The relationship between Harvard University and the City of Cambridge is older than the nation itself. We share nearly four hundred years of history and countless achievements that have strengthened our community for generations. Most remarkable, however, are the many ways in which we continue to reconsider our work together, to expand our partnerships, and to improve the lives of everyone who has the good fortune of living or working here, for a semester or for a lifetime. Ours is a remarkable place created by extraordinary people.

Drew Gilpin Faust
President of Harvard University
Lincoln Professor of History

EDUCATION
Helping students achieve academic excellence.

ECONOMIC IMPACT
Supporting a robust local economy.

HOUSING
Enabling the creation & preservation of affordable housing.

SUSTAINABILITY
Ensuring a greener, healthier future.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
Enhancing the quality of life for residents.
With programs available in every public school in Cambridge, students visit the University’s museums, learn from Harvard educators, and take part in approximately 100 mentoring and enrichment programs.

Dr. Jeff Young
Superintendent, Cambridge Public Schools

“Cambridge is incredibly fortunate to have Harvard University right in our backyard. It gives our students experiences that are commensurate with what is taking place on many college campuses. I don’t know of any other community in America where public school students enjoy the benefits of having a university community like we do here in Cambridge.”

Harvard has curriculum-based programs supporting every CPS Upper School, impacting more than approximately 1,200 students annually. Every 8th-grade student in CPS develops a science project culminating in a spring showcase on campus.

All CRLS biology teachers use the Harvard Museum of Natural History’s program on evolution as part of the high school’s science curriculum.
“I have seen firsthand how the partnership with Harvard benefits our students. They’re able to access so many Harvard resources, from visiting campus and doing experiments in Harvard labs to working with robots. They’re able to experience what it’s like to be on a college campus and it shows them that college isn’t some distant dream, but that it’s real and achievable. And it leads to a renewed excitement for learning. That’s our goal as teachers—to get them—and keep them—excited about learning. Harvard has been a terrific partner in achieving that goal.”

Manuel J. Fernandez
Head of School, Cambridge Street Upper School
EDUCATION

Harvard is committed to addressing the achievement and opportunity gaps in its host communities, and partners with the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) to deliver responsive and innovative programs that bolster academic enrichment amongst students all year round.

Beth A. Simpson, M.Ed.
Director, Cambridge-Harvard Summer Academy (CHSA), Harvard Graduate School of Education

"CHSA is not your typical summer school. It is an intensive, project-based learning experience for the high school students who participate. It provides them with the opportunity to learn new things in a different setting and in a different way than they may normally during the academic year."

• The Crimson Summer Academy (CSA) is a rigorous enrichment program that provides deserving high school students with the skills and financial support to thrive and excel in college. To date, 52 students from Cambridge have graduated from the CSA and 100% have gone on to college.

• Harvard offers CPS students scholarships for advanced courses at the Harvard Extension School that are not available at CRLS. 115 students have received scholarships since 2010.

• Serving as CRLS’s official summer school, Cambridge-Harvard Summer Academy (CHSA) offers students both enrichment and remedial classes. Since opening in 2001, CHSA has served an estimated 4,500 students.
Cambridge is home to a vibrant innovation ecosystem. Through teaching, research and operations, Harvard contributes to this ecosystem, creates jobs and promotes opportunities for economic growth.

“Harvard is the city’s largest employer and one of the driving forces behind the continued growth of the Cambridge economy. Its tremendous purchasing power benefits local businesses and it attracts nearly one billion annually in research funding—which helps foster the city’s entrepreneurial spirit while drawing private investment that leads to the creation of new businesses.”

Jeff Lockwood
Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research & Board Member, Cambridge Chamber of Commerce

“There is a strong symbiotic relationship between the city of Cambridge and Harvard. It is an exceptional partner in our efforts in public education, affordable housing and environmental sustainability. It is our largest employer and purchaser of goods and services, and a dependable supporter of our nonprofit social service organizations that serve the most vulnerable and needy residents of the city.”

Rich Rossi
City Manager, City of Cambridge

Harvard employees work in Cambridge

Cambridge residents work at Harvard

$800 MILLION in research funding fueling science, medical discoveries & health improvements annually

$120 MILLION in local spending for supplies and services annually

ECONOMIC IMPACT

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Harvard attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually, contributing to the economic vitality of the Square.

“Our 365 businesses rely on the students, faculty, staff and visitors that Harvard brings to the area. Local businesses benefit greatly from annual events such as Commencement and Parents Weekend. Harvard ensures that the Square is a healthy place for businesses to succeed by respecting and listening to business owners, property owners and the community.”

