



Feinberg Graduate School

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Dear students and postdocs,

We hope that you and your families are well and safe in these challenging times.

Given that security measures in Rehovot have eased, and schools and other public institutions are reopening in much of central Israel, we feel it is time to move ahead with a gradual return to on-campus activity.

We find that both research activity and study are important and beneficial at such a time, as is a return to routine. Based on feedbacks from the Weizmann community, we encourage those of you who are currently abroad to start planning their return to Israel, and we encourage students and postdocs in Israel to make an effort to resume your full study/work activities as soon as possible.

Below are some useful guidelines to help all of you to plan your next steps:

- Students and postdocs who are abroad should plan to return to Israel in December, or at the very latest by the second week in January 2024 (so that those who wish can celebrate New Year's Eve with their loved ones abroad).
- Scholarships will be disbursed automatically until the end of the first week of January 2024.
- Students or postdocs who want to continue working remotely may do so for an additional limited period of time, if the head of their research group approves it. Remote work must also be cleared with the chair of the board of studies in their faculty or the chair of the postdoc program.
- Students and postdocs who purchase plane tickets to Israel for themselves and their families and would like financial assistance from the Weizmann wartime support fund are welcome to contact FGS staff. Reasonably-priced plane tickets will be reimbursed.
- As we mentioned in our last communication, the semester will begin in hybrid mode on Dec. 11. (More information regarding the academic year as well as backup and support systems for students still in service will be sent in a dedicated email soon).

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

In hope of more peaceful times,

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