Welcome to Graduate Commons!

Meet the GCP Team

The Graduate Commons Program is fortunate to have Harvard faculty members living in-house, and serving as the intellectual leaders of the community and hosts of several events throughout the academic year.

5 Cowperthwaite: Dr. Jennifer Lerner & Dr. Brian Gill
10 Akron: Dr. David Carrasco & Dr. Maria Luisa Parra
Peabody Terrace: Dr. Jim Hogle & Doreen Hogle, J.D.

Professional staff members, or Program Coordinators, work within each GCP residential area. Program Coordinators are responsible for enhancing the sense of community for residents in these properties, primarily through frequent social and academic programming.

Graduate Commons Associate Director: Lisa Valela
Office: Peabody Terrace Common Room

Senior Program Coordinator @ Peabody Terrace: Johanna Martin-Prener
Office: Peabody Terrace Common Room

Program Coordinator @ Garden Area: Tara Bartley
Offices: 29 Garden Street & Cronkhite Center

Program Coordinator @ Riverside Area: Andria Mirabal
Offices: 10 Akron Street & 5 Cowperthwaite Street

Community Advisors (CAs) are fellow graduate students, post-docs, staff members and spouses/partners that contribute to the GCP efforts of building a diverse and inclusive community. CAs increase opportunities for community engagement by regularly organizing and leading events that compliment those offered by the Faculty Directors and professional staff members.

Julie Hodges and Bernice Dy, our Family Programmers, coordinate events for the youngest residents of Graduate Commons. Community members with children should take advantage of the many family friendly events that take place throughout the year.

The demands of post-docs, fellows, faculty members, & staff are very different than those of our graduate student community. For this reason, The GCP works with Brittany Charlton, the Post-Graduate Programmer, to host specific events for post-graduate residents. We hope that such community members join us for professional networking nights, post-grad brunches, and much more.

Welcome to the Graduate Commons Program! We are so excited that you will be joining our community for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The primary goal of the Graduate Commons Program is to foster an interdisciplinary and engaging living environment for community members. By enabling individuals to meet and interact with others outside of their immediate academic departments, the program helps residents form deeper connections to Harvard University.

During the year, you are welcome to participate in a variety of social and academic events, such as: wine & cheese nights, yoga classes, study breaks, and many outings in the Boston area. It is our hope that you join us in these events and many others. This is your community, so if you have any ideas for programs or events, please let us know!

Get Connected

Stay informed of GCP events by connecting with us! Here’s how:

• Join the GCP Facebook group for your community.
• Follow GCP on Twitter @ gradcommons; #GCP
• Graduate Commons Program Blog
• Harvard University Housing Website
Questions? Start Here!

We’ve created this guide to assist new residents with some frequently asked questions. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask your Property Management Office or the Graduate Commons staff.

Where is My Property Management Office?

Each Property Management Office is responsible for the physical maintenance of the buildings. Additionally, we are fortunate to have amazing building staff, such as the Property Operations Assistants & cleaning crews, that ensure the upkeep of our properties.

The Management Office for the Mt. Auburn Group, including 10 Akron & 5 Cowperthwaite) is located at 8 Mt. Auburn Street (lower level).

The Peabody Terrace Management Office is located at 9 Peabody Terrace (courtyard entrance).

The Garden Area Management Office is located at Botanic Gardens (29 Fernald Drive).

Where Can I Do My Laundry?

Laundry rooms for 10 Akron & 5 Cowperthwaite Streets are located on the 2nd floor of both buildings. In the remainder of the Mt. Auburn group, laundry rooms are generally located in the basements of the buildings or within individual units.

Laundry rooms in Peabody Terrace are located on the first floor of buildings 2 & 9 and the 21st floor of buildings 11 & 24.

Laundry rooms in Botanic Gardens are located near the Property Management Office or within some larger units. Many other properties in the Garden Area have laundry in the basement or within individual units.

Fees for laundry are $1.50 per machine, which can be paid with quarters, Crimson Cash, or Change Point depending on your location.

Can I Smoke in my Apartment?

All Harvard University Housing units are NON-SMOKING. You are NOT permitted to smoke in your apartment, in any of the common areas, or within 25 feet of the building. The staff and your neighbors thank you for your cooperation.

What Should I Know About Mail/Packages?

