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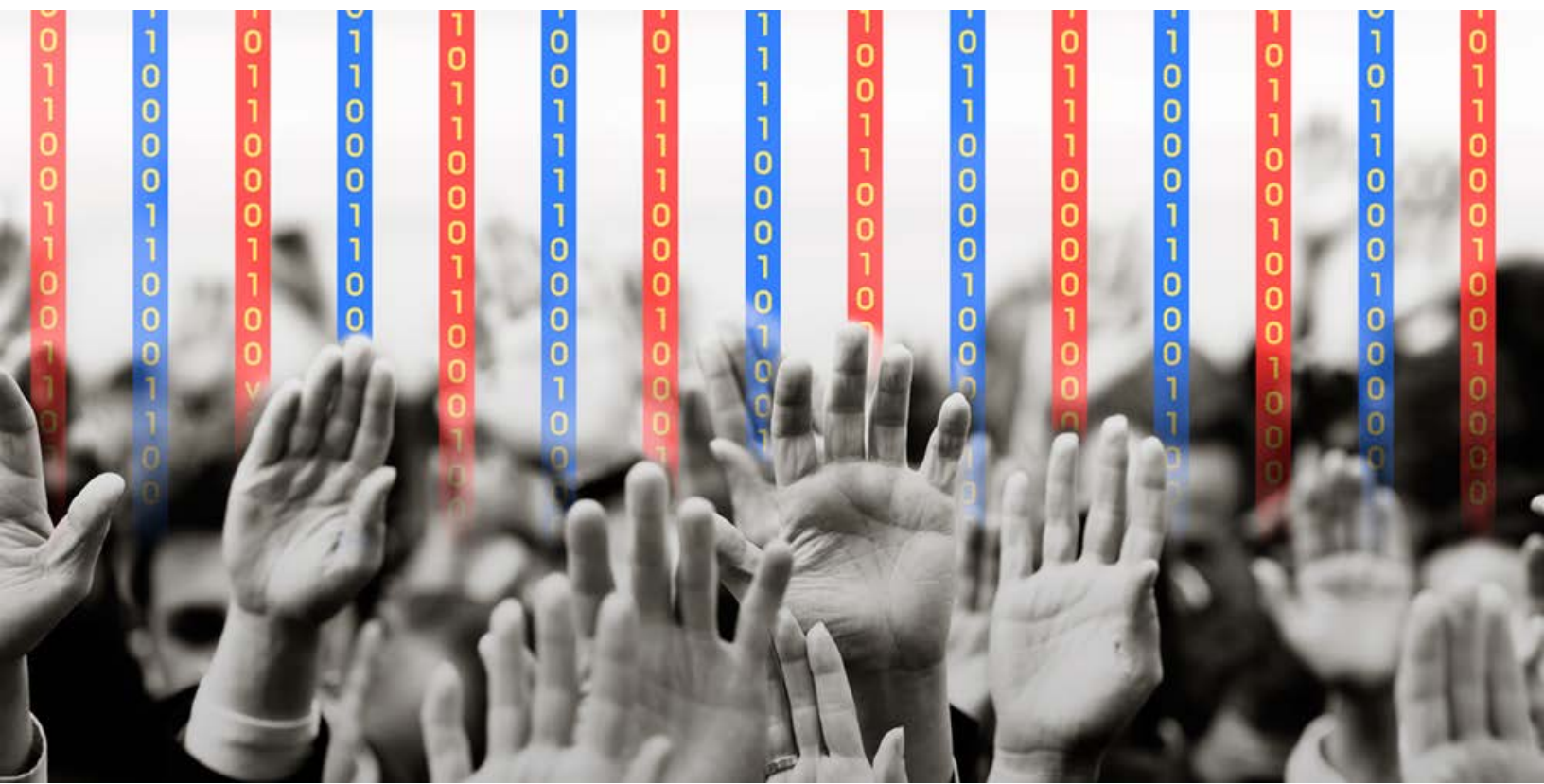


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TECHNOLOGY AND DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIP BACKGROUND

The Technology and Democracy Fellowship is part of an Ash Center and broader HKS initiative to explore technology's role in improving democratic governance—with a focus on connecting to practice and on helping Harvard Kennedy School students develop crucial technology skills.

