

MIT Israel Intern **Daniel McCue**:  
 “I would definitely recommend to any student coming to Israel for an internship to seek out Bar-Ilan because it offers a great staff, dedicated students, and an ideal location in Israel.”



“The highlight of my Bar-Ilan experience was the people I was able to connect with, both students and professors alike,” enthuses MIT undergrad Daniel McCue, who spent his Israeli summer internship as a research assistant to Prof. Elise Brezis, Director of the Azrieli Center for Economic Policy Studies at Bar-Ilan University. “I thought it would be hard being an outsider, but the diverse set of PhD students I was with made sure I was welcome at every workshop, seminar, and social event.”

McCue made his first visit to Israel as a participant in the MIT-Israel Program, which facilitates dynamic connections between the thinkers and ideamakers of the MIT community and their counterparts in Israel. “I decided to join this program because I thought it was a great opportunity to get to know the country and work at the same time.” He chose Bar-Ilan University because of its expertise in economics and its proximity to Tel Aviv. “I was pleased to work with Prof. Brezis after reading about her work online.”

Focusing first on Elites and Social Mobility and later on Demography and Economic Growth, McCue notes that his tables and figures were included in Prof. Brezis’ paper on models of population dynamics and economic growth. He says that his summer internship has helped him to grasp how population size and social mobility “permit a better understanding of what is happening in the world.”

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Ardently endorsing his broadening Israel internship at BIU’s S. Daniel Abraham Center for Business Administration and Economics, the Maine-born MIT economics major commends Bar-Ilan’s “unique set of students who show a commitment to learning, not as a task but as a joy.” Pleased to have had the opportunity of working with PhD students “who are all very serious about their work and who are going into public, private, and academic sectors,” Daniel McCue stresses that their hospitality “has been outstanding.”

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This program is an initiative of the BIU Vice President for Research with MIT. It serves as the model for similar types of short-term exchange programs with other leading universities abroad.



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