Mail is delivered by the United States Postal Service (USPS) to designated mail rooms. Prior to moving into your HUH apartment, be sure to fill out a change of address form. Once you are moved in, be sure to post your name inside your mailbox.

Packages are left in the designated mail area as well. Building staff will not sign for any packages.

Does My Apartment have Wireless?

Wireless is available in common areas of most buildings. The password to the “Harvard” network is Veritas. In most apartments, you can use an ethernet cord to connect your computer to the internet through RESNET, free of charge. You may also set up your own wireless network using a personal router.

Cable television is not provided, therefore you must make your own arrangements. Feel free to contact our local Comcast representative (John Weldon, 617.279.1958) for setup, packages, and discounts.

The three places to get TV on-demand via the internet are Netflix for $8/month, Hulu for free or HuluPlus for $8/month, and Amazon Prime for $80/year (including free shipping on Amazon purchases.)

Landline telephone service is not provided at any location; residents must contact local vendors to arrange service at their own expense. There is a Verizon store in Harvard Square and an AT&T location in Porter Square for cellphone service contracts.

Where are the Trash/Recycling Centers?

Trash rooms are generally located on every floor (or floors with elevator stops in Peabody Terrace). Please be sure to dispose of your trash down the shoot.

Recycling centers are located in all Harvard University Housing properties. Please contact the Property Management Office if you cannot find your recycling center.

Recycling is single stream in Cambridge—all recyclable items can go in the same container. For more information about recycling and Harvard’s “Green” efforts please visit http://www.green.harvard.edu.

Tips for Exploring Cambridge

Now that you’re here, it is time to get out and see the sights. Use this mini-guide to help you navigate around town.

Keep in mind there are many ways to get around Cambridge—the MBTA subway (commonly known as the “T”), buses, cabs, bikes, cars, walking—check out a few options so you find the easiest route.

A few tips to get you started:

The MBTA website has a trip planner feature that can help you figure out possible routes.

MBTA trains run from approximately 5am until 1am (times vary from station to station). Be sure to check ahead & plan accordingly!

Keep the number of a Cambridge cab company in your cell phone—you never know when it will come in handy (like if you miss the last train!).

Keep in mind the area & events that might occur during your trip. For example, the Fenway area on game night is extremely crowded—best to avoid the Green Line trains if possible!

To get to Logan Airport, take the Red Line train inbound at Harvard Square. Get off the Red Line at South Station, and transfer to the Silver Line (underground bus service). The Silver Line will drop you off at Logan, where you can take a free shuttle bus to your terminal.

MBTA & Charlie Cards

The T system is comprised of the Blue, Orange, Green, Red & Silver lines of rapid transit. The closest T stop is the Red Line Harvard Square station.

Tips for new T riders, always double check your train is headed in the right direction (inbound v. outbound). You can tell by the last stop, which will be listed on the front of the car. Also, the Green & Red lines fork after certain stops-so make sure you’re on the right line!

MBTA riders can request a Charlie Card at most stations from MBTA employees & can add funds to the reusable card.

Fares are $2.65 per ride without a card & $2.10 with a Charlie Card. Riders can also purchase monthly passes—a good idea if you’ll be commuting regularly.

*Check the Commuter Choice website, as some Harvard Schools provide discounts!

The MBTA also operates the city bus system, commuter rail (transportation to suburbs), boat transport, and “The Ride” system for customers who are unable to use public transportation for a variety of reasons.

Biking in Cambridge

Be sure to register your bike with HUPD.

Check out bike routes around campus/Cambridge and storage areas at www.maps.harvard.edu click on “Bike Facilities” on right corner).

Take a biking safety course offered by Harvard Commuter Choice.

Check out Quad Bikes (located at 51 Shepard Street), a non-profit started by Harvard grads—get a tune up for reduced price of $20 for Harvard community.

Need bike storage? For $8 a month you can use the Harvard indoor storage facilities—for more information contact Parking Services.

Make sure you always wear a helmet, and bike safely!

Hubway bike sharing is now in Cambridge!

Visit www.thelhubway.com for an easy (and affordable) way to borrow a bike. There are several convenient locations on and near campus.
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### Harvard Shuttle

The campus shuttle bus operates several routes around the Harvard Square area. For information about bus routes and schedules, please visit www.harvard.transloc.com or download the mobile app to your phone.

