

EAST

Excellence for
Arab Students at
the Technion



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EXCELLENCE FOR ARAB STUDENTS AT THE TECHNION (EAST)

Arab citizens of Israel make up twenty percent of the country's population, and as a minority group have traditionally been under-represented in Israeli universities. The Technion has made huge efforts to include greater numbers of Arab students by strengthening internal empowerment systems and has achieved such great success that the model is being rolled out nationwide.

Through special coaching programs for prospective students, workshops run by high-achieving students from Arab society, and personal tutoring in social engagement, the Technion has been able to increase numbers of Arabic-speaking students and Arab female students by 200% and 350% respectively since 2004. The number of Arab students deemed 'outstanding' has risen by 1,800%, and the number of Arab graduate students by 120%. Dropout rates among our Arab students have fallen by 67%!

The Technion campus today is a thriving microcosm of Israeli society where Jewish, Arab, and other minorities study side by side.

We aspire to build on this success with the establishment of the **Excellence for Arab Students at the Technion (EAST)** Scholarship Fund. Within this framework, annual scholarships will be given to outstanding students from Arab society, based on academic excellence and socio-economic status. Faculties will submit lists of outstanding Arab students who have completed at least one year of studies to the Steering Committee, chaired by Professor Daud Bashouti and comprised of six additional members including representatives of the donors and senior academic staff from various faculties. The Dean of Students Office will determine the candidates' socio-economic eligibility and the dean will give his recommendations to the Steering Committee. The number of scholarships awarded will depend on the funds available each year.

EAST scholarships will not just highlight and reward the hard work of outstanding students – they will also inspire others to strive to excel. With the help of generous donors, outstanding students from Arab society will have the opportunity to reach their highest potential, and contribute their talents to Israel and the wider world.

A 300,000 ILS expendable EAST scholarship fund will be used to annually support scholarships for excellent undergraduate students from Arab society.

Scholarships range from 5,000 ILS to full tuition (approx. 12,000 ILS).

Contributions of any amount are welcome.



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