

ACCESSING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Student Support Services is the office designated by HGSE to facilitate equal learning opportunities for students with disabilities. Student Support Services also determines whether individuals are eligible for reasonable accommodation and, if so, the nature of the reasonable accommodation.

If you are a student with a disability and wish to request accommodations, please complete our online [Disability Identification Form](#) as soon as possible.

You will need to provide documentation of your disability.

Primary Documentation: Student's Self-report

The student is a vital source of information regarding how they may be "limited by impairment." A student's narrative of their experience of disability, barriers, and effective and ineffective accommodations is an important tool which, when structured by interview or questionnaire and interpreted, may be sufficient for establishing disability and a need for accommodation.

Secondary Documentation: Observation and Interaction

The impressions and conclusions formed by higher education disability professionals during interviews and conversations with students or in evaluating the effectiveness of previously implemented or provisional accommodations are important forms of documentation.

Tertiary documentation: Information From External or Third Parties

Documentation from external sources may include educational or medical records. External documentation will vary in its relevance and value depending on the original context, credentials of the evaluator, the level of detail provided, and the comprehensiveness of the narrative.

Please keep in mind that each person's situation is unique, and documentation requirements may vary by situation. No student should delay registering with our office out of concern for not having appropriate paperwork. Documentation may be sent at any time via email to [Student Support Services](#).

Please contact Dr. KellyAnn Robinson (kellyann_robinson@gse.harvard.edu), Associate Director of Student Support Services in the Office of Student Affairs, with any questions.

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