

EWHA THE WORLD EWHA THE FUTURE



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Having opened the door for women's education by welcoming a lone girl 139 years ago, Ewha Womans University has continued to lead through extraordinary achievements in moments of crisis. Today, amid the current of an era of rapid changes, Ewha stands ready for its rebirth as “Ewha leading the era of great transformation through inclusive innovation.”

In the face of epochal transformation, driven by artificial intelligence and innovations in cutting-edge technologies, Ewha will, as always, lead from the front, rather than following passively. Ewha's creative and inclusive innovation will embrace people-centered values and present a new model for higher education of the future.

Ewha will, therefore, create a world-class research environment to establish first-mover research leadership and strengthen global competitiveness. It also aims to lead a great transformation of higher education in response to the era of artificial intelligence by establishing its own unique model of future education, further enhancing its status as a global research and education institution. Building on the spirit and values rooted in its 139 years of history, Ewha will solidify its role as a social asset, embracing its core values of creativity and challenge, excellence and innovation, cooperation and companionship, sustainability and leaping forward, and sharing and service.

As a prestigious global private university boasting academic excellence, Ewha will pioneer the way for the era of science and technology in the 21st century while respecting the values of individuals and placing character development at the core of its educational principles.

We kindly ask for your warm love and support in Ewha's journey to serve its calling for the world and pave the way for a new era.

From its inception with a lone student to educating 267,000 women with global talents, Ewha has established itself as a valuable social asset of Korea.

Ewha embodies a journey of faith through which women seek to fulfill their sense of self and serve a greater calling to change the world.

Leading the era through a history of countless firsts and bests, Ewha's spirit and pioneering initiatives create impetus beyond women's education to transform Korean society as a whole. Ewha will reflect upon and embrace contemporary challenges and direct its positive influence to spearheading change by generating people-centered values through creative and inclusive innovation.



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Driving Ewha's Leap Forward Through Global Research Competitiveness

Establishing a World-class Research-intensive Environment

Ewha is building a world-class environment conducive to intensive research with the goal of creating research achievements that will lead changes in future society. It operates the Ewha Global Excellence Program aimed at nurturing first-mover researchers to strengthen its global competitiveness in research, and has established the Research Institute for Innovative Convergence to support transdisciplinary convergence research, thereby solidifying its standing as a research-oriented university. In July 2025, Ewha launched the Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence Research Institute to promote academic and industrial development through multidisciplinary convergence research focused on fairness and ethics. Building on this foundation, Ewha was selected for the government-led initiative to support universities' basic research institute (G-LAMP) in 2025, proactively taking the lead in human-centered artificial intelligence research.

A Research-oriented Hospital Leading the Way Towards a New Paradigm of Medicine

Founded as Po Goo Nyo Goan (普救女館), Korea's first exclusive hospital for women, Ewha Womans University Medical Center (EUMC) is establishing a bio-medical cluster, through university-industry-research-hospital collaboration. Led by Ewha Campus Sinchon, Ewha Womans University Mokdong Hospital, and Ewha Womans University Seoul Hospital, the EUMC is establishing itself as an R&D hub that sets the paradigm in the medical field. A pioneering, research-oriented hospital core, EUMC is strengthening cooperation with companies and research institutes in the bio, pharmaceutical, and medical fields and vitalizing convergence research groups centered on Ewha's College of Medicine and College of Engineering.

Realizing Technology Commercialization Based on Creative Research

Ewha is actively promoting technology commercialization based on its creative research assets as a means of taking the lead in fostering an entrepreneurial ecosystem. It holds over 3,000 outstanding patents in various fields including advanced bio, artificial intelligence, semiconductors and displays, next-generation communication, hydrogen, and quantum science. It also provides a comprehensive support system, led by the Technology Licensing Office of the Ewha University-Industry Collaboration Foundation, which spans the entire cycle of commercialization, from intellectual property creation and technology transfer to business launch. Through these efforts, Ewha is converting its research outcomes into tangible social and industrial value, leading an innovative model of industry-academia-research collaboration.

