-Ph.D. students are eligible if they are currently enrolled in the doctoral program.
- Current Postdoctoral Researcher(Postdoc) at PNU in a science and technology field

2. Key Benefits

- **Immediate Issuance of the Residence Visa(F-2-7S):** Holders may stay in Korea for up to 5 years without employment.
- **Eligibility for Permanent Residency(F-5-S1):** Holders may become eligible for permanent residency after 3 years on an F-2-7S visa, provided they meet the required points-based criteria.
- **Eligibility for Special Naturalization:** Holders may apply after obtaining permanent residency, provided they meet the outstanding talent criteria and are approved by the Ministry of Justice.

3. Recommendation process and schedule

Schedule	Activities	Remark
2026. June. 26. ~ July. 9.	Application and Ongoing Consultation ※ should be arrived by 6PM on the last application day	Mail or Visit in person [Reference 2] document checklist
2026. July. 15. ~ 21.	- Document Screening and Interviews by the Recommendation Committee - Committee Review and Approval	[Reference 3] Evaluation criteria
2026. July. 27. ~ August. 7.	Issue K-STAR Visa Track Recommendation Letters	Valid for 1 year
2026. August	Submit Recommendation Letter Issuance Records to the MOJ	

※ The above schedule and details are subject to change.

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