

HGSE Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, January 6, 2025

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FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline: Sunday, January 12 at 11:59PM



MBTA Spring 2025 Semester Passes - Order Yours Today!

Through the MBTA Semester Pass Program, HGSE Office of Student Affairs is excited to offer T passes at a 25% reduced rate for all students. To receive this discount, students must purchase the pass for the entire four-month period (February 1st through May 31st), through the HGSE marketplace portal.

There are a number of different pass types available, so be sure to check which pass would best fit your needs. For pass descriptions, please visit the [MBTA website](#).

[To place your order, click here.](#) *All purchases are final sale and are non-refundable.*

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, January 12th at 11:59pm EST.

Students will be notified in late January when the passes are ready for pickup!

Application Deadline: Monday, January 20



Student Affairs

Spring Internship Opportunity: Join the OSA Team!

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) is excited to offer an internship opportunity for a current HGSE student who is passionate about cultivating student engagement and contributing to impactful programming. The Student Affairs Intern will support OSA staff with community building and wellness initiatives. More information about the position can be found on the Hub.

Interested candidates should email a resume and

cover letter to andrea_le@gse.harvard.edu by January 20th.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 7, 12-1PM [Virtual]



Project Management in Education

[Click here to register and receive the Zoom link.](#)

Join HGSE alum Anne Hand for this workshop that delves into the theory and practical application of project management. Drawing on over 15 years of hands-on experience from diverse projects, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the Project Management Life Cycle, exploring each phase from initiation and planning through execution, monitoring, and closing. This event is sponsored by the Career Services Office.

January Series [Virtual]



January CareTalks from Care.com

Click the links to register.

- Jan. 8 [Financial Wellness](#): Retirement Estate Planning
- Jan. 14 [Disability & Neurodiversity](#): Caring for Your Child with Disabilities
- Jan. 15 [Aging and Adult Care](#): Putting You in the Care Equation

- Jan. 16 [Success at Work](#): The Science of Goal Setting
- Jan. 22 [Child Care & Parenting](#): Raising Well-Balanced Children
- Jan. 28 [Your Healthy Lifestyle](#): Eat Your Way to a Healthy Year

This series will continue throughout the year. [Click here to download the brochure.](#)

Sign up by Thursday, January 9



Sing with ApiChorus, Harvard's Jewish A Cappella Group!

[Click here](#) for more information about ApiChorus.

[Sign up here](#) by January 9 for an audition.

An affiliated student organization of Harvard Hillel, founded in 2023, ApiChorus's repertoire consists of music in both English and Hebrew with much (but not all) of it Jewish inspired. **ApiChorus is opening up to graduate students for the spring semester (January-May 2025).** We have many exciting things planned, including a performance at the Harvard Club of New York, a weekend in DC to sing in a competition at the University of Maryland, and an (all-expenses-covered) trip to Israel!

We can't wait to meet you and have you join us in revolutionizing Jewish music at Harvard!

Thursday, January 9, 8-9:30AM [Virtual]



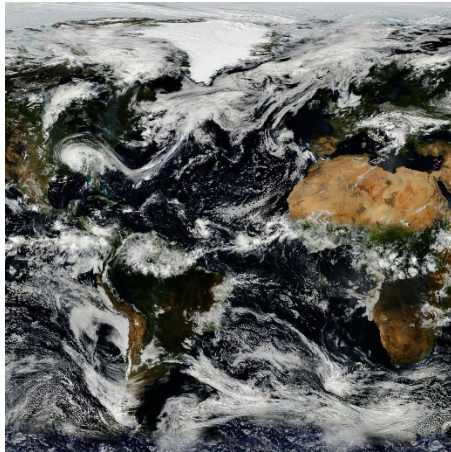
Designing Your Life: Crafting a Purposeful and Fulfilled Future

[Click here to register and receive the Zoom link.](#)

Are you ready to take charge of your future with intention and purpose? Join us for Designing Your Life, a dynamic and interactive virtual workshop lead by HGSE alum Sienna Xu that equips you with tools and strategies to align your personal and professional goals with what truly matters to you. This event is sponsored by the Career Services Office.

Early Bird Registration Deadline: Thursday, January 9

Class runs online on Fridays, 1PM-2PM, February-April 2025



How to Create a Climate Venture - Online Class in Spring 2025

[Click here to register by January 31](#) (early bird registration date is January 9).

[This course](#) through Harvard's iLabs is for people who want to found a climate start up to tackle climate change, but do not yet have an idea or whose idea is nascent. Questions? Please reach out to Rebekah Emanuel at rebekah_emanuel@harvard.edu.

