Our aid is entirely need-based, and grant eligibility is determined in the same manner for all admitted students.

- Scholarships
- Parent Contribution
- Student Term Time Work (2/3rds of students work during the academic year)
- Student Summer Work & Asset Contribution

>70% of our undergraduates receive some form of aid.

>90% of American families would pay the same or less to send their children to Harvard as they would a state school.

100% of our students can graduate debt-free.

20% of our students’ families pay nothing.

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*Income numbers are in thousands
*There are several hundred families earning more than $200,000 who are receiving scholarship aid.

TYPICAL FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS’ INCOME LEVELS

1,665 of our 6,700 undergrads are first-year students. All freshmen live in 1 of 17 freshman-only dorms in or around historic Harvard Yard with 20-40 other students in an ‘entryway.’

97% of students choose to live on campus in one of the 12 upperclass Houses because the Housing system creates a tight-knit feel in a larger institution.

Cambridge & Boston: Half college town, half metropolitan hub—yours to explore!

Students enjoy unlimited meal plans. Freshmen eat in Annenberg Dining Hall and upperclassmen eat in their House dining halls.

ACTIVITIES

450+ student groups offering a wide variety of extracurricular activities—do something you’ve always done or try something new!

12 A Cappella Groups
5 full Orchestras
Cambridge’s only daily newspaper
100 dance and dramatic ensembles
80+ community service groups
And more!

ATHLETICS

80% of students participate in some kind of athletics including Division I varsity sports, intramural or club sports and recreational fitness.

COMMUNITY

ALUMNI SUPPORT

300,000 alumni/ae and 200 Harvard Clubs are ready to welcome you into their ranks.

FINANCES

DINING
Number of courses available (including cross registration at Harvard graduate schools and MIT): 3,500+

- 49 Fields of concentration (majors) offered
- 40+ Secondary fields (minors) offered
- 130+ Number of Freshman Seminars offered

Fields of concentration (majors) offered: 49

Secondary fields (minors) offered: 40+

Number of Freshman Seminars offered: 130+

On-campus museums, countless laboratories, research centers, a 3,000 acre research forest, and the Innovation Lab.

World’s largest university library system—70+ libraries and 17 million volumes

The Office of Career Services assists all undergraduates with planning for summer jobs and internships—and for the future.

Pursue biological sciences at the Harvard Stem Cell Research Institute or the Broad Institute.

We have even more research opportunities than students.

66% of students will have some international experience—study abroad, research or some other opportunity.

Virtually all faculty teach undergraduates—you will be taught by faculty who are leaders in every field of study.

12 Median class size

7:1 Average student/faculty ratio. Study in the John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences where the student/faculty ratio is 5:1.

1:3 Freshman/adviser ratio. Every freshman has 3 advisers—this team helps to make Harvard ‘home.’

97% of our students graduate.

Upon graduating, you will be well-equipped to pursue many options, including graduate school, a professional program, or a career.

Learn from your peers. Harvard students come from all 50 states and over 80 countries.

Founded in 1636, Harvard was America’s first college. Harvard has never rested on tradition and has continually transformed itself. Harvard represents energy and vitality, with abundant resources to advance human progress. We offer exciting challenges and opportunities here in Cambridge. Please join us.