



Harvard University's Community Engagement in the City of Boston

Harvard University's presence in the City of Boston is anchored by its educational and research mission and to pursuing knowledge and engagement that contributes to the wellbeing of our host communities and populations around the world.

Harvard is proud to support a wide range of programs and initiatives that align with the City of Boston's mission to empower its residents, including partnerships that tackle regional challenges, direct services and resources that promote equity, and efforts to build community and strengthen our shared city.

PILOT & Property Tax Payments

As a collaborative and reliable partner, Harvard maintains a long record of making voluntary payments-in-lieu-of-tax (PILOT) to the City of Boston. Over the last 10 years, Harvard's PILOT payments total more than \$33 million. The University also pays taxes on property it owns that does not support a tax-exempt purpose. Over the past decade, Harvard has paid more than \$78 million in property taxes to the City of Boston. The University also pays for city services like water, sewer, permit, and other fees. In FY23, these payments totaled more than \$11 million to the City of Boston.

Community-Serving Programs that Align with Local Priorities

Through the activities of students, faculty, and staff, Harvard is continuously engaged in programs and initiatives that serve Boston residents. Public programs include learning and advancement opportunities for Boston Public Schools, career exploration, mentoring, and internships for youth, free health and legal services, support for local nonprofits and work within city departments, and maintenance of

public parks and pathways. This work – some of which has operated for decades – is developed in collaboration with the local community and continually evolves in response to the needs and challenges of our time. Closely aligned with city priorities, Harvard programs reach thousands of residents across Boston, including families, students, and teachers.

Separately, Harvard manages more than \$70 million in community benefits connected to institutional development in Allston. Established through an extensive community process, these benefits include: the Harvard Ed Portal, which offers hundreds of public programs each year in the arts, workforce and economic development, health and wellness, as well as mentoring and youth programming; the Harvard Allston Partnership Fund, which has awarded \$1.8 million in grants to Allston-Brighton nonprofits; and over \$3.4 million in Harvard Public Realm Flexible Fund projects enhancing the physical and cultural landscapes of the neighborhood.

The approval of the first phase of Harvard's Enterprise Research Campus has introduced an exciting roster of robust community benefits in Allston-Brighton including \$25 million in funding to support affordable housing, \$1.05 million for workforce development programming, support for a tree canopy and publicly accessible open space, and the donation of land at 65 Seattle Street in Allston for the development of affordable homeownership opportunities.

Support for Boston Students Enrolled at Harvard College

The University's tax-exempt status allows it to operate one of the most innovative and generous financial aid programs in the country, with a direct benefit to Boston residents. Through the Harvard Financial Aid Initiative, families with

incomes below \$85,000 pay nothing for their child's education, and families with incomes less than \$150,000 pay no more than 10 percent of their income. During the 2022-2023 academic year, 162 Boston residents were enrolled at Harvard College and 102 of those students received a combined \$6.5 million in financial aid. In the past 10 years, Harvard College students from Boston have received \$46.1 million in grant aid from Harvard.

Support for City Departments

In addition to supporting academic opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, Harvard is committed to partnerships that enable public service across Boston, including financial support for a range of fellowships that allow Harvard students to support city employees. For the 7th year, Harvard committed funding for the Harvard Presidential City of Boston Fellowship, which allows a recent Harvard College graduate to work full-time as a public service fellow in the Mayor's Office.

Through partnerships across Harvard's graduate and professional schools, including the Harvard Kennedy School's Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston and Taubman Center for State and Local Government, the University funds graduate students to work with local departments and agencies, supporting City of Boston employees as they deploy programs and advance local priorities.

Economic Impact

Harvard's day-to-day operations and research enterprise help to support the vitality of the local economy. The University employs more than 3,400 Boston residents who collectively received more than \$405 million in competitive pay and industry-leading benefits over the course of FY23. Last year, the University supported

Boston-based businesses and organizations with more than \$885 million in spending. Additionally, every year, the University attracts hundreds of millions in research funding to Boston, fueling science, medical discoveries, and further spending across the local economy.

