

Demand UBC Cut Ties with Israeli Universities that Uphold Apartheid

Apartheid is an internationally recognized crime against humanity involving systematic persecution and forced segregation for the purpose of maintaining domination of one racial group over other racial groups.

In 2022, the Alma Mater Society (AMS) of UBC Vancouver passed a council motion condemning Israeli apartheid in Palestine and supporting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

A 2025 UN Human Rights report states that Israeli universities “contribute to the ideological scaffolding of apartheid, cultivating state-aligned narratives, erasing Palestinian history and justifying occupation practices.” UBC has partnerships with three Israeli universities that are directly complicit in the oppression of Palestinians, including through close ties with the Israeli military and weapons industries.

For the purposes of this petition, ‘cutting ties’ shall be understood as the full termination of all academic, research, and institutional collaborations with Israeli universities, and refraining from entering any new partnerships, programs, or initiatives that could support or legitimize these institutions. Cutting ties may therefore necessitate formally ending or not renewing MOUs, student mobility agreements, and formal research collaborations and agreements with these three Israeli institutions and their affiliated centers and research units.

Do you support the AMS calling for the University of British Columbia to cut ties with all institutions upholding apartheid, including Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, and Tel Aviv University, by writing an open letter to UBC and the UBC Vancouver Academic Senate