

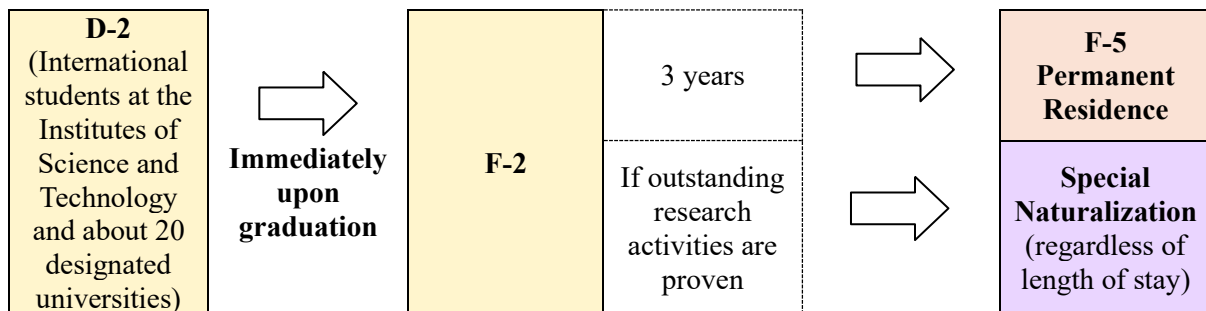
Establishment of the “K-STAR Visa Track”

□ The “K-STAR Visa Track” is an expanded and reorganized version of the “Fast-Track Program for Global Talents in Sci & Tec,” which had previously been available only to international students **graduating from the Institutes of Science and Technology** (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology (DGIST), Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST), Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST), and the University of Science and Technology (UST)). **Through an evaluation process, international students at approximately 20 designated universities** will also become eligible to apply for resident status (F-2) without an employment requirement.

□ The list of designated universities will be announced in December following review by a private evaluation panel.

□ Visa Summary

○ **A person recommended as an outstanding talent** by a university selected as a participating institution in the “K-STAR Visa Track” may change to a resident status (F-2) immediately upon graduation. In addition, the period required to obtain permanent residence (F-5) may be shortened to **as little as three years**, whereas for general international students, the minimum requirement is six years.



□ Key Benefits

○ Authority is granted to the presidents of universities selected through the evaluation process to recommend outstanding foreign international students.

○ If outstanding research activities are demonstrated, an applicant may apply for special naturalization directly from F-2, regardless of length of stay.