

Harvard Alumni Engagement Pathways¹

Areas of Potential Interest or Involvement for Harvard Alums

- **Publications and newsletters:** Stay informed of what's happening at Harvard by joining the mailing lists of *Harvard Magazine*, the *Harvard Gazette*, and other official university publications, or the *Harvard Crimson* or other student publications. In addition, you may wish to join the mailing lists of one or more College, professional or graduate school newsletters, or specific institute, center, or program, or department newsletters.
- **Business and commercial or social enterprise:** You can subscribe to one or more Harvard Business School-produced publications or the mailing lists of one or programs of interest across the HBS universe. You may wish to get involved with the [Harvard ILab-Launch Lab X Geo](#), an accelerator for Harvard alumni-led ventures, the Harvard Grid, the Lemann Program on Creativity and Entrepreneurship, or the Harvard Office of Technology Development, just to name a few among other programs and centers on-campus.
- **Student organizations:** As an alum, there may be opportunities for you to pursue specific student organizations where you may offer your talents and expertise, your time, or your philanthropy. There are several sources for a complete list of Harvard student organizations. For Harvard College, please see, e.g., <https://dso.college.harvard.edu/list-student-organizations>. For graduate, professional, and extension school organizations, please check the specific school's website. You may also wish to contact a student organization that matters to you through their website or student leadership to see how you might volunteer your time, talents, or treasure to support their mission.
- **Environmental organizations:** Several academic departments present or sponsor environmental and ecological activities. For example, the Harvard Forest, the Harvard Arboretum, and the Salata Institute have activities and programs where you might find an opportunity to engage. There are also a myriad of student organizations that focus on the environment.
- **Academic programs:** You may contact an academic program or specific department professor to offer to serve as a subject-matter expert to assist in academic or co-curricular programs or a student group.
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging:** You might wish to volunteer through affinity student organizations or university-wide working groups. In addition, you may want to become involved in the Coalition for a Diverse Harvard, <https://www.diverseharvard.org/> and its efforts.

¹ This is a working document, subject to revision and updates. It is not intended to be dispositive of all available opportunities for alumni engagement.

- **Public Affairs and Public Service:** You can see the opportunities to subscribe to publications of the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School or attend or become involved in the Phillips Brooks House and the Mindich Program in Engaged Scholarship. In addition, many student organizations focus on partisan, non-partisan, and other government or public affairs-based programming. You can join the Institute of Politics (IOP) mailing list, subscribe to the *Harvard Political Review* or other publications, or engage in public policy discussions virtually or in person if you visit campus: <https://iop.harvard.edu/>. You can also contact Phillips Brooks House to become involved in community service: <https://publicservice.fas.harvard.edu/pbha>.
- **Harvard athletics and sporting events:** You might consider joining the Harvard Varsity Club or supporting Harvard athletics or a specific team of interest. You can also assist with its alums, engagement, or fundraising efforts through the Harvard Varsity Club. Consider hosting students or a team visiting your community during their sports season, Wintersession, or Spring Recess. You may also become a season ticket holder for a particular team. See [Harvard Varsity Club](#). See the Harvard Athletic Ticket Office: <https://gocrimson.eventue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetGroupList?groupCode=GS&linkID=harvard-athletics&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=>.
- **Faith-Based Organizations and Activities:** Become involved in faith-based activities (e.g., through the Harvard Divinity School, Harvard Islamic Association, Hillel, or Memorial Church) or support a religious or spiritual student organization.
- **Arts, music, and cultural organizations:** Join the mailing list of an arts or cultural organization that matters to you, and consider what volunteerism you might enjoy (e.g., Harvard Arts Museums; Harvard Museums of Science and Culture; American Repertory Theater). Host or arrange a local event or gig for one of the a cappella groups or other arts organizations that often travel during Wintersession, Spring Break, or over the summer. When you are planning on being in Cambridge, consider attending a performing arts or cultural event (see the Office for the Arts at Harvard Box Office: <https://www.boxoffice.harvard.edu/Online/default.asp>) or visit one or all of Harvard's amazing museums, which are open free to the public.
- **Travel:** Consider joining one of the exciting trips offered by and packaged through Harvard Alumni Travels: <https://alumni.harvard.edu/travel>.
- **Mental Health and Wellness Support:** Assist with Mental Health Support groups on campus to support students and other members of the Harvard community. You may also wish to contact the Rosenthal Center of Wellness and Health Promotion to see where you might help there: <https://wellness.huhs.harvard.edu/>.
- **Women and Gender issues:** Get involved with the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies. Assist with the [GlobalWe Essay Contest](#), established to help students think critically about the status and rights of women worldwide, conducted in partnership with schools and organizations all over the globe.
- **Fundraising and Philanthropy:** Consider applying your talents and passions to support