### Harvard Evening Van Service

617.495.0400

This on-demand service operates from 7pm-3am (last call taken at 2:30am) during the academic year. This service is only for Harvard affiliates, and waits can be long during busy periods. Please view the website for service area: www.transportation.harvard.edu/shuttle-van-services.

### Driver’s Licenses & Identification Cards

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV)

Website: www.mass.gov/rmv

Locations: 630 Washington St. Boston (Chinatown T Stop) 550 Arsenal St. Watertown (Watertown Mall, 70 Bus)

Once you establish residence in Massachusetts, you must obtain a Massachusetts driver's license to legally operate a motor vehicle. If you already have a driver's license from another US state, you can exchange it for a Massachusetts license for a fee.

If you are converting a license from a country other than Canada, Mexico, or one of the US Territories, you must take the full-written and road-test, plus the eye test. To begin, you will need the following documents:

- Social Security Card
- Proof of address
- Proof of identity
- Birth certificate
- Proof of insurance

In order to obtain a Massachusetts identification card, go to the RMV branch office with the same forms that are required for a driver's license (above) and complete an application. There is a fee. You can also obtain a Liquor ID Card, used for proving your age in bars and restaurants, if you are at least 21 years old.

### Harvard Square Basics-Getting Settled!

#### Furniture Shopping

- IKEA: 1 Ikea Way, Stoughton MA
- Sleepy’s Mattress: 600 Mass. Ave., Cambridge
- Crate & Barrel: 1045 Mass. Ave., Cambridge
- Heartwood Furniture: 1008 Mass. Ave., Cambridge

OR one of the many discount furniture retailers in the area, such as Jordan’s Furniture, Bob’s Discount Furniture, or Bernie & Phyl’s Furniture Store!

PLUS, you can join the [Harvard Grad Market Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/228578170863571/) where you will find members of HU Housing buying, selling, and swapping items!

#### Clothing Shopping

- Cambridgeside Galleria (Lechmere T Stop)
- Downtown Crossing (Downtown Crossing T Stop)
- Prudential Center (Prudential T Stop)
- Arsenal Mall (70 Bus, across from Target)
- Wrentham Village Premium Outlets (Wrentham, MA)

### Local Grocery Stores

**Whole Foods:** (expensive but great selection, specialty foods, organic, hot food bar, beer and wine available): www.wholefoodsmarket.com

**Trader Joe’s:** (more affordable, smaller but unique selection of food items, beer and wine available): www.traderjoes.com

**Star Market/Shaws:** (standard American supermarket): www.shaws.com

**Wegmans:** (higher end but still affordable American supermarket, liquor, beer and wine available): www.wegmans.com

**Market Basket:** (extremely affordable standard of ethnic cuisine products): www.mymisemoula.net/locations

**H-Mart:** (Korean grocery store, large selection of ethnic cuisine products, fresh fish): www.hmart.com

### Banking in Harvard Square:

- Harvard Credit Union: 16 Dunster St.
- Citizens: 6 JFK Street
- Citi Bank: 1 Brattle Square

### Banking Tips:

Shop around to find a bank that fits your needs. For example, some banks offer no-fee accounts or do not require a minimum balance.

To set up an account, be sure to check what forms of identification you'll need to present (these often vary depending on the bank). Be prepared to show your driver’s license (or passport) and a visa for international students.

Getting a credit card is difficult if you've never lived in the US before or don't have a Social Security number. You may qualify for a "bonded" card where you pay a deposit and get a card with the limit of that deposit. After a year of using this card correctly (paying if off on time) you should have enough credit to apply for a real card. Some post-docs, however, have reported that Bank of America will happily give you a regular credit card without this process.