Over the course of the fellowship, participants design, develop, or refine a substantive project that is salient to their field. This project could take the form of a new platform, service, or organization, or could entail research, reflection, and writing on issues that most interest them. Technology and Democracy Fellows form a virtual community through which they share ideas and resources, pose questions, offer feedback, and help one another solve challenges in their projects or other work.

Fellows also help students, staff, faculty, and other members of the HKS community to develop their understanding of major concepts and to build skills related to technology and governance. This knowledge sharing could come in the form of teaching workshops, consultation and mentoring, advising the Ash Center on its technology initiative, and more.

FELLOWSHIP EXPECTATIONS

WORKSHOPS

Each year, Technology and Democracy fellows design and lead a series of hands-on workshops for Harvard Kennedy School students, co-sponsored by Tech PIC. Each workshop will help participants develop their “technological intelligence” and learn skills related to understanding, managing, or creating digital technologies with the potential to improve the quality of democratic governance. During the Fellowship’s first year, workshop topics included design thinking, civic tech entrepreneurship, pursuing civic projects as a hobbyist, technical tools to find and analyze data that’s already available online, technology’s use in legislative and legal informatics, and more.

Each workshop is held at the Ash Center, on Tuesday evenings from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Travel and accommodations are provided for each fellow when they return to Cambridge to lead their workshop. Attendance is largely HKS students, often with a few staff, fellows, or other Ash Center community members in attendance as well. The workshops are limited to 15 participants, both due to space constraints and in an effort to allow a hands-on, one-on-one experience for students. The goal of each workshop is to provide students with direct experience with a technology, process, or other tool which they will find useful in their career, but which might not be provided to them as part of the formal HKS curriculum.

PROJECTS

At the core of the Technology and Democracy fellowship are independent projects which each fellow pursues over the course of their year with the Ash Center. Expectations for each project will vary significantly, based on the exact nature of the project. In general:

Fellows will provide monthly updates on their progress (via Slack, before each Google Hangout), and solicit feedback as needed

- On each monthly Google Hangout, one fellow will discuss his or her project in detail, outlining progress and next steps, soliciting feedback, and identifying areas in which the project could benefit from input from either the other Fellows or the faculty and staff at HKS.
- At the end of the Fellowship year, Fellows will submit a report on the progress or final product of their project, to be discussed in person at a (tentative) final retreat or virtually.
- The Ash Center will be happy to help promote Fellow’s final project, especially if it is public-facing in some way.

Fellows develop their projects and seek input from the rest of the cohort through Slack, in-person meetings, monthly Google Hangouts, and more.

COMMUNITY

Technology and Democracy Fellows form a virtual cohort in addition to the in-person retreat at the beginning of the fellowship. The Fellows communicate in several ways:

- Initial retreat: Fellows meet in Cambridge at the beginning of the Fellowship for a 2-day, in-person retreat aimed at building community, momentum, and relationships, to discuss projects, and to meet with HKS faculty, staff, and students.
- Slack: most day-to-day communication is done via Slack. There are channels specifically for the current cohort, for all past and present fellows, for workshop planning, and for other topics (news, meetups, etc.). Fellows are expected to post a brief project update on Slack prior to each month's Google Hangout, regardless of whether it is their month to present.
- Google Hangouts: Each month, usually on the last Friday of the month (exceptions in November and December - see calendar document for details) at 2:00 pm Eastern. The purpose of the hangouts is to take an in-depth look at each fellow's project, allowing them to catch the cohort up on their progress, workshop ideas and problems, solicit feedback and advice, and more. Prior to each Hangout, Ash Center staff will distribute relevant written materials for each project, so that fellows can be prepared to discuss the scheduled workshop.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP: WRITING AND PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

This fellowship provides a unique opportunity to engage in thought leadership, tackle big questions in the field, and connect with new audiences in academia, policy, and beyond. One way to do this is through writing and publication--either independently or in collaboration with peers and faculty. Fellows are encouraged to highlight their projects, comment on the importance of the skills they plan to teach in their workshops, and reflect on abstract topics such as data ethics and privacy, technology and equity, trends in online participation and engagement, and other ideas at the cutting edge of innovations in technology and democracy. Below are a few outlets through which fellows can write and publish at Ash. For more information about any of these opportunities, please reach out to Hannah Hilligoss.