Strengthening Global Partnerships with World-class Companies

Ewha signed an industry-academia cooperation agreement with the global chemical conglomerate Solvay in 2011, and attracted a global corporate R&I center spanning nearly 1.6 acres for the first time among Korean universities. Through this cooperation, Ewha has engaged in international joint research, student internships, and scholarship programs to foster future female scientists. In 2024, Ewha renewed its agreement with Syensqo, a spin-off from Solvay, securing research collaboration in 13 fields including battery solutions and artificial intelligence, along with a scholarship pledge of KRW 2.5 billion in total. Ewha is set to receive more than KRW 5 billion in funding over the next decade, solidifying its position as a leading example of industry-academia collaboration. In addition to launching a partnership with the fashion brand Dior in 2022, Ewha is strengthening industry-academia collaborative education to foster entrepreneurship by providing various student participation opportunities including scholarships, internships, field training programs, and master classes.

Establishing an Education Ecosystem for the Era of Great Transformation

Ewha newly established the College of Artificial Intelligence and the Graduate School of Data Science in 2023 to foster key personnel who will lead the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the era of digital transformation. Ewha introduced a major in AI Convergence in the Graduate School to nurture field specialists at the master's and doctoral level. In 2024, Ewha also launched a new undergraduate major in Semiconductor Engineering, as well as the Department of Intelligent Semiconductor in the Graduate School, thereby strengthening its education in cutting-edge industries. Furthermore, by introducing AI4AE (AI for All Ewha), a program aimed at offering artificial intelligence courses to all undergraduates, Ewha plans to provide customized artificial intelligence education in both general education and major curricula, along with substantive AI-related extracurricular activities.

Customized Support for Future Planning Based on Big Data

Ewha has introduced an intelligent student support system E-Buds, a personalized future-planning service platform based on big data and artificial intelligence technologies. The platform offers tailored support throughout students' university life, encompassing academics, career planning, employment, counseling, and academic consulting in line with each individual's aptitude and major. Meanwhile, Venture EWhA and the Entrepreneurship Center operate various programs including startup exploration hackathons, startup education, and mentoring programs to support the entire startup process, helping students' entrepreneurial ideas develop into concrete business plans.

Fostering Convergent Talents Through Flexible Academic Systems

Ewha supports its students in proactively shaping their future and developing their capabilities through innovative and flexible academic systems. These include the HOKMA College of General Education that enables students to experience and explore various majors through an integrated selection for regular admissions; Self-designed Semesters where students can design their own activities and earn credits in line with their aspirations and career paths; the Ewha DnA (Discovery & Adventure) Lab where students voluntarily form small groups around common interests or concerns for social issues and engage in both academic inquiry and practical activities; integrated and linked majors to foster integrated thinking beyond disciplinary boundaries; the TELOS Track System that provides personalized curricula tailored to students' academic objectives; the Scranton Honors Program, the first university division in Korea with self-designed majors; and the Self-designed Module Course System that promotes student-directed learning.

Expanding ICT-based Campus Infrastructure to Lead the Next Generation of Education

Ewha is creating a campus environment that enables learning in advanced fields in preparation for the evolving educational landscape. To this end, it has expanded teaching infrastructure such as active learning classrooms and high-tech classrooms that promote learner-centered diverse experiences and knowledge construction, while focusing on expanding ICT-based educational infrastructure by establishing active and flexible learning spaces where learners can utilize personal smart media according to their goals and needs. The current Helen Hall will be transformed into the new media-based Ewha Advanced Academic Information Center, and the Human Ecology Building (Morris Hall) will be transformed into Ewha West Campus that will serve as a hub for industry-academia collaboration, startup support, and convergence research.

Fostering Convergent Talents to Lead the Era of Great Transformation

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From Ewha to the World: Nurturing Female Leaders for the Future

Establishing a Global Cooperation System for Nurturing Female Leaders

Ewha is continuously reinforcing its nurturing system for global female leaders by signing multilateral exchange agreements with 1,029 overseas universities and institutions in 77 countries to date. As the only Korean global partner university selected by Harvard University, Ewha operates a joint summer semester through the Ewha-Harvard Summer School Program (EHSSP) and continues the Ewha-Harvard Undergraduates in Asia Program (Ewha-HUAP) for academic and cultural exchanges with Harvard students. Ewha is leading the way in nurturing the next generation of female leaders through these various global partnership programs, and is establishing an infrastructure that embraces the cultural diversity of international students by introducing the Global Scholars Program of the HOKMA College of General Education in 2024.

