



האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים  
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

Dear HUJI international community members,

We trust this message finds you in good health and spirits.

Despite the ongoing challenges in Israel, Hebrew University continues to operate, and daily life in Jerusalem remains largely unchanged. Our staff is working diligently on our campuses.

In this context, we are writing to provide you with important updates regarding international students at the University.

### 1. **International Programs Academic Start Dates:**

Following the decision to postpone the start date of the 2023-24 academic year to not before 24/12/23 and not later than 7/1/24 (with 2-3 weeks' notice prior to start of studies), please note the following:

- **Rothberg International School Programs**— all undergraduate, graduate, preparatory programs have commenced and are currently being taught online.
- **Faculty International Master Programs** – some may have started online/hybrid and some not. In case of uncertainty regarding your program, we recommend that you contact your academic program coordinator to inquire regarding the status of your program start date.
- **PhD/Post Doc/VRF research students** – in the case of uncertainty, please be in direct contact with your research supervisor regarding the start/continuation of your studies.

In general, in the case of any academic queries, we recommend that you contact your academic programs/faculties.

### 2. **Scholarship payments for research students and post docs (MSc, PhD, Post Docs):**

The guidelines issued at the beginning of the war stated that scholarships can be paid to international students who are not in the country up to the end of November.

The university has updated the policy regarding the payment of scholarships, based on the student/post docs plans to return.

As such, we recommend discussing with your supervisor.

### 3. **Return to Israel:**

Currently life in Jerusalem and Rehovot is routine. As such we are allowing students who wish to return to Israel to do so. At the same time, students should not be pressured to return at this stage. Some countries have travel advisories in place against traveling to Israel; in some cases, students' families are pressuring them not to return; and some students may be still afraid to come back. In general, the university will give students two weeks' notice prior to the formal start of the academic year.

We recommend that research students and post-doctoral fellows be in contact with your supervisors to discuss and plan your return.

### 4. **Dormitories Policy:**

International students (excluding Rothberg dorm students) have been notified that they are entitled to the same discounts as Israeli students, and that they can settle their dorm fees with an option of returning to the dormitories when the war is over (see PDF attached - that was sent on 13.11.23 by the dorms).



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#### 5. Students support services:

##### [HUJI Psychological Service](#)

Due to the situation, the university hotline is available for those interested in a telephone conversation with a psychologist from the Psychological Service team.

The line will be open between 08:30 - 18:30, all days of the week. To schedule an appointment, please email: [psyserv@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:psyserv@mail.huji.ac.il)

In case of an emergency or if students feel stressed or confused due to the situation, they can contact the Rothberg 24/7 emergency line at 0548820217.

#### 6. General Information and support

Send email to [madrichimlife@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:madrichimlife@savion.huji.ac.il)

##### **Latest safety and security information:**

Keep up to date with our latest safety and security information through the Rothberg International School's dedicated [update page](#).

We look forward to better and brighter days ahead.

Best Wishes,

**Raz Rabinovich | Director**

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