About MEET

Founded in 2004, MEET (Middle East Education through Technology) harnesses the power of technology and business to bring together Palestinian and Israeli youth within a practical, skills-based model for intergroup interaction and conflict mitigation. MEET is an NGO based in Jerusalem and is managed by an international staff, including Palestinians and Israelis, and volunteers from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

Our Vision

MEET’s vision is to create an active network of young Israeli and Palestinian leaders who share a common professional language and are able to work together towards creating positive social, political, and economic change in their communities.
The Program

MEET is a competitive three-year technology, business, and leadership program for excelling Palestinian and Israeli youth. Each year, MEET accepts 44 new students from over 630 applicants. All admitted students receive a full scholarship, regardless of financial need. Students work in small bi-national teams to learn and develop real world technology and business projects. Instruction is in English and the program is taught and managed by a professional staff of Palestinians, Israelis, and MIT students, alumni and faculty.

A Unique Approach

- Implements an applied, hands-on curriculum developed at MIT, in which students learn about each other through joint academic, professional and social experiences.
- Engages students in a long-term, local process, making MEET an integral part of their everyday lives.
- Achieves a multilayered impact by using student developed technology projects that engages Israeli and Palestinian communities.
- In MEET, group boundaries are reframed around professional interests rather than political ideologies, and stereotypes take a back seat to understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect.

★ Achievements

- Diverse student body recruited from over 40 high schools in five cities across the West Bank and Israel.
- 500% growth in annual applicants since 2004, demonstrating MEET’s value to Palestinians and Israelis alike.
- High student retention rate: over 75% of matriculating Year 1 students graduate in Year 3.
- Strong commitment of students throughout difficult political times.
- Curriculum integrates real-world projects with well-known companies, including HP, G.ho.st, Google, Bank Hapoalim, and Alnayzak.
- MEET graduates accepted to top-ranked universities in the Middle East, US, and Europe.