

Fact Sheet: Academic Partnerships

Policy & Academic Freedom

- University claims commitment to academic freedom, research integrity, and minimising harm.
- Current Israeli partnerships contradict these principles, particularly “minimising harm” .

Upholding International Norms & Law

- UoN cut ties with Russian institutions after the 2022 invasion of Ukraine, due to their human rights and international law violations.
- No equivalent action was taken against Israeli universities despite ICJ ruling on illegal occupation and genocide allegations .
- This raises a big issue of double standards in approach between the two situations and highlights that a stricter approach could be taken to cut ties with Israeli institutions.

Academic Partners in Israel

- UoN has collaborated with over half of Israel’s universities (6 of 10) .
- Partnerships include research, funding, and EU projects despite calls for boycott.
 - **BIRAX**: Funded joint projects with Technion & Hebrew University (e.g., Parkinson’s research) .
 - **Tel Aviv University (TAU)**: Joint seminars, research collaborations, EU-funded Hydrosensing Project . - this is despite the university actively aiding the Israeli military.
 - **University of Haifa**: 11+ research outputs (2021–2024) .
 - **Weizmann Institute**: Ongoing nuclear magnetic resonance collaborations .
 - **Ben-Gurion University**: 82+ joint research outputs, academic exchanges, most recent one in 2025 .

Key Issues

- Israeli universities aid the Israeli state and military in carrying out the genocide through supporting soldiers, creating tech used on Palestinians and encouraging the use of disproportionate violence
- Collaborations contradict human rights obligations and ethical policies.
- By working with Israeli institutions linked to military support, UoN is complicit in apartheid and genocide.

More information can be found in the [updated NCLP report](#) (Chapter 6)

