

August 17, 2021

Dear International Researchers and Students,

September 2021 is the month of the Jewish new year, followed by several other holidays* in which BGU, as well as all government offices, will be closed.

In a "normal" year, this would be a perfect period to travel abroad, often to go to your home country. Regretfully, at this time, international travel should be avoided as much as possible.

We thus ask you to plan your travel within Israel, and plan not to leave the country (not even to neighboring countries) this upcoming holiday period.

It is important that you understand that the frequently changing policies regarding entry to Israel are beyond our control and that your timely return for the start of the new academic year can not be guaranteed. It is your responsibility to seek approval from (1) your supervisor/head of program, (2) Dean(s) and (3) The director of BGU International, before you travel. Please note that those stuck out of the country due to unapproved travel, may find their stipends/salaries/studies halted until they manage to return to work/study.

Please be considerate - the number of entry permits and places for quarantine (now required for those returning from most destinations abroad) is limited. If those who have already started their research/ studies at BGU stay in Israel this holiday season, it will help newcomers enter sooner.

As a policy we will prioritize the entrance of NEW international students Post docs and Researchers. **We appreciate your cooperation.**

Wishing you Shana Tova (Happy new year),
Health and wellbeing.



Prof. Chaim Hames
Rector

*September Holidays:

- ✓ Rosh Ha Shana (Jewish New Year) – 06/09/2021 – 10/09/2021 – returning to the office on 12/09/2021
- ✓ Yom Kippur – 15/09/2021 – 17/09/2021
- ✓ Sukkot – 20/9/2021 – 28/9/2021 - returning to the office on 29/9/2021