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, January 14, 8-9:30AM [Virtual]



AI Education: Research-Informed Design Principles and Pedagogies

[Click here to register and receive the Zoom link.](#)

AI technologies are rapidly evolving, and with them, the critical need for research-informed and engaging AI education is growing. Drawing from experience in beta-testing Khan Academy's Khanmigo and working with industry experts at Google Deepmind through the Raspberry Pi Foundation, Rehana Al-Soltane in this webinar explores the design principles that have guided world-leading AI literacy initiatives. This event is sponsored by the Career Services Office.

Deadline: Wednesday, January 15, 2025



Spring Resume Book is now open!

[Click here to submit your resume.](#)

Get noticed by employers by uploading your resume to the Spring Resume Book! This digital, searchable resource will be shared with all employers who attend one of the spring career fairs.

Wednesday, January 15, 6-7PM [Virtual]



Conspire and Align: A New Approach to Management

[Click here to register and receive the Zoom link.](#)

Join HGSE alum Dr. Stephen McClain from the Management Center for an engaging session on management. Managers working for social justice

must reckon with history: many modern-day management practices have roots in U.S. slavery and worker exploitation. Still, we believe that management can be a force for good. At The Management Center, we believe that management, fundamentally, is about conspiring and aligning with your team. This event is sponsored by the Career Services Office.

Thursday, January 23, 4-5:15PM [In Person]



Skip the Small Talk

Location: GCC Area 5

Register by Monday, January 13.

Kick off the spring semester by connecting with your classmates! Join us for Skip the Small Talk, an event where you can get to know others by talking about the things you actually care about! We'll be offering prompts with "big talk" conversational questions to get you started, and we'll have lots of structure to facilitate meaningful conversations. We'll give you ground rules and guide you through the event to make sure you feel comfortable and safe sharing as much of yourself as possible while still feeling in complete control of how much you divulge.

Want to learn more about Skip the Small Talk?
Visit the website at <https://www.skipthesmalltalk.org>.

Thursday, January 30 11:30AM-1:30PM [In Person]



HGSE Freecycle

Location: Gutman Commons Cafe

Start the new year off fresh! This popular event promotes reuse and functions like a yard sale, except everything is free (yay!). How it works:

1. Donate items you no longer need by dropping them off in the bin in the Gutman Library entryway starting December 11th, or directly at the Freecycle.
2. Pick up something new-to-you that you could use. A donation is not required to shop the Freecycle.

Favorite Freecycle items include books, office supplies, school supplies, toys, and kitchen essentials. Remainders are donated to the Harvard Recycling and Surplus Center in Allston.

Volunteer at the Freecycle

Lend a hand for a half hour at the Freecycle. As a thank you, each volunteer will receive a reusable bamboo utensil set and tote bag in appreciation of your time and energy! If interested, reach out to Sustainability Manager [Anne Sargent](#) to sign up or with any questions.

Friday, January 31, 2025, 6PM [In Person]



Save the Date: HGSE Night with Harvard Hockey

Pre-game Social at 6:00 PM

Game starts at 7:00 PM

Stay tuned for ticket information.

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable night of Harvard Hockey on Friday, January 31st! Watch the Crimson take on Princeton at the Harvard Bright-Landry Hockey Center in a special event open to HGSE students, faculty, staff, and friends. Kick off your evening at 6 PM with a lively pre-game social, enjoying snacks and a cash bar. Then, gear up to cheer on the Crimson as HGSE Dean Nonie Lesaux drops the puck at 7 PM. Don't miss out on the excitement—show your Harvard pride and be part of this special event! Stay tuned for ticket details in the next HGSE Weekly.

Deadline: Friday, February 7, 2025



Seed for Change Student Grant Competition

Awards up to \$30,000 to Catalyze Change in India

[Click here for more information.](#)

The Seed for Change (SFC) student competition provides monetary prizes to bold, creative ideas that have the potential for widespread impact in India. The SFC competition aims to develop a vibrant ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship by supporting interdisciplinary student projects that could positively impact social, economic, and environmental issues in India. This competition is sponsored by the [Harvard University Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute](#).

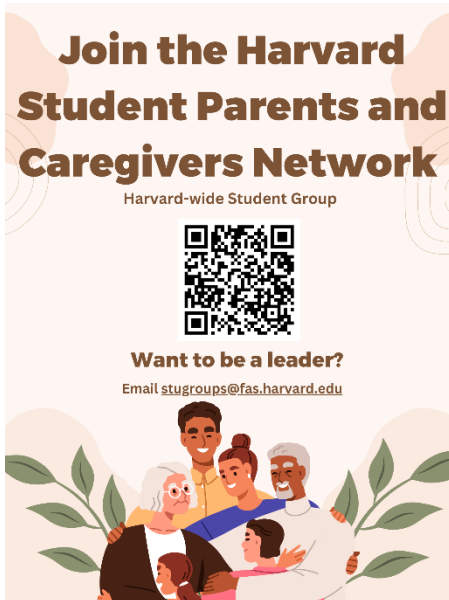
Deadline: Monday, February 24, 2025 at 5PM EST



Ed Entrepreneurs Summer Fellowship Award

HGSE is very pleased to offer the Education Entrepreneurship Summer Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to provide funding for students and recent alumni to advance their entrepreneurial ventures during the months of June, July, and August 2025. A limited number of fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis. For more details, [click here](#).