Blogging at Ash:

The Ash Center has a number of blogs and would welcome posts from fellows. These posts could address a component of the fellow's project, an aspect of his or her professional work, a promising technological solution or interesting innovation, thoughts on a bigger question in the field of technology and democracy, or any other topic discussed with Hannah, Will, or Tim. [Challenges to Democracy](#) explores promising efforts to advance the reach, depth, and quality of democratic governance. The [Government Innovators Network](#) posts government innovations both in the United States and globally. And [Data-Smart City Solutions](#) focuses on the intersection of government and data, ranging from open data and predictive analytics to civic engagement technology. Fellows can pitch ideas for posts to Hannah, Will, and Tim.



Working Paper/Policy Brief Series:

Fellows are invited to submit proposals for longer, more formal papers as part of the Ash Center's [working paper and policy brief series](#). These papers can vary in length from 2000-4000 words (approximately) and are aimed at an informed practitioner or policymaker audience. They have a more formal tone than a blog post and generally seek to advance a unique argument or policy proposal. Most papers contain citations. Working Papers/Policy Briefs are required to have a faculty sponsor who can review a draft to ensure that it meets the Center's academic standards.

For more information on this option, please see Hannah, Tim, and Associate Director for Communications and Government Liaison Dan Harsha.

Occasional Paper Series

The Center also publishes a formal academic paper series, which is edited by the Center's director Tony Saich. The Occasional Paper Series is an academic-focused publication featuring journal length articles which may also be submitted to peer reviewed scholarly journals.

Q&A Series:

Fellows have also participated in a Q&A series with the Ash communications team. If you are interested in this option, Communications Coordinator Maisie O'Brian and Hannah Hilligoss can set up individual interviews. See last year's Q&As with [Tiana Epps-Johnson](#), [Dhrumil Mehta](#), [Kirsten Gullickson](#), and [Solomon Kahn](#).

3rd Party Platforms:

Our communications director Dan Harsha would be more than happy to work with fellows to pitch op-eds and other commentary to our media connections and third party platforms.

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RETREAT AGENDA

September 28-29, 2016

WEDNESDAY, 9/28

	Arrival and hotel check-in	<i>Charles Hotel 1 Bennett St. Cambridge, MA 02138</i>
12:00-4:00pm	HUBweek events (optional)	
3:30pm	Arrive at Ash Center	<i>Ash Foyer 124 Mount Auburn St. Cambridge, MA 02138</i>
4:10 – 6:00pm	HUBweek Panel Rey Faustino, One Degree Seth Flaxman, TurboVote Denise Linn, Smart Chicago Tiana Epps-Johnson, Center for Technology and Civic Life Moderated by Archon Fung, HKS	<i>Ash Foyer 124 Mount Auburn St. Cambridge, MA 02138</i>
6:00pm	Dinner Harvard Faculty HKS Students Fellows	<i>Harvard Faculty Club 20 Quincy St. Cambridge, MA 02138</i>

**THURSDAY, 9/29**

8:30 – 9:30am	Breakfast Fellows Archon Fung	<i>Henrietta's Table at the Charles Hotel</i>
9:30 – 10:00am	Fellowship Intro Will, Hannah, and Tim	<i>Large Conference Room 226 Ash Center</i>
10:00 – 11:30am	Leading a Workshop Hollie Russon Gilman Tiana Epps-Johnson	
11:30 – 12:00pm	Break	<i>Suite 230, room 2000</i>
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch Jim Waldo	<i>Suite 230, room 2000</i>
1:00 – 3:00pm	Presentations & Project Workshopping Dhrumil Mehta, fivethirtyeight Hila Mehr, IBM Trevor Davis, ToSomeone	<i>Suite 230, room 2000</i>
3:00 – 3:30pm	Break	
3:30 – 5:30pm	Presentations & Project Workshopping Harlo Holmes, Freedom of the Press Foundation Noel Hidalgo, BetaNYC Leah Bannon, 18F	
6:00pm	Dinner	<i>Charlies</i>



