The Zvi Meitar summer program is part of the Zvi Meitar Institute for the Legal Implications of Emerging Technologies, a multidisciplinary institute at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel’s first private Institution for Higher Education. The Institute was founded and is directed by Dov Greenbaum, who is on staff both at the IDC and in the Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale University. Dov is both a scientist and lawyer with experience in both hitech and biotech.

The overarching goal of the institute is to examine the ethical, legal, and social implications of new and emerging technologies, particularly disruptive technologies. The summer program provides a condensed version of the successful year long academic program offered to students of the IDC. The summer program includes a classroom component and a research project component. In addition, students will be exposed to innovators in startups and multinational corporations as well as relevant government departments. Finally, the summer program includes site visits to start-ups and technology incubators.

As a central component of the summer program, the research project pairs students up with stakeholders in the technological field of their choice, and then provides students with the tools to create deliverables that will examine the ethical, legal and/or social implications of that particular technology. The deliverables are designed to foster discussion and dialogue amongst all stakeholders in that technological field.

Students will be evaluated based on the quality of their project. Students will also have many opportunities to anonymously critique the program so that any concerns can be proactively managed.

The estimated cost of the program is 2400 USD/student, not including housing and flights.

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