Denise Jillson
Executive Director, Harvard Square Business Association

DID YOU KNOW?
Approximately 20,100 MBTA Red Line passengers embark or disembark daily at the Harvard Square station.
Partnering with the City of Cambridge and local organizations, Harvard has helped to create or preserve more than 1,000 units of local affordable housing in recent history.

Peter Daly
Executive Director, Homeowner’s Rehab, Inc.

“Harvard is a key player in working with the local nonprofit community and city government to create and preserve affordable housing in Cambridge. Its efforts have protected more than just physical homes; they have protected the quality of life for many families and individuals throughout the city.”

Harvard’s 20/20/2000 program provides assistance to help create and preserve affordable housing for low- and middle-income residents in Cambridge.

738 units built/renovated in 32 housing developments

138 families have become first-time homeowners
“Harvard has been instrumental in ensuring that our city’s seniors are able to remain in their homes at Putnam Square Apartments. From helping city agencies fund supportive living services such as personal care, transportation or grocery delivery, to preserving affordable housing options, Harvard has really stepped up to the plate and supported our city’s growing senior population.”

John O’Neal
Executive Director, Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services

Harvard also partners with Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) to provide supportive living services for residents at Putnam Square Apartments. 80% of residents are using these services, which help them to live independently in their homes.

DID YOU KNOW?
Every summer, for more than 40 years, Harvard and the city of Cambridge partner to host an on-campus picnic for more than 1,000 neighborhood local senior citizens. This is one of many campus activities, events and programs for Cambridge residents.
In the lab. In the classroom. On campus. Harvard is dedicated to tackling climate change through its everyday operations and by leveraging the collective power of interdisciplinary knowledge in ways that reach across the globe.

Henrietta Davis
Former Cambridge Mayor and Founding Member of Cambridge Community Compact for a Sustainable Future

“Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time, requiring comprehensive and collaborative solutions. In terms of practice, the University was one of the first to set an aggressive climate goal targeting deep cuts in energy and emissions on its campus. Harvard has long been a valuable partner with the city and local organizations in working collaboratively to build a more resilient community.”

DID YOU KNOW?
Harvard faculty members conduct research and teach more than 240 classes focusing on energy and the environment.

LEED-certified and registered projects
more than any other university worldwide

132
Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, including growth and renovation FY06-FY14

21%
Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, excluding growth and renovation FY06-FY14

87%
Of University commuters use sustainable transportation

32%

To learn more, visit: green.harvard.edu.
Harvard has been a terrific partner in working to ensure that excess food from its dining halls does not go to waste, and instead finds its way to our neighbors who need it most. Harvard’s commitment, time, energy and resources have made a lasting difference in the battle on hunger.

Sasha Purpura
Executive Director, Food For Free

Harvard partners with Food For Free to donate approximately 2,500 pounds of excess dining hall food weekly.

Harvard is proud to contribute to and partner with local community organizations that are making a difference in our neighborhoods.

DID YOU KNOW?
Harvard has funded need-based scholarships that allow hundreds of children to attend day care, after-school programs and summer camps at the Cambridge Community Center, ensuring that cost is not a barrier to access for families in need.
Harvard is proud to support these important community organizations:

- Cambridge Community Center
- Cambridge Community Chorus
- Cambridge Family & Children’s Service
- Cambridge Health Alliance
- Cambridge Historical Society
- Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund
- Cambridge Housing Authority
- Cambridge Jazz Festival
- Cambridge Local First
- Cambridge Public Library
- Cambridge Rotary Club (National Honors Society)
- Cambridge School Volunteers
- Cambridge Science Festival
- Cambridge Symphony Orchestra
- Cambridge Youth Hockey
- CASPAR
- Club Passim
- Community Learning Center
- Cultural Survival

Food For Free Committee
Friends of Cambridge Rindge & Latin
Harvard Square Business Association
Just-A-Start
Margaret Fuller House
NAACP, Cambridge Branch
On The Rise
S.S. Cosmas & Damian Society
Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services
Tutoring Plus of Cambridge

ACCESS HARVARD

All Cambridge residents receive free entry into the Harvard Art Museums:
- Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments
- Harvard Museum of Natural History
- Harvard Semitic Museum
- Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology

All Cambridge Public School (CPS) students receive free entry to the Harvard Museums of Science and Culture:
- Harvard Art Museums
- Harvard Museum of Natural History
- Harvard Semitic Museum
- Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology

All Cambridge residents are invited to free community events, including:
- Observatory Nights at Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics
- Community Days at Harvard Sporting Events
- ARTS First Festival

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