Partnering to Address Affordable Housing

Harvard is committed to working with the city and local nonprofits to address the real-time challenge of housing creation and affordability. In addition to housing 99 percent of its undergraduates for four years, Harvard works with partners across Boston on responsive initiatives aimed at creating and preserving thousands of affordable housing units. Since 2000, Harvard has committed \$20 million to a revolving loan program known as the Harvard Local Housing Collaborative,

an initiative aimed at increasing the amount of affordable housing across Boston and Cambridge. By partnering with three local nonprofit community-development lenders, Harvard seeks to create and preserve affordable housing, build and revitalize healthy communities, and create economic opportunities for low- and middle-income residents throughout the region.

During the first 20 years of the initiative, the fund revolved more than twice, allowing over \$40 million to support the creation or preservation of more than 5,500 units of housing across Boston, and leveraging more than \$1.3 billion in total housing investment. In 2019, Harvard renewed its commitment to funding the Harvard Local Housing Collaborative for another 20 years. Since then, the initiative has helped to create or

preserve an additional 800 units of affordable housing in Boston.

The Harvard Local Housing Collaborative stands apart from other Harvard-generated affordable housing projects in Allston that are connected to University development and third party partnerships. Through several different housing partnerships and land donations over the past decade, Harvard has played a central role in creating 1,350 housing units in Allston, over 300 of which are affordable. This housing creation includes rental, homeownership, and senior housing units.

This report offers a look into the numerous mission-driven programs and initiatives that reach thousands of Boston residents. While not all-inclusive, it provides a representative sample of the continually evolving collaborations between Harvard, our community and nonprofit partners, and the City of Boston.



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SPOTLIGHT ON:

Harvard's College and Career Pathway Programs for Boston Public Schools



Students spend the day on Harvard's campus during a Project Teach visit.

In 2023, the Crimson Summer Academy celebrated 20 years. Since it was founded, more than 400 Crimson Scholars have gone on to college or university, with more than 90 percent earning degrees.



Harvard Medical School's MEDscience centers its curriculum on engaging clinical simulations to expose BPS students to medical education and healthcare-oriented careers.



For decades, Harvard has offered a series of college and career pathway programs designed to support public school students in their academic and professional journeys. Studies show that when young people participate in programs and activities that help them envision themselves in future college plans and higher earning careers, the more likely they are to enroll in college and participate in the work necessary to achieve their career goals. At a time when it is particularly critical to engage students of all backgrounds in conversations about their futures, Boston Public Schools (BPS) students and their families have access to programs that bring them to campus as early as elementary school. As BPS students progress through middle and high school, programs focus on providing pathways for post-high school success.

Designed for BPS middle school students, **Project Teach** is a program that aims to demonstrate how college can be an affordable and attainable goal for everyone. The program is based on the research of Dr. Mandy Savitz-Romer of the Harvard Graduate School of Education and focuses on communicating college and career goals, sharing resources, developing partnerships between students and colleges, and engaging families.

The **Crimson Summer Academy** is an educational program that provides traditionally underserved high school students with a stimulating mix of classes, projects, and cultural activities on Harvard's campus, helping them prepare for success in college and beyond. Over the course of three consecutive summers, students from public schools in Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville receive instruction and benefit from sustained support and close mentoring relationships with Harvard College undergraduates that help expand their vision of what's possible. In August, the Crimson Summer Academy celebrated its 20th anniversary.

An after-school enrichment program, Harvard Medical School's **AP Biology Hinton Scholars Program** deepens students' understanding of AP Biology concepts, provides laboratory exposure, and increases knowledge about careers in science throughout the academic year.

Seeking to spark an early interest in the life sciences, **Project Success: Opening the Door to Biomedical Careers** provides paid internships for underrepresented local high school juniors and seniors. Students work in hands-on research, attend seminars with researchers and physicians, go on site visits to HMS affiliated institutions, develop writing and computer skills, and receive resources and mentoring to develop both academic and career paths. The program allows students to return multiple times, even during their college years, fostering continuous growth and development.

MEDscience is an innovative high school science curriculum that provides students with the opportunity to bring science to life through hands-on mock clinical cases and classroom lessons conducted at Harvard Medical School. The program addresses the inspiration gap in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields and engages traditionally underserved and underrepresented youth, empowering them with skills necessary for academic success and career development.

