How Do International Students Finance Their Studies at the Hebrew University?

**PART I**

**Hebrew U Scholarships**
- Scholarships for International Students (non-US citizens)
- Scholarships for International Students (US citizens)

**External Scholarships**
You can find some information in the links above, as well as ideas and tips in Part II of this pamphlet.

**Student Loans**
Loans are granted by students’ home countries. Students from the US can find information in the link above. Students from other countries can find ideas and tips in Part II of this pamphlet.

**Remote Jobs**
Students may not legally work in Israel without a work visa, however many students work remotely with their home countries. See Part II of this pamphlet for ideas and tips.

**Family Support**
While many students do not receive financial help from their families, some of the students we asked said that this was their main source of income.

**Personal Savings**
Again, while many students do not have enough savings to study abroad, others are able to partially finance their studies this way.
How Did You Do It? Here is What Our Student Told Us.

**Student from the USA, 2021**
"I worked remotely as a private tutor in the USA. I also received a Masa grant, which covered a small but significant percentage of my tuition."

**Student from Denmark, 2022**
"My tuition was fully covered by a generous grant from the Thanks to Scandinavia fund. Any Scandinavian student can apply, which I of course recommend doing. My living expenses were financed by various grants from Danish funds, including the Danish government’s Student Fund. I would advise prospective students to be creative when looking for scholarships. It is often a lot of bureaucratic work, but it can get you quite far."

**Student from China, 2022**
“My main financial resources are family support and a Rothberg Family Fund scholarship.”

**Student from Mexico, 2018**
“My financing mostly came from the Rothberg Family Fund and a private student loan company in Mexico called Accede.”

**Student from Poland, 2022**
“I received a scholarship from the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I also work remotely as a content creator and social media manager/assistant at a Polish NGO. I worked for them while living in Poland and then moved to working online from Israel.”

**Student from Germany, 2021**
“I received a scholarship from the DAAD, the German Foreign Exchange Service. It is accessible for every German who wants to study abroad, independent of their field of study.”

**Student from the USA, 2017**
“I had a Fulbright grant while I was at Hebrew University, so that was my main source of income. Later in the year I also found remote, part-time jobs with American universities through connections I had in the US.”

**Student from Kenya, 2021**
“I was very fortunate to receive a Rothberg Family Fund scholarship, which covered a portion of my tuition, and for that I was very grateful.”
Student from Spain, 2022
“I work remotely with my home country on the technical staff of a research project which is part of the National Spanish Research Agency.”

Student from the USA, 2016
“I received a generous scholarship from a private Jewish philanthropic donor, which was awarded on the basis of my work as an undergraduate student, and other factors.”

Student from Kyrgyzstan, 2016
“I received a Rothberg Family Fund scholarship as well as a Bavarian Max-Weber Scholarship. In addition, I participated in a community service project with the Hebrew University’s Student Union, for which I received a small grant.”

Student from Honduras, 2021
“I had a private scholarship arranged through a family friend.”

Student from Canada, 2017
“I received a scholarship from the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.”

Student from Germany, 2019
“I received BAFOEG, which is a stipend from the German government that you receive based on your family’s income. They calculate how high your living expenses will be and how much your parents should be able to support you, and they pay part of the difference. It was enough to pay 80% of my rent in Israel.”

Student from China, 2020
“I didn’t work during my studies at the HU but instead received financial support from my family. I also got a student loan from the Bank of China, which helped me to pay tuition. Now, after two years, I have repaid the loan.”

Student from Romania, 2016
“I worked part-time for a Romanian newspaper while studying in Israel.”

Student from the Netherlands, 2020
“My home country, the Netherlands, provided financial assistance. Every month, I received about €800, which I will need to repay later.”

Student from the Palestinian Authority, 2022
“I received a Daughters for Life scholarship.”
Student from Germany, 2018

“I worked remotely for the Documentation and Cultural Center of German Sinti and Roma in Germany. I had worked with them before in creating two exhibitions and during my stay in Israel, I was responsible for managing the translation of both exhibitions from German to English. I got €1,000 per month working 10 hours per week.”

Student from Peru, 2021

“I didn’t work during my time as a student but rather financed my studies with a student loan from my home country. In addition, after arriving in Israel, I received some financial aid from the Hebrew University’s Dean of Students Office.”

Student from Uganda, 2021

“I received a Rothberg Family Fund scholarship that helped me cover a part of my tuition, as well as a small monthly stipend provided by a private charitable donor.”

Student from Japan, 2019

“I was able to save enough money ahead of time for my tuition and living costs in Jerusalem. I also applied for scholarships in both Japan and Israel, but since it was too late to apply in Japan, I received only a Rothberg Family Fund scholarship.”

Student from the USA, 2020

“I received a charitably provided honorarium for hours worked on content for a website based in the US. I worked on it a few hours each week for grocery money. I also won a scholarship of $500 from the Center for Judaic Studies at Denver University, which was matched by a Christian donor. Finally, I did a little crowd funding in the US and was well paid to ghost write a memoir the summer before I left for Israel.”

Student from the USA, 2021

“I received a Merit Scholarship for students from the USA.”

Student from South Korea, 2022

“I worked in my home country, so I managed to study here with the money I earned from there. I also received a Rothberg Family Fund scholarship.”

Student from Turkey, 2022

“I received a full scholarship from my employer in Turkey.”

Student from Finland, 2021

“I received a Thanks to Scandinavia scholarship as well as a student loan from the Finnish Social Insurance Institution, a governmental system that provides for all students.”

Student from Russia, 2022

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“When I studied at the Hebrew U, I had already started a business and had a mature team in my home country. When I went to Israel, we usually cooperated with online collaboration software. I don't know much about other countries, but there are many remote, part-time jobs available in China. For example, students can teach foreign languages online, write articles and submit them to we-media, make Power Point presentations for businesses, etc. Some student even become travel bloggers, making videos and uploading them to social media. When the number of fans reaches a certain level, there are many ways to generate income, the most common of which is advertisements.”

Student from Greece, 2022

“I received a partial Merit Scholarship and the remainder of my expenses are covered by my family.”

Student from India, 2022

“I received a partial Rothberg Family Scholarship and apart from that, I am self-funded.”

What Expenses Will I Have in Jerusalem?

PART III

Tuition

Please refer to our Tuition Costs & Fees page for a list of the tuition fees for our various programs.

Health Insurance

All students must have health insurance for the duration of their studies at the Hebrew University. Information about the health insurance policy provided by the HU may be found here. Costs may be found on our Tuition Costs & Fees page.

Housing

On-campus housing is optional. Information about on-campus housing may be found here. Information about living off campus may be found here. Costs may be found on our Tuition Costs & Fees page.

Living Costs

These include food, transportation and entertainment. Students living off campus may also need to pay utilities, such as electricity, water, gas, internet and a municipal tax called “arnona.”