

Press Release

PRINCETON GAZA SOLIDARITY ENCAMPMENT DEMANDS

The goal of the Princeton Gaza Solidarity encampment is to put pressure on the Princeton University administration to divest and disassociate from Israel, and to call attention to the University's active contribution to ongoing genocide and human rights catastrophe. We are horrified that even after seven months of us campaigning for divestment, Princeton continues to actively fund Israel's brutal occupation of Gaza. We are not alone. Thousands of students across the US are loudly calling for justice for Palestinians. We stand in solidarity with schools across the country, including but not limited to Columbia University, the University of Michigan, New York University, MIT, Boston University, The New School to demand our institutions stop financially supporting these ongoing atrocities. It's past time for university leaders to support the Palestinian struggle for freedom.

Our demands build on the work of the divestment campaign at Princeton and echo the demands of other students across the country. **First**, Princeton must call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and condemn Israel's genocidal campaign against the Palestinian people. **Second**, Princeton must commit to full financial transparency on its investments. **Third**, Princeton must dissociate and divest its endowment of all direct and indirect holdings in companies that profit from or engage in the State of Israel's ongoing military campaign, [occupation](#), and [apartheid policies](#). **Fourth**, Princeton must divest the roughly \$700 million that it continues to hold in private fossil fuel companies. **Fifth**, Princeton must disclose and end Princeton University research on weapons of war funded by the Department of Defense. The US sends more military aid and technology to Israel than any other country. This research also includes automated software and artificial intelligence technology used to enable genocide. **Sixth**, Princeton University must refrain from any form of academic or cultural association with Israeli institutions and businesses, in line with the [Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel](#). Importantly, this boycott is of [institutions, not individuals](#). **Seventh**, Princeton University must cultivate affiliations with Palestinian academic and cultural institutions directly without requiring them to partner with Israeli counterparts as an explicit or implicit condition for such support. **Eighth**, Princeton must stop sponsoring and facilitating Birthright Israel trips and Tiger-Trek Israel, and end its relationship with the [Tikvah Fund](#).

We're not going anywhere until these demands are met—hundreds of students, alumni, workers, and professors are and will continue to exercise their right to peacefully protest. Our values call on us to speak up for justice for Palestinians, and to confront the unethical investments of Princeton University's endowment. We will not be silenced, we will be heard. We will not rest until divest!

Instagram

Tiles: <https://www.canva.com/design/DAGDEr9-VCY/giV9IFkoZzGsmSgEK1jikQ/edit>

Text:

The Princeton Gaza Solidarity Encampment joins the national movement for the Popular University for Gaza (@nationalsjp), We will not leave until Princeton:

1. Ends its silence and release a public statement calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and condemning Israel's genocidal campaign against the Palestinian people.
2. Commits to full financial transparency on its investments.
3. Dissociates and divests its endowment of all direct and indirect holdings in companies that profit from or engage in the State of Israel's ongoing military campaign, [occupation](#),

- and [apartheid policies](#).
4. Divests the roughly \$700 million that it continues to hold in private fossil fuel companies.
 5. Discloses and ends Princeton University research on weapons of war funded by the Department of Defense, which is the world's largest institutional carbon emitter. The US sends more military aid and technology to Israel than any other country. This research also includes automated software and artificial intelligence technology used to enable genocide.
 6. Refrains from any form of academic or cultural association with Israeli institutions and businesses, in line with the Palestinian in line with the [Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel](#). Importantly, this boycott is of [institutions, not individuals](#).
 7. Cultivates affiliations with Palestinian academic and cultural institutions directly without requiring them to partner with Israeli counterparts as an explicit or implicit condition for such support.
 8. Stops sponsoring and facilitating Birthright Israel trips and Tiger-Trek Israel, and end Princeton's relationship with the [Tikvah Fund](#).

Twitter

@Princeton University, we will not rest until divest! The Princeton Gaza Solidarity Encampment joins the national movement for the Popular University for Gaza (@nationalsjp), read our demands here: [GRAPHICS HERE]

Email

*****KEEPING THIS AS DRAFT, BUT WE WILL LIKELY ONLY USE THE ENCAMPMENT EMAIL DRAFT*****

Dear all,

We are Princeton students from . We condemn the settler-colonial project and apartheid regime enacted by the State of Israel, which is conducting a [genocidal military campaign](#) against the Palestinian people and has, for decades, implemented a [regime of apartheid](#) within Palestine/Israel.

We demand that this University stand true to its mandate to remain “In the Nation’s Service and in the Service of Humanity.” We call upon this University to act upon the precedent of 1978, when Princeton divested from companies complicit in South African apartheid, and 2006, when [Princeton dissociated](#) itself from its investments in Darfur, in condemnation of “any company actively conducting operations in the Sudan that supports acts of genocide or assists perpetrators of genocide.”

There is incontrovertible evidence today that the State of Israel's campaign of mass death, illegal land grabbing, targeted starvation and ecological warfare against the Palestinian people is indicative of genocidal intent. The international community is [unequivocal](#) that [human rights](#) and [democratic values](#) have been and continue to be undermined by the State of Israel.

We, as the members of this institution and community, refuse to stand idly by and claim to be in the service of humanity only when it is popularly palatable and financially expedient.

We therefore demand that Princeton University divest and disassociate entirely from both the ongoing massacre in Gaza and the continued implementation of Israel's apartheid regime, which has been enabled by investments in companies and institutions that have worked to

enact and normalize Israel's violence against Palestinians for decades.

Our encampment and campaign calls for the following demands to be met:

1. **Princeton University must divest and [dissociate](#) its endowment of all direct and indirect holdings in companies that profit from or engage in the State of Israel's ongoing military campaign, [occupation](#), and [apartheid policies](#) until such time as the State of Israel:**
 - Ends the illegal siege on Gaza and immediately adheres to a permanent ceasefire
 - Ends the occupation of internationally recognized Palestinian land and dismantles the physical and legal structures that currently constitute an [apartheid state](#) as [defined in 2002](#) by the International Criminal Court
 - Recognizes the right of Palestinian citizens of Israel to live in full equality
 - Respects, protects, and promotes the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in [UN resolution 194](#)
2. **Princeton University must refrain from any form of academic or cultural association with Israeli institutions and businesses, in line with the Palestinian** in line with the [Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel](#). Importantly, this boycott is of [institutions, not individuals](#). The affiliation of Israeli cultural workers to an Israeli cultural institution is not grounds for applying the boycott.
3. **Princeton University must cultivate affiliations with Palestinian academic and cultural institutions directly without requiring them to partner with Israeli counterparts as an explicit or implicit condition for such support.**

Our encampment follows in the blazing footsteps of student and community organizers at other institutions across the world, including our neighbors and comrades at Columbia University, New York University, Rutgers University, and others. We condemn the use of militarized police violence by University administrators at Columbia and Yale against their students.

The ultimate goal of our encampment is to push for Princeton to recognize its financial and institutional complicity in the State of Israel's apartheid regime and ongoing campaign of violence against the Palestinian people. We stand in solidarity with THAWABIT, the inviolable national rights of the Palestinian people, which include the right to self-determination, Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine, the right of colonized people to resist occupation, and the right of Palestinian refugees to return in accordance with UNGA 194.

We shall not rest until divest. From the river to the sea, free Palestine!