Through these and other programs and initiatives across campus, Harvard University remains committed to fostering a culture of public service and civic engagement in support of the City of Boston.

BY THE NUMBERS

200

students participated in Project Teach during the 2022 – 2023 academic year

800+

students participated in MEDscience during the 2022 – 2023 academic year

47

students participated in the Crimson Summer Academy during the 2022 – 2023 academic year

1,600+

students have participated in AP Biology Hinton Scholars Program to date

EXAMPLES OF HARVARD'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACROSS BOSTON

EDUCATION

Public School Partnerships

Harvard University

Impact: 600+ BPS students reached in FY23.

Harvard's Public School Partnerships (PSP) expand access to responsive and innovative learning opportunities for families, teachers, and students in Boston & Cambridge public schools. Working in collaboration with the Harvard Graduate School of Education, other schools and departments across campus, as well as local public schools and community organizations, PSP provides:

- Educational programs for Boston Public Schools (BPS) students across numerous subject areas such as STEM programming, college and career awareness, and programs in the arts that foster students' social and academic skills;
- Professional development opportunities for BPS educators and administrators to connect with Harvard researchers and draw practical applications that help meet the needs of their student population; and
- Parent workshops and family engagement events that support students' academic success.

Crimson Summer Academy

Harvard University

Impact: 47 students from 20 Boston schools attended the Crimson Summer Academy in FY23.

The Crimson Summer Academy (CSA), which celebrated its 20th anniversary in the summer of 2023, is an educational program that provides traditionally underserved high school students with a stimulating mix of classes, projects, and cultural activities on Harvard's campus, helping them prepare for success in college and beyond. Over the course of three consecutive summers, students from public schools in Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville receive instruction, sustained support, and close mentoring relationships with Harvard College undergraduates that help expand their vision of what's possible. Ninety-four percent of CSA graduates go on to complete college in four years. In FY23, the program reached 69 students, including 47 from Boston. CSA will return to full capacity of three cohorts in the 2023-2024 academic year. FY23 costs attributable to Boston students total \$1,213,800 which includes program operation costs, room and board, as well as enrollment in Harvard Summer School courses.

AP Biology Hinton Scholars Program

Harvard Medical School

Impact: 111 Boston Public Schools students participated in the program in FY23.

The AP Biology Hinton Scholars Program is an after-school enrichment program designed to enhance students' understanding of AP Biology concepts, provide laboratory exposure, and increase knowledge about careers in science throughout the academic year. Program components include hands-on AP Biology-related science labs; test preparation for the AP Biology exam; small group tutoring led by Harvard medical and graduate students; enhancement of students' scientific communications skills; access to Harvard lectures, conferences, researchers, and faculty; and career panel discussions in the biomedical sciences. More than 1,600 Boston Public Schools students have participated in this program since 2003.

AP Biology Teacher Callbacks

Harvard Medical School

Impact: Four Boston Public Schools teachers received professional development in FY23.

AP Biology Teacher Callbacks are designed for AP Biology teachers and are open to all Boston Public Schools science teachers. Teachers engage in quarterly AP Biology professional development workshops, seminars, exchanges of best teaching practices, lectures, and lab exercises facilitated by Harvard Medical School faculty, staff, and students, all of which are relevant to the AP Biology course curriculum. More than 140 Boston teachers have participated in the program since it first began.

James Bryant Conant Fellowship

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Impact: Six Boston Public Schools teachers were awarded \$254,673 in scholarship aid in FY23.

The James Bryant Conant Fellowship fund was established to support the professional growth of outstanding teachers and administrators from within Boston Public Schools and Cambridge Public Schools who are accepted to Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) degree programs. Fellows are required to return to or remain in their school systems for a minimum of one year after completing the HGSE program.

Professional Education Programs

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Impact: Six Boston Public Schools educators reached in FY23.

The Harvard Graduate School of Education offers a robust portfolio of practical learning experiences designed for K-12 educators, school- and district-level leaders, as well as professionals at education-support organizations. In FY23, HGSE provided funding for six BPS educators to attend the programs.

Scholarships for Boston Students and Teachers

Harvard Division of Continuing Education

Impact: Eight Boston residents and teachers received \$25,570 in scholarship aid in FY23.