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Join the Harvard Student Parents and Caregivers Network

This Harvard-wide student group is welcoming new members and leaders! Email stugroups@fas.harvard.edu.



Together We Thrive: HGSE Accessibility and Inclusion Initiatives

Together We Thrive is a new collaborative initiative born out of HGSE's DEI Coordinating Committee (DEICC) to highlight the important accessibility and inclusion resources for our community to utilize. Revitalized in Spring 2024, the DEICC is a cross-campus coalition sponsored by the Dean's Office to coordinate community-wide, DEI-related efforts for maximum impact. This group identified three initial recommendations to better support accessibility and inclusion at HGSE.



Work Accountability Groups

Student Support Services in the Office of Student Affairs will be offering Work Accountability Groups (WAGs) twice a week on Zoom (**Thursdays 8-10 PM and Sundays 2-4 PM**) throughout the year, September-May. These accountability groups are two hours long and provide a space for students to work together with fellow students, in the comfort of their own workspace, and in a supportive environment. An Academic Coach will run the accountability group and will be there to provide structure and any immediate support needed by students.

For more information, please visit the [WAG website](#).

Note: WAGs have ended for the fall semester and will resume during J-Term 2025.

CRIMSON CUPBOARD



Crimson Cupboard

The Office of Student Affairs has a limited number of shelf-stable food items available to students who may be facing food insecurity. To access the cupboard, please fill out this [brief survey](#) with your contact information. Rilda Kissel (Associate Director of Student Support Services) will follow up to arrange a time for students to access the pantry.



The Appian Way Alliance for Alumni of Color

The mission of [The Appian Way Alliance for Alumni of Color](#) (The Alliance) is to create a vibrant, inclusive, active, and supportive community of HGSE alumni and students of color. The Alliance creates opportunities through community-wide and regional events for alumni of color to connect with one another; enhances relationships between alumni and students of color; provides academic, career, and other types of support to students; and proactively addresses issues of equity, inclusion, access, and diversity at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and in our communities. Please contact The Alliance at HGSEalliance@gmail.com if you have any questions or want additional information, and please join their [LinkedIn group](#)!



Mindfulness for Students at the Center for Wellness and Health Promotion

As we start the new semester here at [CWHP](#), we are excited to offer a variety of mindfulness programs to support your wellbeing. Subscribe to the monthly newsletter [here](#) for more information on wellness offerings, classes, and workshops!

RELIGIOUS RESOURCES



Harvard Chaplains

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The Harvard Chaplains, a professional community of more than thirty chaplains, represent many of the world's religious, spiritual, and ethical traditions, and share a collective commitment to serving the spiritual needs of the students, faculty, and staff of Harvard University. Learn more on the [Chaplains website](#).



Prayer Space on the HGSE Campus

Longfellow 214 is a dedicated prayer space here on the HGSE campus. Recognizing that not all buildings are open during the weekends, Gutman 440 has been reserved as prayer space on Saturday and Sundays, during regular Library hours.



The Memorial Church of Harvard University

The Memorial Church of Harvard University, part of a [vibrant interfaith network of Harvard](#), is an interdenominational Protestant church in the midst of Harvard Yard that serves as a place of spiritual refuge to the entire community. “MemChurch” stands opposite Widener Library as a visible reminder of the historical and spiritual heritage that has sustained Harvard for nearly four centuries. In addition to our [regularly scheduled services](#), we also offer a variety of [programming](#) for students, adults, and children.



Harvard Hillel

[Harvard Hillel](#) is a Jewish home on campus that seeks to:

- Welcome students to experience the variety of Jewish identity, tradition, practice, values, culture, and community.
- Inspire and enable Jewish connection, celebration, and action.
- Prepare students to join, create, shape, and lead Jewish communities; strengthen the Jewish people, and live proud Jewish lives.
- Share Jewish sources, traditions, ideas, and innovations, and their relevance in our world.
- Forge connection and engagement with the State of Israel.
- Foster friendship in a nurturing and refreshing sanctuary amid the stresses of student life.
- Engage the unique opportunities of Harvard and make Jewish thought and culture integral in the life of the University.

Whether you're looking to unwind with friends, dive deeper into Hebrew language and culture, or celebrate the High Holidays, Harvard Hillel has got something for everyone. [Sign up for the Grad Events newsletter](#) today.



Please Note: In addition to student events and resources, the HGSE Weekly Newsletter is the official communication channel for important information regarding Commencement.