TECHNOLOGY AND DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIP KEY DATES:

Fall 2016

September 28-29, 2016

Technology and Democracy Fellow Retreat

October 25, 2016

Workshop: Leah Bannon

October 28, 2016

Google Hangout

November 1, 2016

Workshop: Hila Mehr

November 15, 2016

Workshop: Harlo Holmes

November 18, 2016

Google Hangout

Spring 2017

January 27, 2017

Google Hangout

February 7, 2017

Workshop: Noel Hidalgo

February 24, 2017

Google Hangout

February 28, 2017

Workshop: Dhruvil Mehta

March 21, 2017

Workshop: Trevor Davis

March 31, 2017

Google Hangout

April 28, 2017

Google Hangout

May 26, 2017

Google Hangout

June 30, 2017

Google Hangout

Fellows' Farewell Luncheon: 1st week of May

July 31st, 2017

Official end of fellowship appointment



TECHNOLOGY AND DEMOCRACY FELLOWS

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LEAH BANNON

Organizer, Tech Lady Hackathons and Product Lead, 18F

Leah Bannon organizes the [Tech Lady Hackathons](#), and is a civil servant and product lead at [18F](#).

At 18F, she leads the [betaFEC](#) project, which is building simple tools for exploring campaign finance data, the FEC's first APIs, legal resources, and political registration and reporting guides. Leah recently wrote about her work on this project on the 18F blog: [Building better by building together with the Federal Election Commission](#).

Leah also currently serves as an agile coach for other projects, consults with agencies to [build APIs with their high-value data sets](#), supports the 18F diversity working group, and manages an [Agile BPA](#) contract. Previously at 18F, Leah worked on [FBOpen](#), the [18F Dashboard](#), [immigration](#), and the [USA Analytics Dashboard](#).

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TREVOR DAVIS

CTO, National People's Action and CEO/Founder, ToSomeone

Trevor Davis is currently the Chief Technical Officer of People's Action and founder and CEO of ToSomeone, a New Media Ventures portfolio company. Trevor has almost twenty years experience at the cutting edge of digital organizing and online media. As CTO of Campaign for America's Future, he built dozens of websites and tools and led several major campaigns. In 2005 he founded Crisis Pictures which, according to The Washington Post, shows "how the might of the entire U.S. military can be taken on by a single blogger working part time." He has had plays produced in three countries, most recently at West Beth theatre in New York City. He is the editor and co-author of the book "Photographing Freedom" with civil rights legend Mary Elizabeth King. He is a graduate of the London School of Economics.

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NOEL HIDALGO

Executive Director, BetaNYC

Noel A. Hidalgo, is the Executive Director of [BetaNYC](#) ([@betanyc](#)) and is working to improve the collective understanding of how technology, data, and design can be used within government and community based organizations. His fellowship will explore empowering community-based organizations, New York City's community boards, and City Council staff to use open-sourced data and



understand its biases. This research will be used to expand an open source library of practices and tools that make data accessible to all.

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HARLO HOLMES

Director of Newsroom Digital Security, Freedom of the Press Foundation

Harlo Holmes is the Director of Newsroom Digital Security at [Freedom of the Press Foundation](#). She strives to help individual journalists in various media organizations become confident and effective in securing their communications within their newsrooms, with their sources, and with the public at large. She is a media scholar, software programmer, and activist; and contributes to the open source mobile security collective The Guardian Project. She helps journalists worldwide use tools to preserve their privacy and do their jobs better; is a founding member of Deep Lab, a collaborative group of cyberfeminist researchers, artists, writers, engineers, and more addressing issues such as privacy, surveillance, code and art; and was a Knight-Mozilla OpenNews Fellow in 2014.

