WHY TAIWAN

NKUST

A friendly living environment, a culinary culture of variety, the natural vitality of the majestic mountains, and passionate people and weather—there are a hundred reasons why foreigners come to Taiwan, but the reason they stay definitely includes finding their future life here.

Taiwan rose to 6th place globally in the 2025 IMD World Competitiveness Rankings: Economic Performance (10th), Government Efficiency (8th), Business Efficiency (4th), and Infrastructure (10th).

With the 2025 amendment to the Foreign Professionals Act, restrictions on employment for international talent in Taiwan have been eased. From the living environment to career opportunities, Taiwan is Asia's Dream Land, a place where a beautiful life can be realized, and an island of opportunity where you can confidently create a different life for yourself.

Statistic Highlights	Global Rank
Economic Complexity Index	2nd
High-Technology Exports	3rd
Proportion of Population Aged 25-34 with Tertiary Education	3rd
PISA Math and Science Performance (15-year-olds)	3rd
Healthcare Infrastructure	4th
Foreign Reserves Per Capita	4th

Source: National Development Council

WHY NKUST

Stanford University and Elsevier annually publish the World's Top 2% Scientists Lists, including a Single Year list and a Career (Lifetime) list. According to the 2024 data announced in 2025, 67 NKUST professors were named across both lists, with 27 of them listed on both the Single Year and Career lists.

NKUST's academic strengths are evident across several fields:

The fields of Electrical Engineering, Electronics, Semiconductors, and Communications account for 15 listed faculty members.

The strong research output from the College of Hydrosphere Science—covering areas like Aquaculture Technology, Seafood Science, and Marine Environmental Engineering—resulted in 14 listed faculty members.

Furthermore, in applied sciences, NKUST is home to several of Taiwan's top professional training and research centers, including the Railway Technical Center, and specialized bases for Semiconductor Processing, Intelligent Manufacturing, Metal and Materials Forming Technology, and Study of Sediments.

Beyond the robust competitiveness in the electronics and manufacturing sectors, Taiwan's significant influence in offshore fishing and high global shipping volumes further highlight the strong correlation between NKUST's talent cultivation and Taiwan's industrial might. The academic development of NKUST is a microcosm of Taiwan's industrial evolution, and Taiwan's current dazzling success on the world stage is the best testament to the quality assurance provided by NKUST.

Most importantly, NKUST is located in the major port city of Kaohsiung in Southern Taiwan. Vast in area and abundant in resources, Kaohsiung is a city worthy of entrusting your future to. While its sweeping mountains and seas are not enough to capture its charm, the unique atmosphere of this maritime city makes Kaohsiung unforgettable at first sight, irresistible for a lifetime. So is NKUST.

HOW TO APPLY

Our admissions process is divided into two cycles: Fall and Spring, and all applications must be submitted online.

	Fall Intake	Spring Intake
Programs	☑ Ph.D. ☑ Master's ☑ Undergraduate	○ Ph.D. ☑ Master's ☑ Undergraduate
Application	Jan. to March	Sept. to Oct.
Results	June	Dec.
Registration / Enrollment	Sept.	February (of the following year)
OIA Admissions webpage		
Contact Information	admission02@nkust.edu.tw +886-7-381-4526	

ACADEMIC FIELDS AND CAMPUS LIFE

Benefiting from the merger of three long-standing technological universities in Southern Taiwan, NKUST offers a broad scope of academic research across 10 Colleges, plus the College of General Education and the International College.

College of Engineering	College of Management
College of Intelligence Mechanical and Electrical Engineering	College of Marine Commerce
College of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS)	College of Innovation and Design
College of Maritime	College of Foreign Languages
College of Hydrosphere Science	College of General Education
Business Intelligence School	International College

For details, please visit the webpage:

#Campus Life and Resources

The OIA website is a detailed single-entry portal providing comprehensive information on campus life at NKUST, including courses, tuition, scholarships, health check-ups, dormitories, insurance, visa information, work permits, and more. It is essential reading as you prepare for your journey to Taiwan.

#Living in Kaohsiung

Kaohsiung is a vibrant hub of culture and industry. Major investments in recreation, arts, and the Industrial S-Corridor are driving a shift toward advanced manufacturing—from semiconductors to aerospace. This growth ensures the city remains a cornerstone of Taiwan's economic future.

CAMPUS OVERVIEW

#Jiangong Campus

Jiangong Campus is located in the urban area of Kaohsiung City. The historic Sanmin District is a vibrant mix of residential and commercial areas. As our most populous campus, Jiangong Campus offers exceptional accessibility: it is situated near the Kaohsiung Light Rail (C28 Station), the upcoming Metro Yellow Line (Y8 Station), and the TRA Science and Technology Museum Station.

#Nanzih Campus

Nanzih Campus primarily focuses on maritime-related disciplines and is home to a specialized training base for semiconductor manufacturing equipment technology. The campus is strategically located near the Nanzih Technology Industrial Park, where ASE, one of the world's largest providers of outsourced semiconductor manufacturing services in OSAT and a leading provider of EMS, is headquartered. It also offers excellent transit access, situated within walking distance of the Kaohsiung MRT Red Line (R20 Station).

#First Campus

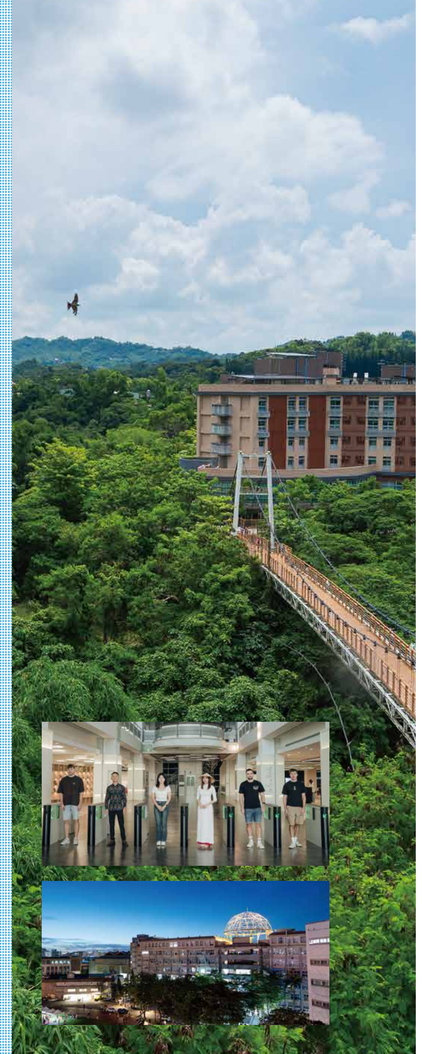
First Campus spans across both the east and west sides of National Highway No. 1 and is situated adjacent to the rapidly developing Ciaotou Science Park. The campus is home to several prestigious research facilities, including Taiwan's first university-based Railway Technical Center, the Southern Taiwan Toxic Substance Emergency Response Training Center, and the Institute for Material Processing & Advanced Component Technologies.

#Yanchao Campus

Yanchao Campus is renowned for its beautiful, serene environment and serves as the primary hub for several departments within the College of Management and College of Engineering. It is also the main venue for the College of Innovation and Design, hosting the majority of its academic courses and creative activities.

#Cijin Campus

Cijin Campus is located on Cijin Island, situated on the western side of the Port of Kaohsiung and adjacent to the Taiwan Strait. NKUST is the only university in Taiwan to feature its own private wharf directly on campus. This unique location embodies the core identity of both the university and the city of Kaohsiung: the ocean, the port, and the spirit of navigation.



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