

Is kaist.ac.kr legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

kaist.ac.kr

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

kaist.ac.kr appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official KAIST website providing university information including admissions, research, news, campus services, and contact details.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0% confidence AbuseIPDB, 1 report; shared hosting inflates reports	CLEAR
Domain age	29 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by GlobalSign GCC R46 OV TLS CA 2025	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- VirusTotal and Google Safe Browsing had no flags for this domain; its hosting IP carries AbuseIPDB reports below the confidence level TrustSniffer treats as a flag.

Full analysis

Overview

KAIST is an institutional website for the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, presenting university information on admissions, education, research, news, campus life, student services, and contact details. Its apparent purpose is informational and educational rather than commercial: the site does not solicit payments or investments from visitors.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed across the available evidence: there is no confirmed phishing, impersonation, malicious-site, or blacklist finding, and the site's content is consistent with a university institution rather than a deceptive commercial operation. Behavioral testing did detect hidden forms, but no password-external forms, wallet activity, suspicious scripts, cloaking, or clipboard manipulation were identified; this is therefore a limited interaction artifact, not evidence of impersonation. The site's presentation of KAIST and its linked social presence are consistent with an established institutional identity, although the real-world operator is not independently proven by the available evidence.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents KAIST's admissions, research, university-news, campus-life, and student-service sections without investment or payment solicitation.
- Behavioral testing recorded hidden forms, but 0 password-external forms, 0 wallet-connect runs, 0 wallet-sensitive runs, 0 wallet-drainer runs, and 0 clipboard-write detections.
- The site links to Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, and no brand-impersonation indicators were detected.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available pages identify the institution as KAIST and provide institutional, academic, and contact-oriented content. No financial licensing claim is relevant to the stated business model, and the available evidence does not independently verify the real-world operator behind the site; the on-site institutional identity should therefore be treated as apparently legitimate rather than proven. One abuse report is associated with the hosting IP attributed to the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, with zero confidence and university/college/school usage classification; it is a soft infrastructure-reputation signal and does not contradict the site's institutional purpose. A broker-reputation dataset recorded no match.

EVIDENCE

- The domain was registered on 1997-09-12 and is approximately 28.94 years old.
- Hosted on AS1781, KAIST-DAEJEON-AS-KR-KR — Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, KR.
- TLS certificate issued by GlobalSign GCC R46 OV TLS CA 2025, with OV validation, subject organization Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, valid to 2027-02-11.
- The hosting IP 143.248.155.65 has 1 reported abuse event, attributed to Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology with confidence score 0 and usage type University/College/School.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions initiated through any linked service, an institutional user should independently compare the displayed identity and contact routes with official KAIST communications obtained through an offline or separately trusted channel. Any admissions, donation, merchandise, or account-related transaction should also be checked for the expected institutional destination, return or cancellation terms where applicable, and payment-provider protections. Ordinary informational browsing requires no additional transaction-specific validation.

EVIDENCE

- The site's contact and campus-information sections provide institutional contact details suitable for independent comparison.
- The admissions, education, and student-service sections are presented as university information rather than direct financial solicitation.
- The homepage contains no login form or sensitive submission form.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, and the available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website. The classification is strong, while the connection between the website presentation and an independently verified real-world operator remains qualified rather than proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The supplied infrastructure facts do not identify a trusted CDN or WAF, so protective edge infrastructure is not relied upon as proof of legitimacy or as a significant mitigation. No separate conclusion about origin exposure is drawn from the available infrastructure record.

Closing Assessment

Routine informational use is appropriate; before submitting credentials or making a payment through any linked service, ordinary independent identity, transaction-term, and payment-protection checks should be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Signals weighed against the site

- AbuseIPDB: 1 report on hosting IP 143.248.155.65 (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, University/College/School), 0% confidence.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	79/100
Identity verification confidence	78%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=3

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of kaist.ac.kr.

- The request stayed on kaist.ac.kr. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Inames Co., Ltd.(http://www.inames.co.kr). CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by ac.kr, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-02-28. NOTED
- It is hosted on KAIST-DAEJEON-AS-KR-KR, from a server in KR. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Inames Co., Ltd.(http://www.inames.co.kr)
Hosting	KAIST-DAEJEON-AS-KR-KR - Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, KR
Country	KR
Server IP	143.248.155.65
Name servers	ns.kaist.ac.kr, ns1.kaist.ac.kr
SSL issuer	GlobalSign GCC R46 OV TLS CA 2025
SSL expiry	2027-02-11
Domain age	28.94 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-02-28
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0% confidence, 1 report Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about kaist.ac.kr at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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