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**ASTRONAUT TAKES FLAG TO OUTER SPACE  
TO COMMEMORATE THE ILAN RAMON SCHOLARSHIP  
PROJECT**

Astronaut Garret Reisman who will be flying on board Shuttle Atlantis STS-132 on May 14th will be taking a flag commemorating Israel's first astronaut Ilan Ramon and the scholarship fund established in his honor.

**The International Space University, will hold its 2010 Summer Space Studies Program in Strasbourg, France**

As part of an annual campaign to identify and assist in funding three exceptional Israeli graduate students, Michael Potter, former member of the International Space University (ISU), Board of Trustees, has announced a matching scholarship endowment fund. The International Space University, will hold its 2010 Summer Space Studies Program in Strasbourg, France. According to Potter, "This is a historic opportunity to achieve an international impact with a few select, but very talented Israeli graduate students. Israel intends to play a growing role in the global leadership and the development of space technologies and activities."

**A Campaign to Select Exceptional Israeli Graduate Students for the International Space University**

Daniel Rockberger the founder of the Ramon Scholarship selection committee based in Tel Aviv, points out: "We are committed to ensuring that the International Space University continues to serve an important impact on securing Israel's role on the international stage and particularly in the area of space development and cooperation."

## **Ilan Ramon Scholarship Project & Vision 2015**

Over the next five years we will seek to identify a minimum of 15 world-class students to participate in the two month Space Studies Program organized by ISU. This program is held every summer in different countries and locations around the globe.

The scholarship was established to honor the memory of the first Israeli astronaut, Col. Ilan Ramon, who died while courageously exploring the final frontier of space. Ramon made the ultimate sacrifice while living his commitment to space and to international cooperation amongst the nations of the Earth.

The purpose of the scholarships is to attract talented young Israeli students with backgrounds in technology, science, medicine and other disciplines, allowing them to continue their pursuit of knowledge on the international stage. At ISU, they will join with academic, government, and industry colleagues from around the world who recognize the promise of space exploration, development, and technology to advance and improve both life on Earth and beyond.

This scholarship program is a commitment to creating the building blocks that are necessary for Israel to establish a leadership position in the global space community and marketplace.

ISU, with a central campus in Strasbourg, France, provides graduate-level interdisciplinary training to the future leaders of the world's space efforts. Since its inception in 1987, more than 2,900 students from more than 100 countries have graduated from ISU's two-month Space Studies Program and its one-year Master of Space Studies Program. The 2006 Summer Session was held in Strasbourg, France. The Summer 2007 Session was held in Beijing China. The program for 2008 was held in Barcelona, Spain, the 2009 program was held at the NASA Ames Research center in Silicon Valley, California, and the upcoming 2010 program will be held in Strasbourg, France from 28 June to 27 August 2010.

### **Further information on the Ilan Ramon Scholarship & Endowment Fund:**

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**Photo of Flag Sent to Space**

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