Ewha's Global Education Reaching Out to the World Stage

Ewha established the Ewha International Summer College, the first of its kind in Korea, in 1971. Every year, it provides talented international participants from around the world with opportunities to take various credit-bearing courses in literature, economics, business administration, engineering, and other majors, as well as experience Korean culture. In addition, Ewha operates the Ewha Global Frontier Program to expand the global experience of its students and help them grow into leaders with both drive and problem-solving skills. The participants can expand their global perspectives by autonomously designing the entire process of their exploration, from topic selection to schedule establishment, and visiting overseas public institutions, international organizations, and universities.

Nurturing Talented Women Worldwide Based on Community Spirit

Ewha operates distinguished global programs to share its excellent educational capabilities from a century of history with women around the world based on its community spirit. Ewha is leading the way in nurturing female global leaders who will contribute to the future society, by providing the Ewha Global Partnership Program (EGPP), Ewha-KOICA Master's Degree Program in International Studies (Ewha-KOICA), and the Higher Education for ASEAN Talents (HEAT) Program.

Ewha at the Center of the Attention from World Leaders

Global leaders and distinguished figures who hold Ewha's values and vision in high regard continue to visit the university. Previous guests include U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (2009) and Harvard University's first female president, President Drew Gilpin Faust (2013), who were selected as "Distinguished Honorary Ewha Fellows" in recognition of their contributions to improving the status of women. Since 1952, Ewha has awarded honorary doctorates to domestic and international figures who share the same educational philosophy, such as improving women's rights and capacity building. Notable recipients include Chilean President Michelle Bachelet (2009), German Chancellor Angela Merkel (2010), United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (2015), Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid (2018), Syensqo CEO Ilham Kadri (2022), and UN Ambassador for Peace Jane Goodall (2023).

267,000 Alumnae: The Power of Ewha's Network

With its 139-year history Ewha is undoubtedly the premier women's higher educational institution in Korea, and has produced female leaders in various fields including academia, politics, economy, society, and culture and arts. Even today, Ewha alumnae continue to be the "first" and "best" women in various areas, demonstrating Ewha's potential through the strong alumnae network of approximately 267,000. The Ewha Professional Alumnae Club, comprised of alumnae from Ewha who are active in various fields such as law, administration, management, and journalism, continues to communicate with their alma mater through mentoring for Ewha students and talent donation based on their expertise.

Ewha's Values Spreading Across the World

Ewha is leading the way in spreading its community spirit across the world and creating an integrated society for all of us to live alongside each other. Ewha Global Institute for Sustainable Partnership and Empowerment, established in 2025, aims to share Ewha's various experiences and achievements in social contribution, such as missionary work and volunteering, and take actions for achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by linking university research with societal contexts. Ewha also ranked first among Korean universities for six consecutive years (2020-2025) in the Gender Equality category of the THE World University Impact Rankings published by the Times Higher Education (THE), a British publication of world university rankings, in addition to eighth in the Climate Action and the Affordable and Clean Energy categories, contributing to fulfilling its social responsibilities.

Integrated Social Contribution in Sharing Ewha Spirit

In 1995, Ewha became the first university in Korea to introduce an admission track for students with disabilities and has since contributed toward the creation of jobs for people with disabilities to facilitate their economic independence. To this end, it established the Isu Management Corporation in 2022 as a subsidiary standard workplace for women with disabilities, with the aim to create an environment where they can contribute as members of society. In addition, following the establishment of the Ewha Womans University Community Welfare Center as the first of its kind in 1956, and the Ewha Social Services (ESS) in Cambodia as the first such program among Korean universities in 2012, Ewha is reaching out to help the underprivileged at home and abroad, in efforts to create a community where everyone is respected and valued.

Ewha, Practicing Empathy Beyond Communication

Ewha has stood at the forefront of communication with its members and protection of their rights and interests, establishing the Bill of Rights for Graduate Students in 2017 and opening the Center for Human Rights in 2018. Ewha is also striving to create a community where everyone is respected by establishing a culture of mutual respect, ensuring a happy workplace with work-life balance, and operating a two-way communication system.

Practicing Integrated Social Contribution and Coexistence with Local Communities Through Ewha's Network

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