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**GCP Disclaimer:**

*This brochure is not meant to promote or endorse any product or service.*

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**The goal is to give you a small sample of options in the area to get you started. There are MANY more-please go out and explore all Cambridge has to offer!**
HUHS Locations & Local Resources:
The main HUHS center is located at the Smith Campus Center (75 Mt. Auburn Street), however there are several other locations where affiliates can be seen.
- Business School Clinic: 33 Harvard Way
- Medical Area Clinic: 275 Longwood Ave. (Boston)
- Behavior Health & Academic Counseling: 57 Linden
- Alcohol & Other Drug Services: 7 Linden Street
- Sexual Assault Peer Counseling: Lowell Basement; 617.495.9600

Mental Health Services:
Appointment Information: 617.495.2042
24-Hour Urgent Care: 617.495.5711
HUHS Mental Health Services provides assessment, treatment, education, & consultation to support the well-being and functioning of Harvard students. HUHS staff are trained and experienced in dealing with issues specific to university students. No concern is too small!
Services: Mental Health Services offers Harvard students comprehensive care for a wide variety of mental concerns, such as anxiety; depression; eating, sexual, or relationship concerns; stress/crisis management; transitional issues; grief.

Office of Sexual Assault Prevention & Response
24 hour line: 617.495.9100
731 Smith Center
If you or someone you know has experienced interpersonal violence including sexual assault, rape, harassment, relationship violence, or stalking call OSAPR's 24 hour hotline for information and support.

Harvard University Disability Service
Phone: 617.495.1859
Smith Center 935
UDS Provides leadership to University efforts to ensure an accessible, welcoming working and learning environment for individuals with disabilities while ensuring compliance with federal and state regulations.

HUHS Service Locations @ Smith Campus Center:
- Primary Care: 3rd Floor, 617.495.8414
- Mental Health: 4th Floor, 617.495.2042
- Sexual Health: 5th Floor, 617.496.5711
- Laboratory: 1st Floor, 617.496.9258
- Physical Therapy: 1st Floor, 617.495.0699
- Dental: 1st Floor, 617.495.2063
- Vision: 5th Floor, 617.495.2068

Insurance Information:
- All students are automatically enrolled in the Harvard University Student Health Program (HUHSP).
- All Harvard employees may seek care at HUHS for urgent medical issues that arise while at work, as long as the onset of the illness or injury occurred within the previous 24 hours.
- Harvard benefits-eligible employees who do not have a HUHS primary care physician will be responsible for a discounted $25 visit charge, due at the time of service. Employees who are not benefits eligible will be required to pay full charges for HUHS services.

Fitness @ Harvard
Gym members can make use of two facilities, the Malkin Athletic Center and the Hemenway Gymnasium.

Malkin Athletic Center
Location: 39 Holyoke Street
Athletic Center Hours:
M-Th: 6am-10pm
F: 6am-7pm
S: 9am-5pm
S: 9am-9pm
Malkin Pool Hours:
M-F: 7am-5pm
S & SU: 9am-12noon

Hemenway Gymnasium
Location: 1515 Mass. Ave.
Gymnasium Hours:
M-F: 6am-7pm
S & SU: 10am-5pm
Group fitness classes & personal training are also available. For full list of options, as well as full list of athletic facilities, visit http://recreation.gocrimson.com

Fees for Harvard athletic facilities vary depending on your affiliation. Please check with your school for information about discount memberships.

Visit the Center for Wellness!
The Center for Wellness draws upon the wealth of expertise & resources in the Harvard community to offer a wide array of innovative programs & workshops designed to assist you in improving your own well-being.

Health & Wellness @ Harvard
Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) @ Smith Campus Center
HUHS provides patients with comprehensive, coordinated health care through a Primary Care team that includes primary care physicians (PCP), registered nurses, and health assistants.

For more information please visit:
http://huhu.harvard.edu

After Hours Urgent Care is open nights, weekends, and holidays for 24-hour care throughout the year.

The urgent care number is 617.495.5711.

If you are experiencing a life-threatening concern call 911, HUPD at 5-1212, or go to the nearest emergency room for medical attention.

Harvard University Police & Safety On Campus
Harvard University Police Line: 617.495.1212
Local Police & Fire: 911
Campus Escort Service: 617.495.9100

Safety Checklist
- Know & store the HUPD urgent number in your phone (617.495.1212).
- Visit HUPD website www.hupd.harvard.edu and read “Playing it Safe” for helpful information.
- Familiarize yourself with designated pathways (on HUPD website) through campus & locate blue light emergency phones.
- Avoid walking alone at night and if you do, refrain from using your cell phone to minimize distractions.
- Have “In Case of Emergency” contacts updated in your phone & with HU Housing.
- Register your laptop and bike with HUPD.
- Sign up for MessageMe campus alerts at https://messageme.harvard.edu.
- Be safe about cell phone use-especially on the T.
- Always be aware of your general surroundings!
## Guide to Harvard Square Dining