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She holds an MPA in Management and Urban Policy from Columbia SIPA, and a BA with General Honors in Political Science from the University of Chicago. She is a StartingBloc Fellow in Social Innovation and holds a Certificate in Social Enterprise from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Hila was born and raised in Santa Cruz, CA.

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He was previously a Software Engineer at Amazon and an intern with the Media Cloud project at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard.

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Hollie Russon Gilman holds a Ph.D. from the Department of Government at Harvard University. She holds an A.B. from the University of Chicago with highest honors in political science. Her research interests include the impact of technology on government transparency and accountability, citizen engagement, and implementing democratic innovations. Her dissertation, “The Participatory Budgeting: Participatory Budgeting Comes to America,” examines the largest implementation of Participatory Budgeting in the United States during the pilot project year in New York City. In this dissertation, she outlines the promise and perils of bringing Participatory Budgeting, a United Nations and World Bank “best practice” for development, from the Global South to the Democratic North.



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RESOURCES AT THE ASH CENTER AND HKS

HARVARD FACULTY WORKING ON TECHNOLOGY AND GOVERNANCE

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Steve Goldsmith currently directs Data-Smart City Solutions, a project to highlight local government efforts to use new technologies that connect breakthroughs in the use of big data analytics with community input to reshape the relationship between government and citizen. He previously served as Deputy Mayor of New York and Mayor of Indianapolis, where he earned a reputation as one of the country's leaders in public-private partnerships, competition, and privatization. Stephen was also the chief domestic policy advisor to the George W. Bush campaign in 2000, the Chair of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the district attorney for Marion County, Indiana from 1979 to 1990.

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Jorrit de Jong's research and teaching focus on the challenges of making the public sector more responsive and more resilient through innovation. Jorrit is the Faculty Director of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, a joint program of Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School, funded by and executed in collaboration with Bloomberg Philanthropies. It is the world's most comprehensive effort to advance effective problem-solving and innovation through executive education, research, curriculum development and field work. Dr. De Jong is also Academic Director of the Innovations in Government Program at the Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation. A specialist in experiential learning, Jorrit has taught strategic management and public problem solving in degree and executive education programs at HKS and around the world.

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Professor Sweeney creates and uses technology to assess and solve societal, political and governance problems, and teaches others how to do the same. One focus area is data privacy, and she is the Director of the Data Privacy Lab in IQSS at Harvard. Professor Sweeney is an elected fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics, with almost 100 academic publications, 3 patents, explicit citations in 2 government regulations, and 3 company spin-offs.



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HKS STUDENT GROUPS/PROFESSIONAL INTEREST COUNCILS

Tech PIC

Cosponsor of Technology and Democracy workshops/events. Tech PIC (previously Tech4Change) was established in 2012 to assist HKS to train tech-aware, innovative leaders and generate ideas that harness information and communication technologies to help solve our most challenging problems.

In Fall 2014, they conducted a survey to understand the demand for technology-related offerings at HKS. They found that 94% of students agreed or strongly agreed that technology was important to their future career plans. However, while a majority of students are interested in pursuing additional courses (68%) and workshops (82%) to learn about technology policy and develop technical skills, 45% were unsatisfied or extremely unsatisfied with HKS resources in this area. In response, they presented their findings to the HKS community including students, faculty, administrators, research centers, and the Academic Affairs Committee. Working with the support of more than a dozen student groups and research centers, they held an HKS Technology Summit in Spring 2015. Students, faculty, administration and staff all met together to discuss the results of the survey and come up with a plan of action.

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HKS Future Society:

The Future Society works to raise awareness across the HKS community regarding the consequences of the NBIC revolution by placing key policy-making questions at the center of its work. Broad-ranging fields including education, sustainable growth and development, human rights, international security, climate change, inter-generational solidarity, food security, healthcare, transport, budgetary & monetary policy, industry, unemployment, gender equality, innovation, and governance will be analyzed through the prism of technological revolutions, to help identify and discuss new challenges, disruptions, and opportunities. By taking advantage of new communications technologies, TFS will endeavor to involve citizens and leaders in this dialogue far beyond the University walls.

