



Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Israel Institute Programs

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The Israel Institute's senior leadership team is closely monitoring the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and its impact on higher education in the United States and around the world. The health and safety of our affiliated faculty, their students, and our institutional partners remains our top priority.

Preparing for AY2020-2021

Given the nature of international exchange and known operational challenges, the Institute has recommended that our AY2020-2021 **Visiting Faculty** and **Visiting Artists** defer their in-person placements to the following academic year (AY2021-2022). Further, the Institute has made available a limited Online Teaching fund to support the pedagogical challenges of teaching in an extended remote learning environment. Institute-affiliated faculty can use these special grants to develop fully online versions of their Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 courses.

Looking Ahead to AY2021-2022

We hope that schools will be able to fully reopen for AY2021-2022. Applications to teach in the United States starting in Fall 2021 through our **Visiting Faculty** and **Teaching Fellow** programs are currently being accepted. Further, our signature pedagogical workshop, **Teaching with Impact**, has been scheduled for August 3-5, 2021, and is expected to be held in person.

As the situation evolves, we will continue to recalibrate our programs in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health department guidelines as well as the official reopen plans of our partner universities.