The Harvard Division of Continuing Education provides secondary school students from Boston, as well as BPS middle and high school teachers, with scholarships to take coursework at the Harvard Extension School. These credits help teachers further professional development goals and allow students to take college coursework while in high school. Scholarship programs include: the Lowell Scholarship, DCE Secondary School Scholarship, and the Brian J. Honan Scholarship.

Public and Educational Programming

Harvard Museums of Science & Culture

Impact: 1,029 Boston students participated in free educational programming in FY23.

The Harvard Museums of Science & Culture (HMSC) is a consortium of four Harvard museums designed to coordinate captivating programming for visitors of all ages, permanent galleries, and dynamic rotating exhibits. HMSC provides free and discounted admission to Massachusetts residents, teachers, and other qualifying individuals. In FY23, the Harvard Museums of Science & Culture also offered educational programming to 1,029 students from Boston and free or discounted admission to more than 12,800 residents.

American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.)

Harvard University

Impact: More than 2,000 Boston residents received over \$70,600 in free or subsidized admission and access to A.R.T programming in FY23.

As the professional theater on campus the American Repertory Theater at Harvard University catalyzes discourse, interdisciplinary collaboration, and creative exchange among a wide range of academic departments, institutions, students, and faculty members, acting as a conduit between its community of artists and the University. Through affordable tickets, theater skill-building workshops and classes, project-based partnerships, public dialogue, and more, the A.R.T. deepens connections to live theater for audiences of all ages.

LabXchange

Harvard University

Impact: 6,503 Boston students and educators reached in 2023.

A collaboration between Harvard and the Amgen Foundation, LabXchange brings the scientific process to life in the classroom and beyond. Through high-quality content, including simulations and assessments, and opportunities for mentorship and dialogue, LabXchange helps to expand access to STEM education and promote students' exploration of STEM careers.

STEM Programming for K-12

Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Committed to a learning environment that inspires new ideas, collaboration, and innovation, the Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) supports a number of STEM programs for K-12 local public school students. They include SET in the City, a one-day program designed to inspire high school girls to explore STEM careers and Tech Savvy, a weeklong program during the summer, focusing on computing, technology and engineering for girls entering the 7th or 8th grade. SEAS also extends the opportunity to local schools to tour its research labs and campus.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Arnold Arboretum

Harvard University

Impact: Harvard's FY23 operating budget for the Arboretum included \$12.1 million to support maintenance, free public education programming, park operations, library and living collection, and the visitor's center. In 2023, the Arboretum provided educational programming to more than 2,300 BPS students.

A living museum containing 16,000 trees, shrubs, and vines collected during the past century from Asia, Europe, and North America, the Arnold Arboretum is one of Boston's largest green spaces and draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. The Arboretum was founded in 1872 as a public-private partnership between the City of Boston and Harvard University and continues to serve as both a research institution and publicly accessible open space. Through its unique relationship with the City of Boston, the Arboretum is committed to providing public programming for families, students, and educators.

Programs include:

- **Field Study Experience for BPS Students** – designed for pre-K through Grade 5, this program fosters young scientists by allowing students to investigate biodiversity in the meadows, ponds, and woodlands of the Arboretum. The Field Study Experience aligns with Boston Public Schools Life Science study and the Massachusetts Science, Technology, and Engineering Curriculum Framework.
- **Arboretum Young Scientists** – a five-week summer program providing an opportunity for BPS rising 7th & 8th graders to explore horticulture and life sciences through hands-on activities.
- **Summer Institute for BPS Teachers** – a multi-day program for BPS educators to build knowledge about plants and their environments and facilitate study lessons aligned with the Massachusetts Science, Technology, and Engineering Curriculum Framework.
- **Family Hikes and Projects** – leading hikes and tours for families to learn about plants and animal life as well as engaging families in interactive activities that expand their knowledge of the natural world.

Public Realm Maintenance

Harvard University

Impact: More than \$137,000 spent in support of public realm maintenance in FY23.

Harvard is committed to projects that enhance the public realm, including snow removal, improvements and maintenance in public

parks and open space, neighborhood beautification, streetscape improvements, and public art. These projects are separate and apart from the University's contractual agreements with the City of Boston. Support for public improvements in FY23 included community landscape, park maintenance, and snow clean up.

