

Policy Motion to campaign to end the university's (and its subsidiaries) investments, research collaborations and partnerships with organisations and institutions involved in genocide, occupation, surveillance and weapons manufacture.

Cambridge SU notes:

- 1) Under international humanitarian law, there is occupation when a state exercises an unconsented-to, effective control over a territory to which it has no sovereign title.¹ Occupation is illegal under international law.²
- 2) Under international law, both States and Corporations have a responsibility to prevent genocide.³
- 3) The ICJ ruled in its order of the 24th of January 2024, that measures to prevent genocide should be adopted.⁴
- 4) Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.^{5,6,7,8}
- 5) "The mission of the University of Cambridge is to contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning and research at the highest international levels of excellence."⁹ All university buildings in Gaza have been destroyed.¹⁰
- 6) King's College, Cambridge is undergoing divestment from fossil fuels, weapons and occupation.¹¹

¹ <https://www.icrc.org/en/law-and-policy/occupation#text940438>

² <https://www.diakonia.se/ihl/resources/international-humanitarian-law/ihl-law-occupation/>

³ <https://www.somo.nl/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Obligations-of-Third-States-and-Corporations-to-Prevent-and-Punish-Genocide-in-Gaza-3.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/192/192-20240126-ord-01-00-en.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/hrcouncil/sessions-regular/session60/advance-version/a-hrc-60-crp-3.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/11/genocide-unfolding-our-eyes-history-will-not-forgive-our-inaction>

⁷ <https://genocidescholars.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/IAGS-Resolution-on-Gaza-FINAL.pdf>

⁸ <https://msf.org.uk/issues/gaza-genocide#genocide>

⁹ <https://www.cam.ac.uk/about-the-university/how-the-university-and-colleges-work/mission-and-core-values>

¹⁰ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/04/un-experts-deeply-concerned-over-scholasticide-gaza>

¹¹ <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/kings-college-cambridge-divest-millions-occupation-and-arms-industry>

- 7) Trinity College Dublin has ended its investments in weapons companies¹² and cut all ties with Israel.¹³
- 8) 19 out of 24 Russell Group universities have an arms investment exclusion policy.
- 9) Oxford and Cambridge own approximately 75% of the total endowments of UK universities.¹⁴
- 10) The University celebrated in 2023 its 20 year industrial partnership with Boeing¹⁵. Boeing manufactures the GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb confirmed to have been used to commit the Nuseirat, Al-Sardi, Al-Mutanabbi, Al-Tabeen and Fahmi al-Jarjawi massacres.
- 11) The University co-founded the Cambridge Service Alliance with BAE Systems. BAE Systems is part of the Joint Strike Fighter Program¹⁶ which manufactures F-35 used to commit genocide in Gaza¹⁷.
- 12) Cambridge Enterprise was created to facilitate the establishing of spin-out companies from research done at the University. Cambridge Enterprise facilitated the creation of TorTech Nanofibers through its spin-out Q-Flo by collaborating with Israeli armour manufacturer Plasan Sasa.¹⁸

Cambridge SU believes:

- 1) Organisations and institutions producing arms and other technologies used to surveil, dispossess or kill civilian populations have no place within an education institution of international reach.

¹²<https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/10/19/691232/Ireland-Trinity-Divests-Weapons-Firms-Complicit-Israel>

¹³<https://bdsmovement.net/news/trinity-college-dublin-becomes-first-university-west-comprehensively-cut-ties-israel>

¹⁴ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/index.php/irhe/article/view/21304>

¹⁵ <https://www.cam.ac.uk/stories/boeing>

¹⁶ <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/weapons/RL30563.pdf>

¹⁷ <https://ploughshares.ca/global-production-of-the-israeli-f-35i-joint-strike-fighter/>

¹⁸ <https://www.enterprise.cam.ac.uk/case-studies/making-progress-towards-a-materials-revolution-2/>

- 2) The University cannot demonstrate its commitment to student welfare and safety without cutting ties to companies facilitating harm against students' families and communities.
- 3) Historic examples of cutting ties provide a blueprint for demilitarising the university.¹⁹
- 4) The University should ensure it has no ties with genocidal institutions.
- 5) The University should ensure it has no ties with institutions violating human rights and international law.
 - a) The University's indirect investments through its endowment should exclude companies which manufacture weapons or develop surveillance technologies.²⁰
 - b) The University should ensure that its research is not used for military or surveillance purposes and that Cambridge Enterprise does not collaborate with the military or surveillance industry.
 - c) The University should ensure it does not provide companies which manufacture weapons or surveillance technologies, or facilitate easy access to its students through research funding or careers fairs.

Cambridge SU resolves:

- 1) To campaign to end the University's, Colleges', and their subsidiaries' investments, research collaborations, and partnerships with organisation and institutions involved in genocide, occupation, surveillance and weapons manufacture.
- 2) To publicly support the work of groups towards the demilitarisation of the University.
- 3) To work with the university to develop a framework for supporting students affected by military violence, in consultation with affected students.

¹⁹ <https://www.cam.ac.uk/notices/news/statement-on-funding-related-to-russia-and-ukraine>

²⁰ <https://www.reporter.admin.cam.ac.uk/files/armsindustrygrace.pdf>