

Harvard College

Counselor Newsletter



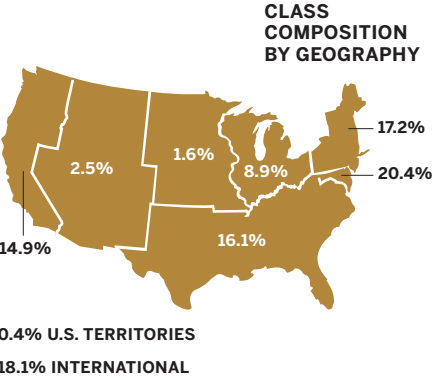
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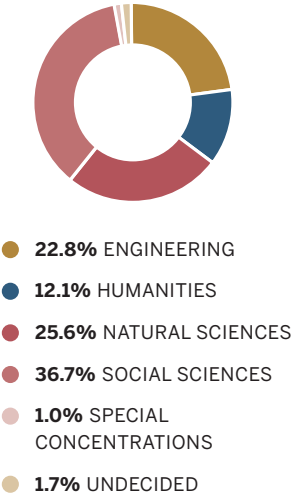
May 2025

A Brief Profile
of the Class of 2028

1,974
of 54,008 applicants were admitted to the Class of 2028.
1,650 MATRICULANTS
83.6% YIELD
41 ADMITTED FROM WAIT LIST



Intended Field of Study



Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations to your graduating seniors! Thank you so much for all the support and guidance you provided to your students and their families through the college application process. As we reach the end of the school year, we would like to share some updates from Cambridge.

Expanded Financial Aid

Beginning in the 2025-2026 academic year, Harvard College will be free for students from families with annual incomes of \$100,000 or less and will provide free tuition plus additional aid to students from families with annual incomes of \$200,000 or less. Many students from families earning more than \$200,000 annually will also qualify for aid. This significant expansion will ensure that more students, especially from middle-income families, will receive the support they need to attend.

We are pleased to share that under Harvard College's supportive financial aid program, which provides need-based assistance to all Harvard undergraduates, 25% of our students' families pay nothing for their child to attend Harvard.

QuestBridge Partnership

We strive to administer a college application and financial aid program that makes Harvard accessible and attractive to the best students. This year, we have committed to participating in QuestBridge for the 2025 National College Match. Harvard-specific requirements will be released when the QuestBridge application opens around July 30, 2025. See college.harvard.edu/admissions/apply/questbridge for more information on the process and timeline for QuestBridge applicants.

Thank you for your important work on behalf of the students applying to Harvard College. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

William R. Fitzsimmons
Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid

Joy St. John
Director of Admissions

Jake Kaufmann
Griffin Director of Financial Aid

WE VALUE OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR SCHOOL AND CBO COUNSELORS. TO BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH YOUR REGIONAL ADMISSIONS OFFICER, SIMPLY CONTACT US AT:

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Academic Opportunities & Student Life

Courses

3,700+
courses available (including cross-registration at Harvard graduate schools and MIT).

- 50 FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION (MAJORS)
- 49 SECONDARY FIELDS (MINORS)
- 120+ FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS
- 80+ LANGUAGES



Faculty

- 12 Median class size.
- 7:1 Average student/faculty ratio.
- 3 Each first-year student has **three advisors**.
- + Practically **all faculty teach undergraduates**.

Campus Residential Life & Resources

98%
of students traditionally choose to live **on campus for all four years**, and they enjoy an **unlimited meal plan**.

Some resources include:
[Academic Resource Center](#)
[Disability Access Office](#)
[Office Of BGLTQ Student Life](#)
[Mignone Center for Career Success](#)
[Office of Gender Equity and Inclusion](#)
[University Health Services](#)
[Women's Center](#)

Curriculum Structure

- Liberal Arts Education**
- **Concentration** [12–14 courses]
 - **General Education** [4 courses]
 - **Distribution** [3 courses]
 - **Electives + Secondary Field** [6–11 courses]
 - **Students must also fulfill requirements in foreign language, expository writing, and quantitative reasoning.**

Graduates

98%
of our students **graduate**, one of the highest graduation rates in the nation.
66%
of students normally have some **international experience**—study abroad, research, or another opportunity—during their time at Harvard.

Community & Activities

1,650
of our **6,700 undergraduates** are typically **first-year** students.
50+ colleges and universities and **75+ historical landmarks** span Cambridge and Greater Boston.
Harvard students come from **all 50 states** and **more than 100 countries**.

550+
student organizations of all kinds, including arts, public service, cultural, and preprofessional.
Harvard undergraduates can participate in athletics at the **club, intramural, or varsity level**. Please direct students who are interested in one of our 42 Division I teams to the following website for more information:
college.harvard.edu/athletics

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Admissions & Financial Aid

Admissions: What Are We Looking For?

We seek promising students who will contribute to the Harvard community during their college years and to society throughout their lives. While academic accomplishment is important, the Admissions Committee considers many other factors—strong personal qualities, special talents or excellences of all kinds, varied perspectives, and the ability to take advantage of available resources and opportunities.

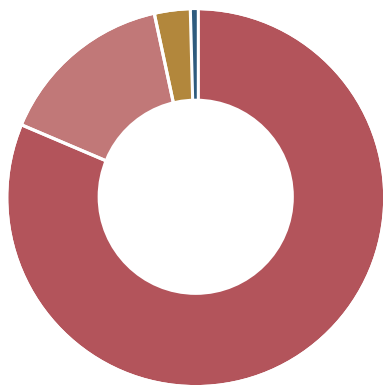
Typical Financial Aid Package

SCHOLARSHIPS \$68,700

PARENT CONTRIBUTION \$12,800

STUDENT TERM-TIME WORK \$2,700

STUDENT ASSET CONTRIBUTION \$200



100% of our students can graduate debt-free.

25% of our students attend Harvard College for free.

85% of American families would qualify for free tuition.

\$0 is the total billed cost of attendance for families with an income of under \$100,000 with typical assets.

Financial Aid: Removing Economic Barriers

Applying for financial aid does not jeopardize any student's chance for admission, including international applicants. All of Harvard's financial aid is awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need—there are no academic, athletic, or merit-based awards. Harvard meets 100% of demonstrated need of every student for all four years.

Beginning in the 2025-2026 academic year, Harvard College will be free (including tuition, fees, food, housing, and more) for students from families with annual incomes of less than \$100,000 with typical assets.

Students from families earning \$200,000 or less with typical assets will qualify for free tuition, plus additional aid. Many students from families earning more than \$200,000 will also qualify for aid.

Our financial aid officers work closely with families to ensure that Harvard is accessible to all admitted students. We do not require students to take out loans, although they are asked to cover their personal expenses through term-time work.

Deadlines*

Restrictive Early Action

Regular Decision

Common Application or Coalition Application by Scoir

November 1

January 1

Secondary School Report and two letters of recommendation

November 1

January 1

Financial aid application materials

November 1

February 1

Notification date for applicants

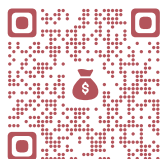
Mid-December

Late March

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YOU CAN GET AN ESTIMATE OF YOUR FINANCIAL AID ON OUR NET PRICE CALCULATOR (TAMBIÉN EN ESPAÑOL)

college.harvard.edu/npc | college.harvard.edu/npc-espanol



Watch this video to learn more about Harvard's financial aid.

<https://bit.ly/4c7sVeD>

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