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Cybersecurity PIC:

The Cyber Policy Interest Council is the Harvard Kennedy School's student-run organization to discuss and learn more about cyber policy, strategy, governance, and technology challenges. We keep our members informed about various events, talks, and conferences on campus and around the area that deal with these issues. We also host speaker events from leaders in industry, the technology community, and government.

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Harvard-owned articles, books and more in one simple search.

[Borrow Direct](#)

Combined catalog of books that can be borrowed directly from the libraries at Princeton, Yale, MIT, and more.

[WorldCat](#)

Combined catalog of books, periodicals, scores, films, recordings, etc. owned by over 41,000 libraries in over 80 countries. Some of these materials may be available to request through [Interlibrary Loan](#).

Multidisciplinary

[Academic Search Premier](#)

Large, multi-disciplinary database of journal & magazine articles.

[Google Scholar](#)

Google search for scholarly literature.

[JSTOR](#)

Archive of important scholarly journals. Content spans many disciplines, primarily in the humanities and social sciences.

[Kanopy](#)

On-demand streaming video service offering over 26,000 titles on a broad range of subjects including anthropology, architecture, art, gender & race, environment & sustainability, health, law, media, politics and psychology/sociology.

News

[HKS Access to Popular Newspapers and Magazines](#)

Information about access to the New York Times, the Financial Times, the Economist, and more.

[LexisNexis Academic](#)

Comprehensive news resource.



Public Policy & Social Sciences

[Proquest Social Sciences Premium Collection](#)

Database collection covering the social sciences. Includes PAIS for public policy research.

[PsycINFO](#)

Database produced by the American Psychological Association covering behavioral science research.

[CQ Press Electronic Library](#)

U.S. politics, elections, & government research.

[Econlit](#)

Database of economics literature.

[Economist Intelligence Unit \(EIU\)](#)

Country, industry, and risk data and analysis.

[HKS Faculty Research Connection](#)

Resource for HKS faculty publications.

Business

[Business Source Complete](#)

Full text of articles from academic journals, magazines, and trade publications. Also contains current company, industry and region reports.

[Factiva](#)

Over 8,000 business and news publications, most in full text. Sources include trade journals, newswires (Dow Jones, Reuters, and others), media programs, and company and stock reports. Find information on over 22,000 public and private companies including description, history, current stock quote, financial data, competitors, and the latest news on business activities.

Research Guides

[HKS Library Research Guides](#)

Librarian curated guides to resources for HKS areas of research, teaching, and learning including economics, campaigns & elections, and international development.

[Harvard Library Research Guides](#)


Guides from all Harvard Libraries.



TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AT HKS

Topic	Description				
How to Request Help	<p>The IT Service Center is the first point of contact for student, faculty, fellow and staff technology support.</p> <p>Hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Phone 617 495-DESK (3375)</p> <p>Email ithelp@hks.harvard.edu</p> <p>Walk-Up Belfer Building, Ground Floor, Office G-6</p> <p>Self-Help KNet ► Administration ► Information Technology ► Help Documents</p> <p>After hours emergency support is available for technology emergencies, which are outages or issues that would impact daily business in the school – for example, HKS website and network outages.</p>				
HKS Username and Password	<p>HKS Username and Password</p> <p>Used to access systems specific to HKS. Use it to log in to your HKS computer or when you remotely access KNet and Outlook Web App (web-based email)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be at least 8 characters • Must contain at least 3 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lowercase letter (a-z) A capital letter (A-Z) A digit (0-9) A special character (!, @, #, ...) A non-English, non-alphanumeric Unicode character • Must not be similar to your name <p>To change your password, go to: KNet > Administration > Information Technology > Change Your HKS Password</p>				
HUID and PIN	<p>Harvard University ID (HUID) and PIN</p> <p>Used to log on to University-wide systems, such as HARVIE and PeopleSoft</p> <p>To choose or change your PIN, go to: http://pin.harvard.edu/</p>				
Where to Save Your Work ★ BEST PRACTICE	<p>Information Technology strongly recommends that you save your work in a network file folder. Your files will be accessible if you experience a computer failure and are regularly backed up, should you need to retrieve an earlier version of a file.</p> <p>Note: Files saved locally on your computer are not backed up by HKS IT and might not be retrievable in the event of a hard disk failure.</p> <p>Network file locations are:</p> <table> <tr> <td>M: drive</td><td>Your private network file folder</td></tr> <tr> <td>K: drive</td><td>Your departmental, shared file folder</td></tr> </table>	M: drive	Your private network file folder	K: drive	Your departmental, shared file folder
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	<p>H: drive High risk confidential information (HRCI), if applicable</p> <p>To save to your private folder</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select Save As from the File menu of the application you are using. 2. Navigate to the M: drive and save your work.
Accessing KNet	<p>To access KNet from your HKS computer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click the KNet icon on the desktop  <p>To remotely access KNet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type https://knet.hks.harvard.edu in your browser and log in <p>Remote connection timeouts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 minutes, when on a public computer • 6 hours, when on a private computer
Remotely Accessing Your Files	If you need to work remotely and access files saved on an HKS network drive, contact the IT Service Center for Cisco AnyConnect VPN and Duo two-factor authentication software.
Email	<p>HKS Email Microsoft Outlook is the HKS supported email application. It also includes a calendar, contact manager, task manager, and note taking.</p> <p>Web Access You can access your email remotely through Outlook Web App (OWA). Type http://mail.hks.harvard.edu in your web browser and log in with your HKS username and password.</p> <p>Configuring Email on Your Smartphone Refer to IT Help Documents on KNet.</p> <p>Sending Large and/or Confidential Files Use Accellion to send confidential information or files that are >15 MB when using Outlook/Exchange or are too large to be accepted by the recipient's email system. To request the Accellion Outlook add-in, contact the IT Service Center.</p>
Technology Training	See all options and links to resources at KNet home > Administration > Information Technology > IT Training or email it_training@hks.harvard.edu . Watch for class announcements on KNet and in the HKS Today email.
Media Services	Contact them directly for classroom and conference room technology support. Phone: 617 495-0493 • Email: media_services@hks.harvard.edu • Walk-up: Littauer, Room 250



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Connecting to Wireless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvard Secure – recommended for Faculty, Fellows and Staff. Students may use it as well. It requires your HUID, PIN and an initial software download and setup. • Harvard University – recommended for devices that do not support Harvard Secure. It requires a quick initial registration with your HUID and PIN and must be renewed annually. • Harvard Guest – unsecured network access for users without an HUID and PIN, such as campus visitors and cross-registered students. No initial setup or registration is required.
Tips for Safe Computing ★ BEST PRACTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure your laptop and other mobile devices to protect them against theft. • Put a screen saver on your computer that requires a password after 30 minutes of inactivity. • Don't postpone software updates. • Never click a link in an email from an unknown sender. • No legitimate organization, including HKS IT, would ever ask you for your password or your personal account information through email – never provide it.
LastPass Password Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free password manager. • Premium account while at Harvard. • If you leave, keep your account and either pay the yearly subscription fee or switch to the free version. • security.harvard.edu/lastpass
Purchase Computers, Printers, Phones, Software and Peripherals	<p>HKS Computers, Printers, Phone, Software and Peripherals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the IT Service Center for recommendations and ordering. <p>Personal Devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the HUIT Computers, Software & Phones page: http://huit.harvard.edu/personal-purchases
Microsoft Office Home Use Program	<p>All HKS employees can purchase Microsoft Office for Windows or Mac for home use for the discounted price of \$9.95. Microsoft Home Use Program site at: http://www.microsofthup.com</p>
Personal Cell Phone Discounts	<p>HKS employees can take advantage of Harvard's partnership with several cell phone providers for discounts on new or existing wireless accounts. Discounts for Verizon, AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile range from 15% - 18%. http://huit.harvard.edu/mobilephones</p>
The Harvard App	<p>Download from the iTunes App Store (iOS devices) or the Android Marketplace (Android devices).</p>