

Curtin University Statement

Curtin acknowledges the devastating death of tens of thousands of Palestinian people and acknowledges the suffering, fear, acts of identity-based violence, and oppression against the people of Palestine in Gaza and the West Bank. We acknowledge that Palestinian people have endured terrible acts of violence and suffered the loss of loved ones. We are concerned that education at all levels in Gaza has largely stopped. We also recognise that many Palestinian students have been traumatised by recent and ongoing events.

Curtin acknowledges that Israeli people have endured terrible acts of terrorism and have suffered the loss of loved ones and fear for the safety of those they know, living in Israel. We acknowledge that many Israeli students have also been traumatised by recent and ongoing events. We are also concerned about growing rates of antisemitism around the world.

Curtin is a proud member of Scholars at Risk, an international network of higher education institutions dedicated to protecting scholars and promoting academic freedom around the world. Curtin University denounces hate speech and bigotry in all its forms. We are devoted to being inclusive of all students of all faiths and ethnicities and will forthrightly oppose all manifestations of ethnic, national origin or religious hatred on campus.

Curtin does not invest directly or indirectly in entities relating to the manufacture of weapons of war and has committed to publish an annual list of all sectors of University investment.

Curtin is proud to lead constructive conversations to explore how to enhance Australia's national resilience and security in an increasingly complex geopolitical environment.

In approaching this challenge, we are guided by the following principles:

- Curtin values academic freedom, freedom of speech and respectful debate. We believe that all universities should be a sanctuary for freedom and democracy.
- Curtin is committed to the safety of our students and staff.
- Curtin is committed to research that supports Australian national resilience and security.
- Curtin does not condone contravention of international humanitarian law and calls for the protection of civilians in all conflicts.

Australia's national resilience and security requires many Australian universities, including Curtin University, to contribute. Informed national debate is necessary for deep understanding of complex issues, development of solutions to prevent conflict escalation and development of an ethical framework to inform engagement with industry and government.

Curtin delivers advice, research and outcomes on:

- our democratic resilience
- our economic resilience
- our climate and energy resilience
- our critical infrastructure resilience and
- our ability to deter or overcome threats to our sovereignty.

Curtin partners with the Australian Defence Force and national and international corporations to further Australia's national resilience and security, as described on our website at <https://research.curtin.edu.au/research-areas/national-resilience-and-security/>