Harvard financially by working on advancement and fundraising related to the Harvard school from where you graduated, e.g., volunteering with the Harvard College Fund (see <https://alumni.harvard.edu/college/volunteer-fundraising/hcf>) or a graduate or professional school fundraising or other advancement committee that matters to you.

- **Introducing, Identifying, or Interviewing Potential Harvard Candidates:** You may wish to start (or restart) serving as an alumni interviewer of Harvard College applicants by joining your local Schools & Scholarship Committee. You can also volunteer with the [Harvard Early College Awareness program](#), which introduces middle school students from less advantaged regions and schools to the benefits of college and higher education.
- **Serve as an Advisor or Mentor to a student:** You can offer informal advice and coaching through the Mignone Center for Career Success (fka Office of Career Services) or a professional or graduate school career center. Your service might include resume reviews, mock interviews, or job postings if your company or firm wishes to provide summer internships or full-time positions to qualified Harvard students.
- **Serve as an undergraduate House adviser or visiting fellow:** If you are local to Boston and were a Harvard College student, consider contacting your undergraduate house to see if you might serve as an advisor to students or join your house's Senior Common Room.
- **Offer to serve as a judge, presenter, or speaker at one of the many venture and entrepreneurship competitions on campus.**
- **Return to the classroom:** You may wish to enroll in a degree-granting or fellowship program, a certificate or non-certificate-based program, or one of the hundreds of courses offered by HarvardX. Alternatively, you may enroll in an advanced leadership course, Extension School, Harvard Business School, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Graduate School of Education, or another school's program.
- **Reunion and class committee work:** Consider engaging in one or more of your Harvard College or graduate school reunion committees (e.g., Executive Committee, Reunion Programming Committee, Communications, Gift Committee, etc.) or offer to host or assist with arranging a pre-reunion event in your area.
- **Engage or reengage with your local Harvard club:** Become active or reengage in your local Harvard club. In addition, if you are a traveler to New York or Boston and would value having membership in the Harvard Club of New York City or the Harvard Club of Boston (currently the only two Harvard "clubs" that have physical clubhouses and facilities), you may wish to pursue membership. If you are located or moving to a region where there is no local Harvard club or SIG chapter, consult with the HAA Clubs & SIGs staff about starting a chapter or local club.
- **Shared Interest Groups (SIGs):** Consider joining one or more SIGs that interest you. They might span geographies or demographics, allowing you to make new relationships, share knowledge and expertise, or where you volunteer to enhance that group's efforts and impact through your leadership. If there is no SIG on a subject or

affinity topic you feel should be represented, and you believe there is sufficient alumni interest, you might wish to consult with the HAA Clubs & SIGS staff and start or co-found a new SIG. See [Shared Interest Groups](#). If you are specifically interested in the performing arts and entertainment, consider joining [Harvardwood](#).

- Volunteer at a [First Year Student Host Family](#) (Cambridge-centric).
- Volunteer to participate in a “Networking 101” Program for Harvard students or recent alums (Cambridge-centric and remote).
- Recommend a recipient for an [HAA Award or Harvard Medal](#).
- Recommend recipients of [Honorary Degrees](#) awarded at Commencement. ● Volunteer as a [Host Family for an International student](#) (Cambridge-centric). ● Organize a Harvard [Non-Profit Recruiting Board Fair](#) in your area.
- [Nominate](#) your fellow alums to be considered as a candidate for Harvard Overseer or HAA Elected Director by the alumni-led Nominating Committee.
- **Reach out to Harvard classmates** in your area or when you are traveling to arrange a meal or other visit with each other.

These are examples of how you may seek to become involved in other areas across the greater Harvard community in the months and years ahead. As you continue your personal leadership journey and Harvard community experience, we welcome any additional subjects, places, or ideas you might have about where you or other alums might become involved. Please share those with us by emailing haa_volunteerleadership@harvard.edu.

Thank you for all you do for, and what you mean to, the Harvard community!