+ CLINICS

Clinical and Pro Bono Programs

Harvard Law School

Impact: More than 42,000 hours of free legal services were provided to low-income Boston residents in FY23.

Every year, the Clinical and Pro Bono Programs – a collection of 49 in-house clinics, externship clinics, and student practice organizations – provide free legal services and referrals to low-income individuals who would otherwise be unable to afford a lawyer. In FY23, Harvard Law School faculty and students helped Boston residents on issues ranging from housing, family law, domestic violence, taxes, consumer protection, government benefits, criminal defense, special education, immigration, and bankruptcy. The operating budget attributable to work on Boston cases totaled more than \$5 million. The Clinical and Pro Bono Programs are collaborative and responsive to client and community needs, often partnering with a wide range of local organizations to deliver services.

The Family Van

Harvard Medical School

Impact: 908 Boston residents received free health screenings in FY23.

The Family Van is a mobile clinic affiliated with Harvard Medical School that is dedicated to increasing access to health care, health resources, and various social services. Designed in collaboration with community partners, The Van provides free preventive health screenings and education, serving people who often encounter cultural and language barriers to the traditional health care system. The Van regularly sees patients in some of Boston's underserved communities, including Dorchester, East Boston, and Roxbury, carrying out curbside testing, health coaching, and referrals for follow-up care. By traveling directly to areas in which the need is greatest, The Family Van fosters an atmosphere of trust and removes barriers to care. In FY23, Harvard contributed \$227,998 to operate the program, which helped provide free health screenings during more than 1,400 visits. The Family Van celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2022 with the launch of a new mobile health clinic at the Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library.

Harvard Dental Center Teaching Practice

Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Impact: More than 900 Boston residents received dental services in FY23.

The Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) provides a public facing dental practice where care is provided by predoctoral students under the supervision of HSDM faculty. Services in the teaching practice are open to the public and subsidized by HSDM, costing patients approximately 30–40 percent less than fees typical of a private dental practice. In addition to absorbing over \$1 million in costs associated with below-market fees and pro bono care (\$300,000 of which was attributable to Boston residents), the center estimates that it saves members of the community more than \$5 million in dental costs each year.

Dental Student Externships

Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Impact: In FY23, HSDM students provided care at six Boston-based community health organizations.

In their fourth year, all HSDM predoctoral students participate in a three month general dentistry rotation at a local community health center or Veterans Affairs hospital where they provide care to patients with a wide variety of needs. In FY23, DMD students completed externships at the following community health centers in Boston: Boston Health Care for the Homeless, Brookside Community Health Center, Charles River Community Health, The Dimock Center, Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, and VA Boston Healthcare System.



SUPPORT FOR BOSTON NONPROFITS AND CITY GOVERNMENT

Harvard Presidential City of Boston Fellowship

Harvard University

The Harvard Presidential City of Boston Fellowship provides funding for a recent Harvard College graduate to work as a public service fellow in the Mayor's Office. In collaboration with city officials, fellows work full-time for a year to manage and execute projects in various issue areas and engage Boston residents through a range of community-based efforts. Since it was launched in 2016, the program has continued to support a pipeline to civic oriented career development opportunities and to encourage students to make a difference through public service.

Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative

Harvard University

The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative was designed to support mayors and city officials in their efforts to tackle complex challenges, advance city priorities, and improve people's quality of life. Each year, the Initiative selects 40 mayors; in turn, each mayor selects two senior officials from their city to participate. Together, they engage in an intensive leadership and management program developed and taught by faculty from Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School. Participation is fully funded by Harvard. Mayor Wu and two members of her cabinet participated in 2022. The City of Boston also took part in a special program, Leading City Procurement Reform, which helped the city create tools and resources to increase the amount of city dollars contracted to minority-owned businesses. As part of the collaboration track within the Initiative, a team of eight from Mayor Wu's Administration also worked to connect city residents to training and employment in the life sciences industry.