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<td>Indian Pavillion *</td>
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<td>Kebab Factory *</td>
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<td>Rialto</td>
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<td>Oggis Gourmet Pizza</td>
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<td>Cambridge 1</td>
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<td>Border Cafe *</td>
<td>32 Church St.</td>
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<td>Cantina La Mexicana</td>
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<td>Sabra Grill</td>
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<td>ZuZu</td>
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<td>Grendel's Den</td>
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<td>Daedalus</td>
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<td>Grafton Street Pub</td>
<td>1230 Mass. Ave.</td>
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<td>The Cantab Lounge *</td>
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<td>John Harvard's</td>
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<td>River Gods *</td>
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<td>Veggie Galaxy</td>
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<td>Life Alive *</td>
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<td>Finale</td>
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<td>Toscanini's Ice Cream *</td>
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<td>LA Burdick Chocolate</td>
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<td>Insomnia Cookies</td>
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<td>Sweet</td>
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### Things to Do in Boston & Cambridge

#### Local Museums:
- Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Art (MFA), Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA), Isabella Stewart Gardner, Harvard museums, New England Aquarium, Old State House, USS Constitution

#### Outdoor Attractions:
- Franklin Park Zoo, Arnold Arboretum, Boston Harbor Islands, Boston Hatch Shell, Kayaking on the Charles River

#### Performing Arts Venues:
- Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO & POPS), Boston Ballet, Wang Theater, House of Blues, Middle East, American Repertory Theater (A.R.T)

#### Sporting Events:
- Boston Red Sox, Boston Bruins, Boston Celtics, New England Patriots, NE Revolution, Harvard Athletics

#### Free & Discounted Harvard
- Outings and Innings—reduced ticket & admission fees
- Harvard Museums—20 museums affiliated with Harvard
- Harvard Film Archive—free film screenings
- Cambridge Public Library—books, dvds, and more
- Cambridge Center for Adult Education—variety of educational classes for fee

#### Looking for more general information? Want to know what's happening in Cambridge?

Try these helpful resources:
- [www.harvardsquare.com](http://www.harvardsquare.com)
- [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)
- [www.boston.com](http://www.boston.com)
- [www.universalhub.com](http://www.universalhub.com)

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### Local Traditions

#### September:
- GCP Labor Day Welcome Event
- 1st: Moving Day aka “Allston Christmas”

#### October:
- Head of the Charles Regatta & GCP Brunch
- Halloween-Trips to Salem
- Oktoberfest in Harvard Square

#### November:
- “The Game” Harvard vs. Yale Football Game
- Thanksgiving & Black Friday Sales

#### December:
- GCP Holiday Parties
- Boston Common Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Holiday Pops @ Boston Symphony
- Boston Ballet Nutcracker

#### January:
- First Night Celebrations

#### February:
- Boston Beanpot Hockey Tournament
- Hasty Pudding Man & Woman of the Year

#### March:
- GCP Semi-Formal
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade in South Boston

#### April:
- Red Sox Opening Day
- Patriots Day aka Marathon Monday

#### May:
- GCP End of the Year Celebrations
- Harvard Square Mayfair Festival
- Harvard Commencement

#### June:
- Cambridge River Festival

#### July:
- 4th of July Celebrations & Fireworks

#### August:
- Tax Free Weekend
- Restaurant Week
Graduate Commons: It’s A Family Affair!

Family Programming @ Graduate Commons

Julie Hodges and Bernice Dy are the Family Programmers for the Graduate Commons Program.

Julie will be working primarily with the Garden Area, while Bernice will be programming for Peabody Terrace and the Riverside area. They will be planning fun, family-friendly events for the community throughout the year!

Registering for School in Cambridge

Public school registration information for new residents may be found here: www3.cpsd.us/frc/new_to_cambridge

Things to know about Cambridge public schools:

a) Current Cambridge residency along with validating documentation (lease) are needed for enrollment

b) A full list of registration documents is available on the Cambridge Public Schools website.

c) Some Cambridge Public Schools offer immersion programs in the following languages: Spanish, Portuguese, and Mandarin Chinese

d) The Cambridge Family Resource Center is available for children who are not yet school age (617.349.6551)

Harvard Child Care Resources:

Harvard University provides a number of resources for affiliates and their families. Be sure to visit Child Care @ Harvard (www.childcare.harvard.edu) for a variety of child care options—babysitter networks, daycare, and after-school programs.

