

# SOUTH AFRICANS STUDYING IN ISRAEL

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-20 SASI PROGRAMME ACADEMIC YEAR  
OPENS IN FEBRUARY 2019 ON THE TELFED WEBSITE



## TELFED

Telfed - The South African Zionist Federation (Israel) is the representative body of Southern African Jewry in Israel.

Through the SASI programme, we aim to provide a social and supportive framework for Jewish Southern African students who are interested in pursuing tertiary level education in English and/or Hebrew in Israel & having a true Israeli Experience.

It is not compulsory to make Aliyah in order to participate in the SASI programme. However, students who wish to do so after the first year of the programme will be eligible for government benefits, further lowering their overall costs.

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Apply to a university of your choice. (See list following)
- Apply for a SASI housing scholarship using Telfed's online application form. (from February 2019)
- Skype Interview with a SASI staff member.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

South African citizens of Jewish lineage (according to the "Law of Return"), with a recognised matric and university pass certificate and with demonstrated financial need.



## SASI

The SASI programme is a joint initiative between Telfed, the Eric and Sheila Samson Foundation and leading Israeli universities and academic institutions.

A SASI student is eligible to apply for a needs-based scholarship package, awarded to a limited number of students each year.

1. Telfed directly administers SASI (needs-based) housing scholarships to assist with accommodation costs.
2. You are invited to apply for tuition scholarships from Telfed's partner academic institutions. These scholarships can cover up to 100% of tuition fees, based on financial need.
3. Tuition fees range from +/-14,000 Shekels to \$15,000 per year.

Telfed is a home away from home for all South African students in Israel, offering professional advice and a friendly support network.

SASI students may complete their entire academic degree in English or study a part or all of their degree in Hebrew.

Israeli universities and colleges offer a vast number of degree options in Hebrew, at highly subsidised rates, applicable to Israeli students. Students can undertake a preparatory Hebrew course (Mechina) and then have access to many more disciplines than in English.

Students who wish to study at Israeli universities not currently on the list above may still be eligible for a SASI Scholarship and are invited to apply.

Explore your options for **post-graduate** study in English on the websites of our partner institutions and other Israeli universities.

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Upon receiving the SASI scholarship students will take part in:

- Telfed's annual events
- Community volunteering
- Jewish and Israeli cultural events, organized by the scholarship department.

## PROGRAMME GOALS

- Study in English and/or Hebrew and obtain an internationally-recognised academic degree
- Adjust to a new environment
- Develop leadership skills
- Expand your social network
- Give back to the community
- Explore Israeli culture, history, society & diversity

## BACHELOR DEGREES IN ENGLISH AT SASI PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

(Click on the names of institutions below to access their websites. Emails are also active links)

### Interdisciplinary Centre, Herzliya (IDC)

Tuition fees: -/+ \$13,000

Up to 50% scholarship available, based on financial need.

Contact Stephanie Miller: [smiller@idc.ac.il](mailto:smiller@idc.ac.il) +972-9-960-2841

### Technion International

Tuition fees: -/+ \$15,000

Up to 100% scholarship available, based on financial need.

Contact Rachel Valenta:

[apply@int.technion.ac.il](mailto:apply@int.technion.ac.il) +972-77-887-1897

### Tel Aviv University (TAU)

Tuition fees: -/+ 14,000 Shekels

Contact Sharon Zelnick: [sharonzel@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:sharonzel@tauex.tau.ac.il) +972-3-640-7563

### Jerusalem College of Technology (Lev Academic Center)

Tuition fees: -/+ 14,000 Shekels

For mens' campus contact Gaby Novick: [gnovick@jct.ac.il](mailto:gnovick@jct.ac.il)

For womens' campus contact Bracha Berger: [bberger@jct.ac.il](mailto:bberger@jct.ac.il)

### Bar Ilan University (BIU)

Tuition fees: -/+ 14,000 Shekels

Contact Shira Gafni: [shira.gafni@biu.ac.il](mailto:shira.gafni@biu.ac.il) +972-3-531-8128

### The College of Law and Business

Tuition fees: -/+ \$10,000

Up to 100% scholarship available, based on financial need.

Lilach Waldman Akerman: [international@clb.ac.il](mailto:international@clb.ac.il) +972-3-600-0800

## GRADUATE STUDIES

### Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Medical School for International Health (BGU)

Tuition fees: -/+ \$38,000

Up to 25% scholarship available, based on financial need.

Contact Beth Chesir: [chesir@post.bgu.ac.il](mailto:chesir@post.bgu.ac.il)

## MECHINA - STUDY IN HEBREW

Mechina is a one year preparatory programme that prepares students to thereafter study a degree in Hebrew at any Israeli academic institution. **Mechina tuition fees are fully covered by MASA.**

### Hebrew University:

Contact Fabio Redak: [fabioiredak@gmail.com](mailto:fabioiredak@gmail.com) +972-2-588-2605

### Bar Ilan University:

Contact Keren Rozmarin: [mechina.office@biu.ac.il](mailto:mechina.office@biu.ac.il) +972-3-531-8653

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**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Telfed/>

## HOW CAN YOU AFFORD YOUR STUDIES?

### If you are an International Student:

- Apply for the financial (needs-based) SASI housing scholarship. Contact **Simone** at: [admin.esp@telfed.org.il](mailto:admin.esp@telfed.org.il) or apply via <http://www.telfed.org.il/SASIProgramme>
- Apply for the **Masa grant** for eligible South African students. For more information about **Masa** please go to [www.masaisrael.org](http://www.masaisrael.org)
- Email **Tanya Izaki** on [israelprog@israelcentre.co.za](mailto:israelprog@israelcentre.co.za)
- Apply for financial aid directly through your university.
- Apply for a scholarship based on academic merit, directly through your university
- You may apply for a **working visa** to supplement your income. For more information visit: [mfa.gov.il/MFA/ConsularServices/Pages/Visas.aspx](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ConsularServices/Pages/Visas.aspx)

### If you decide to make Aliyah:

As an Oleh you are eligible to have all your university tuition paid for by the **Israeli government** (limited to the cost of tuition fees at government universities. Conditions apply). For more information on **pre Aliyah services** please see: [www.highereducation.gov.il](http://www.highereducation.gov.il)

You can apply for Mechina or TAKA Programmes. These are pre-academic programmes that prepare you for academic studies in Hebrew.

Through the Telfed website you can also apply for **Telfed's financial aid scholarship** and participate in the **PRAS programme** - a community-service-based scholarship.

For more information see:

<http://www.telfed.org.il/StudentsGeneral>



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