

The Cutting Red Tape Project

Solutions for Teaching, Scholarships, and International Students



Under the auspices of the "Cutting Red Tape" project, a team headed by BGU's Academic Secretary, Ms. Mira Golumb, examined the processes in teaching, scholarships, and the handling of international students. The team included academic, technical, and administrative staff, and consisted of two sub-teams: one dealt with scholarships, led by Ms. Michal Rokni, and the second dealt with international students, led by Dr. Stavi Baram.

The teams, mentored by EY consultants, mapped out points for improvement and characterized solutions to streamline processes in the following areas:

Pooling Resources on Scholarships

BGU's website now contains information on the various types of scholarships and the criteria for application. There is also guidance to relevant sources of information regarding various scholarships and awards for research students at BGU.

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Streamlining the Handling of Unusual Scholarships

- Authority transferred to the faculties – unusual framework now requires approval by the Dean only.
- Criteria for scholarships from research budgets is now more flexible.
- Option to reserve a scholarship that requires the approval of a central authority, so that it does not need to be entered twice.

Ongoing process of translation of forms and their assimilation into the various systems

We ask that you notify the departmental / faculty secretariat of any forms, processes, or automatic system replies/letters that you may come across which are not translated. The information should be sent to the academic secretariat to be taken care of.

And what lies ahead?

Computing student application forms and making them available online, led by Mr. Eitan Admon – with the aim of streamlining the work processes and services for researchers and students. As a first stage, Tissan will be opened in the ATLAS system (pooling forms that will soon be uploaded for initial testing in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

An information system for tracking the milestones in a master's degree – streamlining the monitoring of the students' compliance with the milestones required to complete the thesis and the degree, was characterized.

[The "Cutting Red Tape" project](#) is one of 18 processes currently taking place in the framework of the implementation of a strategic plan at BGU. The project is led by Prof. Moshe Elkabets and Maya Binyamin Nagar.

We encourage you to continue to send us initiatives and ideas to improve processes at: reducing.bureaucracy@bgu.ac.il

The establishment of a welcome center for international entities studying and researching at BGU – The center will serve as a one-stop shop providing response to all needs of the international entities at BGU and their families. It will be located in the Cukier, Goldstein-Goren Building for the Humanities and Social Sciences (72) and is currently undergoing renovation. A manager has been hired and other personnel recruited. Work processes have been defined and interfaces with existing systems will be developed through the gradual computerization of processes.

An online system for submitting applications for competitive scholarships – including the handling of each step and online approval, that will eliminate the need to submit hard copies and prepare the application manually, is currently being characterized.

