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Student scholarships are a driving force behind the University of Haifa's success. They represent a key investment in the academic future of Israel and in meeting the social, cultural and technological challenges that lie ahead.

As Israel's most pluralistic academic institution, the University of Haifa is committed to closing the social, educational and economic gaps that exist within Israeli society. Since its founding more than 40 years ago, the University has been **dedicated to making the goal of higher education accessible to all.**

Each year, the University awards more than \$7 million in tuition assistance, **helping to support the academic and professional dreams of talented and committed students from the full spectrum of Israeli society.** This support enables thousands of students to pursue higher education in Israel and to fulfill their potential.

Sitting atop Mount Carmel, our inspiring campus provides a unique backdrop for over 18,000 students from different ethnic, religious and socio-economic backgrounds in Israel. The University's diverse student body of Jews, Arabs, Druze, new immigrants, IDF officers and security personnel study together in an atmosphere of coexistence, tolerance and mutual respect.



The University of Haifa has developed a reputation for its emphasis on civic engagement and the strong connections between its faculty, students, and the larger community in northern Israel. The link between academic excellence and social responsibility is expressed in many of its academic and social service programs – underscoring the important values of diversity and cooperation. With an eye toward the future, the University of Haifa is firmly committed to nurturing a cadre of graduates who will be difference-makers in Israeli society.

We not only talk about social responsibility and affecting change, we pursue these goals aggressively and relentlessly. Our diverse scholarship programs and pioneering academic and leadership projects for students of different ethnic, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds have become successful models for empowerment and promoting equal opportunities.

In keeping with our commitment to providing education to deserving students regardless of economic status, the University of Haifa provides various types of scholarship assistance to a significant portion of the student body. **Dedicated, merit-based scholarship programs** enable the University of Haifa to attract the most promising students and to recognize academic excellence. **Need-based scholarships** target students with financial difficulties, such as new immigrants, soldiers, minority groups, and single parents. A range of specialized scholarships are available, including:

- **Scholarships for Bright and Needy Students.** These scholarships enable talented students from low-income families the opportunity to enroll at the University without undertaking additional jobs. In keeping with its commitment to providing education to the best and brightest, the University of Haifa provides scholarship assistance to more than 33% of its students.



- **Scholarships for Minority Students.** Israeli Arab students, new immigrants, *Haredim*, and students from other minority populations in Israel face tremendous challenges. A majority of these students come from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds. While **academic scholarships** provide a necessary foundation for their participation in higher level education, these scholarships alone are insufficient to ensuring academic and professional success. Once they begin their studies, minority students require a more holistic support system to thrive and excel. Many of these students are the first-generation in their family to pursue higher education degrees. These students require additional support to secure housing in the campus dormitories, textbooks, and additional scholarship support to pay for food services at the University.

- **Scholarships for Security Personnel** are designed to show appreciation to the young men and women who are serving the State of Israel's security forces, including the Israeli Police, Fire and Rescue Services and the Israeli Prison Service. We have an interest in attracting these students to a pluralistic campus that stresses academic excellence, a shared sense of Israeli citizenship and social responsibility.

- **Scholarships for Outstanding Students.**

Dedicated merit-based scholarship programs enable the University of Haifa to attract the most promising students and to recognize academic excellence. Our outstanding scholarship recipients participate in a wide range of University-sponsored volunteer outreach programs – reflecting a spirit of community and kindness that we strive to inculcate in every student. Examples of these programs include *Perach* - A Youth Mentoring Program; Academic Tutoring Programs for Learning Challenged Students; The Community Leadership Project, the flagship program of the Office of the Dean of Students, promoting coexistence and community involvement; and the Open Apartments Project, which places University students in communal apartments in Haifa's most needy neighborhoods where they work in community outreach and become local mentors. Students participate in focused leadership development activities that enable them to gain insight into issues of cultural diversity and to hone their skills as role models and community service workers.



- **The President's Scholarships for Success Program**, a fellowship program for doctoral students, provides them with academic scholarship support and living expenses over a four-year period. The current cohort of 1,200 doctoral candidates – among them, tomorrow's faculty luminaries – engages in cutting-edge research while mentoring new generations of students.

Doctoral Fellowships are a particularly critical element in the University's strategic vision for the future of Israeli academic leadership. A strong doctoral scholarship program will make it possible for the University of Haifa to help reverse the "brain drain" of gifted scientists and thinkers from leaving Israeli institutions of higher learning in order to pursue doctoral and post-graduate studies abroad, and build careers outside of the country.

Fellowships are especially important in today's competitive academic landscape. By offering competitive doctoral fellowships to students in the Faculty of Natural Sciences and the Faculty of Law, the University will have the ability to attract students the opportunity to pursue their academic careers and exclusive dedicate themselves to their studies.

Scholarship Packages

Scholarships support at the University of Haifa is tailored to the needs of the individual student. Scholarship gifts may be earmarked to include tuition fees, academic support (tutoring and/or counseling) or provide monthly living and housing stipends, laptop computers, books and supplies, meal vouchers and transportation expenses.



Request for Support

We invite you to join the University of Haifa's passionate commitment to academic excellence and social responsibility and help to cultivate a new generation of leaders who will work toward creating a more just and equitable society in Israel.

By providing the necessary financial support for students from all backgrounds to be part of the University's exciting and important mission, it will be possible to make a significant and meaningful contribution to the future of the State and people of Israel.

- ▶ **A gift of \$5 million** will enable the University of Haifa to establish a **Scholarship Endowment Fund**.

The yield from the **Scholarship Endowment Fund** will provide **yearly scholarships in perpetuity for up to 10 master's and doctoral students** and will ensure a continuous investment in the future of academic excellence at the University of Haifa.

Donor Recognition

The University of Haifa will be honored to inaugurate the **Scholarship Endowment Fund** in a festive dedication ceremony. We aim to link scholarship recipients with their sponsor and, where possible, enable them to develop a personal connection. Fellowship recipients provide letters of gratitude and/or written updates on their progress in their studies.

Thank you for your kind 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 education, the humanities, social sciences, and marine research.

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