

# Apartheid Free Pledge

We [*university*] reaffirm; our opposition to all forms of oppression and that everyone is entitled to basic human rights, as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We commit to ensuring our university is free from oppression and discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, gender, class, ethnicity, religion or any other characteristic.

Apartheid is an extreme institutionalised form of racism and we don't want our university to be complicit with it in any form. We seek to play an active role in the global fight against racism.

We recognise that Israel denies Palestinians the right to live free from oppression, through:

- a) The illegal occupation and colonisation of their land.
- b) [Discrimination against Palestinian citizens of Israel](#)
- c) The denial of the right of return for Palestinian refugees, as enshrined in UN Resolution 194.

Legal experts, academics and [UN reports](#) have affirmed that this system of racial discrimination amounts to the crime of apartheid under International Law.

As an Apartheid Free Zone, we refuse to provide any kind of support or to engage in the normalization of relations with any regime of racism, oppression and dispossession.

In working to make our university free from all forms of discrimination, we pledge that the university will act to ensure it hold no investments or ties with companies or institutions complicit with the denial of rights to Palestinians.

In doing this, we declare our university an apartheid free zone. This allows us to take a step further in the global fight against racism, and stand on the right side of history.