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Welcoming Your Prospective International Student & Key Information

We're excited to welcome a prospective international student to Bar-Ilan University. As they are preparing to join your department, we'd like to provide you with key information to help ensure a smooth transition for both you and the student.

Application Process & Next Steps

Students must complete the university's [Application Form](#) before their enrollment can be finalized. If the student or researcher is coming as a Visiting Research Fellow (VRF), the relevant application form can be found [here](#).

Visa & Health Insurance

International students must obtain a student visa and valid health insurance for their stay in Israel. You can find essential information on the visa application process and renewal procedures [here](#).

Check out our [Health Insurance Information Page](#) for further details on the available options and policies.

Accommodation & Living Arrangements

Long-term Dorms: The [regular dormitories \(managed by Electra\)](#) operate on annual contracts from October to October.

Short-term Dorms: For short-term accommodation options and to check availability, visit our [Dormitories for International Students](#) page. If you (or they) have any questions, feel free to email dorms.intl@biu.ac.il. Our Dorms coordinator can verify availability and, if no rooms are open, add the student to the waiting list. Please note that this is a short-term option, limited to a maximum of six months.



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Banking & Financial Setup

Students often need a local bank account for scholarship deposits and general expenses. The setup process takes a few days, so they are advised to bring initial funds. More useful information can be found [here](#).

Cost of Living in Israel

Here's a rough estimate of the monthly expenses a student can expect. Of course, actual costs may vary.

Expense	Estimated Cost (ILS) / Month
Accommodation	2,000 – 4,500
1. Rented flat	2,000 – 5,000
Utilities	~600
2. Dorms on campus	2,000 – 3,500
Health Insurance	~400
Groceries	~1,000
Public Transport	~250

Essential Information

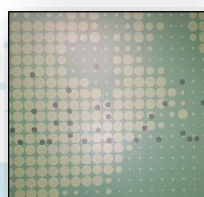
For everything from campus life to practical tips about living in Israel, visit our [Essential Information Page](#). For general queries, contact the relevant person:



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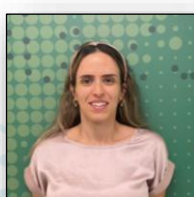
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We appreciate your collaboration in making Bar-Ilan a welcoming academic home for our international students. If you have any questions or require further details, feel free to reach out.

Best regards,

The International School's Student Services Team



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