



A Building Campaign for
Affordable Student Housing
at the University of Haifa



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Building Affordable Housing at the University of Haifa:

An Urgent Dormitory Campaign

Attracting outstanding students – **regardless of race, religion, gender and socio-economic status** – is a central pillar of the University of Haifa's exciting vision to cultivate academic excellence within an environment of tolerance, openness and respect for differences. We strongly believe that our unique learning environment serves as a model for Israeli society at its best and peaceful coexistence in the Middle East.

A vibrant on-campus life, with engaging social activities and welcoming dormitories, plays a prominent role in achieving this vision. Students who live on-campus have easier access to academic services and resources and feel a greater sense of community. Living on campus is a big part of what makes the University of Haifa experience so rich.

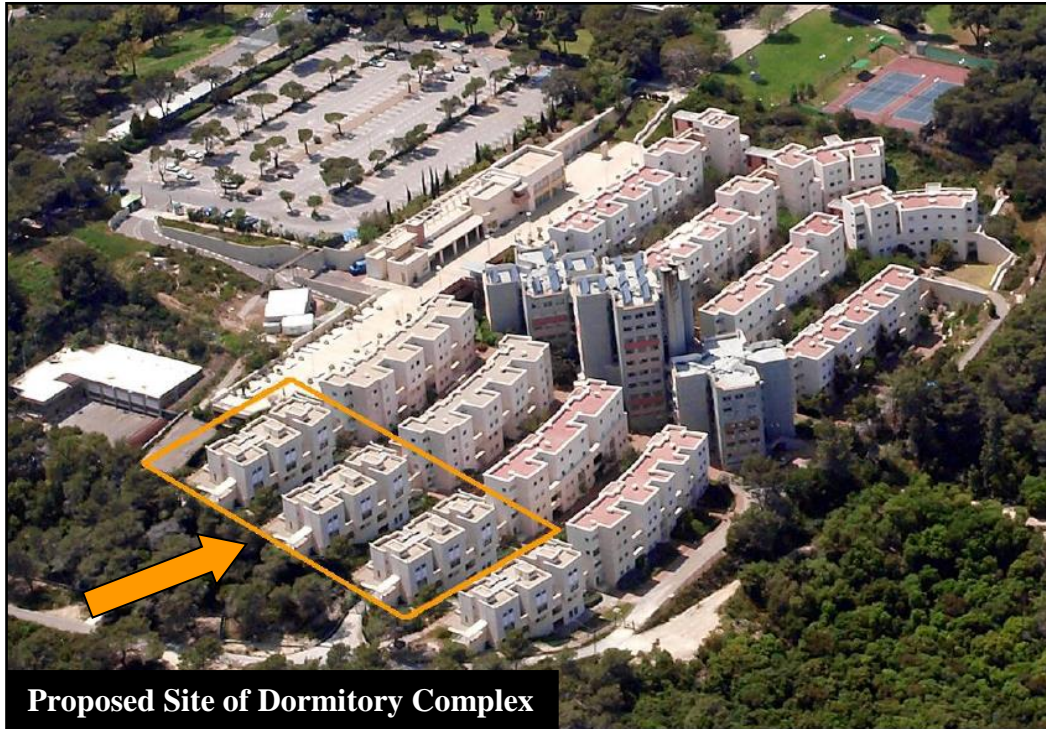


Unfortunately, the University has a limited number of dormitory spaces. Providing affordable housing on campus is essential to enable students from Israel's northern peripheral areas – especially those from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds – to live on campus and have access to higher education in Israel.

The University's leadership is committed to providing safe and affordable campus housing for the full spectrum of our diverse student body and is especially interested in providing higher education opportunities to high-achieving, low-income students. Therefore, the University is launching an **immediate and urgent campaign to build affordable dormitories on campus.**

A Dormitory Campaign at the University of Haifa

Currently, there are only 1,100 dormitory beds for 18,000 students – an unreasonably low number for the largest comprehensive research university serving the country's northern region. The lack of affordable housing spaces limits the University's ability to attract a greater number of outstanding students in the north.



The newly-constructed dormitories will comprise **three dorm blocks** and accommodate a total of **an additional 80 students**. The dormitories will be designed to provide a safe and culturally-sensitive environment. In rooms with shared kitchen facilities, students will be assigned roommates based on religious dietary restrictions.

We believe that campus housing presents an auspicious opportunity to demonstrate to the broader community the benefits of coexistence, as well as to encourage students to become involved in the local communities within Haifa. Aspiring to create a model community for coexistence, the newly-built housing will include social and cultural programs to create shared life experiences, to offer additional on-campus housing, and to create opportunities for off-campus housing that will integrate the university into the diverse community in the city of Haifa.

On campus, residential advisers will oversee an exciting range of educational activities in the dorms and students will have the option of receiving academic credit for their participation. Professional staff will be made available to provide students with counseling and psychological services.

The University sees this unique construction project as an important step in advancing academic opportunities for all segments of Israel's diverse society.

Request for Support

The University of Haifa is committed to creating and maintaining a community for students, faculty and staff of diverse social, economic, religious and ethnic backgrounds. We invite you to partner with the University of Haifa in this important **affordable housing** construction project that will expand educational opportunities for the full spectrum of Israeli society and help strengthen northern Israel.

- ▶ **A gift of \$40 million** will enable the University of Haifa to dedicate the Dormitory Complex in your honor or in the name of a loved one.



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- Acknowledging your support in University media publications, wherever possible.
- Recognizing your donation through appropriate signage.
- Honoring you at a special dedication ceremony. These joyous occasions are often attended by family members and guests.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

About the University of Haifa

As the largest research university in the country's northern region and academic home to a community of students that most accurately mirrors Israeli society, the University of Haifa is of unique strategic importance to the State of Israel. It enrolls the largest number of military and security personnel, who study alongside civilians from all walks of life - Haredi and secular Jews, new immigrants, Arabs, and Druze.

The University's mission is to cultivate academic excellence, create a shared Israeli experience, and promote democratic values in an environment of tolerance and multiculturalism. It is such an environment that contributes to outstanding research and a community of exceptional, creative, and productive alumni. We believe that fostering outstanding research while strengthening Israel's northern region and promoting an environment of multiculturalism is of strategic importance for the continued existence and prosperity of the State of Israel.

The University of Haifa stands atop Mount Carmel, where Haifa's southern boundary verges on the Carmel National Park. Over 18,000 students study here for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees. The University of Haifa is fully committed to academic excellence, which is expressed in its many and diverse interdisciplinary and international programs and collaborations with academic institutions around the world. The University of Haifa has gained an international reputation in many research areas, and is Israel's leading university in the humanities, social sciences, education, and marine research.

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