



About Harvard



HIGHER EDUCATION, HIGHER PURPOSE

As a research university and nonprofit institution,
Harvard is focused on creating educational
opportunities for people from many lived experiences.

 [Learn about our history](#)



Harvard at a glance

1636

the year that Harvard University was established.

35,276

students study at Harvard.

\$2.5 billion

in grant aid distributed to undergrads since Harvard Financial Aid Initiative was launched in 2004.

400k+

alumni worldwide.

Meet our President

Lawrence S. Bacow is the 29th President of Harvard University. He is one of the most experienced leaders in American higher education, known for his commitment to expanding student opportunity, advancing academic innovation, and encouraging universities' civic engagement and service to society.

| **Meet Larry**



Academic offerings for many kinds of learners

Harvard has 12 degree-granting Schools and the Harvard Radcliffe Institute. We also offer countless non-degree opportunities for professional and lifelong learners, including executive education, continuing education, and online courses.

Learn more about academics at Harvard



A culture where everyone can thrive

We are focused on creating a vibrant community of belonging that pursues diversity, builds inclusion, and creates more equitable opportunities for learning.

Learn more about our commitment to inclusion and belonging



Harvard is shaped and strengthened by our many communities.

Global perspective

We welcome students and scholars—wherever they might come from—and empower members of our community to pursue their academic interests.

| [Learn about Harvard's global engagement](#)



Local commitment

Harvard is committed to giving back to the places we call home.

| [Learn about our local partnerships](#)



People committed to public purpose

Harvard students, alumni, faculty, and staff are committed to making a difference in their communities.

Explore the To Serve Better project

Sarah Lockridge-Steckel

Harvard College alum Sarah Lockridge-Steckel is co-founder and CEO of a nonprofit that provides pathways to opportunities for young adults.

Read Sarah's story



Brickson Diamond

HBS alum Brickson Diamond co-founded the Blackhouse Foundation to educate and promote African American writers, producers, directors, and executives.

Read Brickson's story



How Harvard is funded

Harvard's research, scholarship, and educational opportunities are made possible by an endowment. Our endowment includes thousands of philanthropic gifts donated since Harvard's early history, many of which were given to support specific aspects of the University's work. These gifts form a permanent source of funding that connects scholars and learners from many diverse backgrounds with opportunities at Harvard, now and into the future.

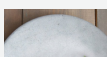
| Learn more about Harvard's endowment



News from the Harvard Gazette

The Harvard Gazette is the official news website for Harvard University. It covers campus life and times, University issues and policies, innovations in science, teaching, and learning, and broader national and global concerns.

| More news from the Harvard Gazette





Walter Willett looks at what's healthy for you and the planet



Harvard scientists discover how jellyfish know when to sting



Divinity School's Swartz Hall brings inclusivity and collaboration

With the renovation of Swartz Hall, Harvard Divinity School can offer multifaith space, improved accessibility, and updated classroom technology.

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