There are also six Harvard affiliated day-care centers:
- Botanic Garden’s Children Center
- Harvard Yard Child Care Center
- Oxford Street Daycare Cooperative
- Peabody Terrace Children’s Care
- Radcliffe Child Care Centers Inc.
- Soldiers Field Park Children’s Center

Please note, Harvard daycare centers are in very high demand and have long waiting lists. Be sure to apply early and explore other options in the area in case a space is not available.

Harvard Child Care Scholarships

Benefits-eligible faculty and staff at Harvard may apply for financial assistance to help pay for child care through several scholarship funds provided by the University. Information about these scholarships, including deadlines, can be found on www.harvard.edu.

Resources for Families:

Cambridge Center for Families: provides fun & educational activities for parents & families with young children (www2.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2/families.cfm).

Cambridge Community Center: offers programs for children, including camps and after-school activities (www.cambridgecc.org).

Cambridge Public Library: great collection & many free programs for all ages (www.cambridgema.gov/cpl.aspx).


Harvard Spouse & Partner Resources

Getting a Harvard ID/Library Card

ID Services: 8th Floor of Smith Campus Center 1350 Massachusetts Avenue Telephone: 617.496.7827

As a spouse or partner of a Harvard student/scholar without other university affiliation, you are ineligible for a regular university ID. You can, however, get a Special Borrower Card for the Harvard Libraries for a small fee.

To get a Special Borrower Card, you must first visit the Library Privileges Office to the left of the entrance of Widener Library in Harvard Yard. You will need a photocopy of your spouse’s Harvard ID & you may be asked for proof of marriage if you have different last names. After filling in the application and having your photograph taken at the library, you will need to go to the ID services office to pick up your new card.

Auditing Classes @ Harvard

As the spouse or partner of a Harvard affiliate, you may be able to audit university courses (attend lectures as a non-degree/non-credit earning community member). Permission of the lecturer is required. You can contact the lecturer in advance, but the best way to get permission is to sit in on the first session of the course you are interested in taking. At the end, speak to the lecturer, explain your situation, and ask for permission to audit the course. Please note: auditing is at the discretion of the lecturer.

Taking courses at the Harvard Extension School is another wonderful option. It offers over 600 open enrollment courses in 65 fields, including over 100 online classes. Tuition fees do apply for these courses.

English as a Second Language Classes

There are a number of universities and private centers in Cambridge that offer classes in English as a second language (ESL). The Cambridge Public Library and Teaching House Boston are two great, low cost options. Harvard Neighbors and HSSPA also provide ESL classes for their members.

Getting A Job

Getting a job in the US is a daunting prospect for many individuals. The Career in Transit blog (http://careerintransit.com) provides helpful information and resources for spouses looking for work in the Cambridge area.

For job-hunting and CV help, visit the Literacy Project offered by the Cambridge Public Library, or attend a career information session run by Harvard (www.employment.harvard.edu/careers/pdf/hbs_com munity_outreach.pdf).

Volunteering

If you are unable to work because of visa restrictions, you can still take advantage of volunteering opportunities at many institutions in Boston. Here is a list of suggested places to volunteer: www.volunteermatch.org/search/?r=20.0&l=Harvard%2C+MA%2C+USA&s=recency.

Harvard Spouse & Partner Resources

Harvard Students’ Spouses & Partners Association

HSSPA is a volunteer-run organization and is open to the spouses and partners of all Harvard students, post-docs, visiting fellows and other affiliates. Since 1896, HSSPA has provided a way for its members to make friends, find intellectual stimulation, and feel a sense of belonging within the University.

HSSPA membership is free. To join, send an email to harvardspouses@gmail.com. For more information about HSSPA and their upcoming events visit their blog: www.hsspablog.wordpress.com.

Harvard Neighbors

Harvard Neighbors is a social organization with membership open to Harvard faculty and staff, including visiting scholars and post-docs, as well as their spouses and partners. Harvard Neighbors is located at Loeb House, 17 Quincy Street in Cambridge.

For more information, please visit: www.neighbors.org.