Established in 1971, **Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)** is a national research university located in Daejeon, South Korea, and is well-known as the nation's first research-oriented science and engineering institution. In 2016/17, the QS World University Rankings ranked KAIST 46th overall in the world and 6th within Asia, coming 13th in Material Sciences and 14th in Engineering and Technology. According to QS subject rankings 2019, KAIST is ranked at 17th, 20th, and 23th in Material Sciences, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering, respectively.
Source: QS World University Rankings

Website: https://www.kaist.ac.kr/html/en/

Established in 1905, **Korea University** is one of the nation's oldest and most prominent institutions of higher education. Korea University is a large research institution, notable in South Korean history for being the first educational institution to offer academic programs in Korea in various disciplines. For 2018/19, the university was ranked 12th in Asia and 86th in the world by QS World University Rankings.
Source: QS World University Rankings

Website: http://www.korea.edu/

Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH) is a private research university in Pohang, South Korea dedicated to research and education in science and technology. Since its establishment, POSTECH has been maintaining its prestige and reputation as one of the most prominent young research universities in the world, being 83rd overall in the QS World University Rankings 2019 and 12th best in QS Asia University Ranking 2017-2018.
Source: QS World University Rankings

Website: http://postech.ac.kr/eng/

Founded in 1946, **Seoul National University** is considered to be the most prestigious university in the country. The university has been consistently in the top 40 universities in the world, ranked 36th overall according to the QS World University Rankings 2019. QS University Subject Rankings in 2018: 16th (Engineering and Technology); 37th (Life Sciences and Medicine) and 20th (Natural Sciences).
Source: QS World University Rankings

Website: http://en.snu.ac.kr/

Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) is a private comprehensive research university in South Korea. The history of SKKU can be traced back to as early as 1398. Being one of the premier universities in the country, SKKU has been consistently maintaining its reputation domestically as well as internationally. QS World University Rankings 2019 ranks it 100th while THE World University Rankings puts SKKU in 82th place worldwide.
Source: QS World University Rankings; Times Higher Education World University Rankings

Website: https://www.skku.edu/eng/