



The UGR suspends its scientific, technical and mobility cooperation with Israeli universities and institutions

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The University of Granada (UGR) is firmly committed to peace, social justice, the defence of human rights, and cooperation between peoples.

This commitment, reinforced by the mandate conferred on universities by Organic Law 2/2023, of 22 March, on the University System, to encourage "the participation of the university community in activities and projects related to the promotion of democracy, equality, social justice, peace and inclusion, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals", is expressly stated in the Statutes and the Code of Ethics of the University of Granada.

In an extraordinary session of the Governing Council of the University of Granada on 17 May, an agreement was approved to adopt the following measures in relation to the Israel-Gaza war. This agreement aims, within the framework of the UGR's competences, to contribute to bringing an end to the slaughter, and will remain in force until the military operations cease or until the violation of human rights is firmly condemned by the universities and institutions with which the UGR maintains academic or research ties.

Measures:

1. To suspend the incoming and outgoing mobility of students; teaching and research staff; and technical, management, administrative and support staff with Israeli universities, specifically Erasmus+ KA171 bilateral mobility agreements.



2. To suspend assistantship and summer course agreements signed with Bar-Ilan University and Tel Aviv University.
3. To not sign new agreements or participate in new international academic cooperation projects with Israeli universities.
4. To strengthen relations with Palestinian universities and cooperate with the NGOs working on the ground to assist and host Palestinian students, researchers and teaching staff; as well as students, researchers and teachers who, regardless of their nationality, have been retaliated against for their opposition to the slaughter.
5. To suspend scientific and technical cooperation with Israeli institutions in the framework of the research consortia supported by the European Commission in which the UGR participates and in which there is at least one Israeli partner institution. These consortia include PARC, Nabiheal, IRISCC, NanoPaint and INTENSE, which comprise 200, 14, 53, 12 and 16 partners, respectively. Furthermore, the use of UGR scientific infrastructure by research staff from these institutions will be restricted, and both incoming and outgoing research stays will be suspended.
6. To not participate in new agreements or research projects involving collaboration with Israeli universities, organisations or institutions.