Data-Smart City Solutions

Bloomberg Center for Cities, Harvard University

Data-Smart City Solutions, a long-standing program housed at the Bloomberg Center for Cities, works to catalyze the adoption of data projects at the local government level by serving as a central resource for cities. In FY23, 11 City of Boston staff attended six convenings: the Project on Municipal Innovation, the Civic Analytics Network, the Infrastructure Innovation Summit, the Community Data Health Initiative, and a virtual meeting of the Chief Equity Officer Network.

Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston Public Policy Summer Fellowship

Harvard Kennedy School

Impact: The Rappaport Institute supported the work of eight City of Boston offices and departments in FY23.

The Rappaport Institute strives to improve the governance of Greater Boston by strengthening connections between the region's scholars, students, and civic leaders. A University-wide entity housed at the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), the Institute encourages graduate students to spend part of their careers in public service through a paid, 10-week summer internship in key state and local agencies.

Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston Boston Urban Scholars

Harvard Kennedy School

Since 1981, the Rappaport/Boston Urban Fellowship has provided full-tuition scholarships that have allowed more than 30 elected and appointed officials from greater Boston to attend the Kennedy School of Government's Mid-Career Master in Public Administration program. After graduation, appointed officials must return to public service in the greater Boston area for a minimum of two years.

Greater Boston Applied Field Lab & the Rappaport Public Finance Summer Fellowship

Harvard Kennedy School

An experiential-learning lab, the Greater Boston Applied Field Lab course connects Harvard Kennedy School students to local government, to work on financial and operational challenges as scoped by city and agency staff. With the support of the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston, in FY23, students worked to advance City of Boston priorities in climate resiliency and Boston Public Schools construction plans. Through the Rappaport Public Finance Summer Fellowship, students are also funded to continue working with the City over the summer.

Harvard Kennedy School

Urban Politics Field Lab

The Urban Politics Field Lab partners Harvard Kennedy School students with local cities and towns to tackle policy challenges. These include transportation, climate change impacts, affordable housing, and other impactful local issues.

HBS Leadership Fellows

Harvard Business School

The Leadership Fellows program offers nonprofit and public sector organizations the opportunity to leverage the experience, expertise, and skills of Harvard's MBA students for one year with a salary subsidized by the Harvard Business School. In FY23, fellows were placed at the Boston Planning and Development Agency and the City of Boston.

Community Service Fellowship Program

Harvard Graduate School of Design

Fellows of the Community Service Fellowship program are graduate design students placed with local nonprofits and government agencies. While working for these organizations, students help

to advance projects that address public needs and community concerns. This funding allows fellows to provide design services to the community — accounting for work that organizations would otherwise need to fund through their own budgets. In FY23, fellowship funding supported students who worked at three Boston-based organizations: Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, City of Boston Housing Innovation Lab, and Preservation of Affordable Housing.

Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies Summer Fellowship Program

Harvard Graduate School of Design

The Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies supports community service fellowships for Harvard students obtaining internships or other volunteer opportunities with nonprofit organizations focused on housing, the built environment, and/or community development. In FY23, fellowship funding supported student work at EMPATH Emergency Shelter in Brighton.

Leaders in Health Community Training Program

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Impact: Five Boston-based community and government organizations received training in FY23.

Leaders in Health is an eight-week program that aims to strengthen existing community health initiatives and empower individuals through introductory training in public health. The program is designed to build the concrete skills of community activists, local health department employees, and practitioners from community-based organizations through discussion-based activities. Participants attend interactive training sessions, complete assignments, and receive support to create an action plan to enhance their work. The training culminates with each participant presenting a project that they plan to implement. To date, the program has trained more than 60 community practitioners.

Rose Service Learning Fellowship

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

The Rose Service Learning Fellowship supports students and postdoctoral fellows at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in service learning projects. Students use academic knowledge and skills to address community needs, working in partnership with local organizations. In FY23, the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health funded seven students who worked at community and health centers in Boston.

Student Field Practice

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Impact: 10 students supported seven Boston-based organizations in FY23.

As part of the Master of Public Health program, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health students are required to complete a field practice experience, designed jointly by the students and their preceptors at a host organization, to advance the work of the organization as well as provide a real-world learning experience for students.

EMPLOYMENT

Summer Youth Employment Program

Harvard University

Impact: 18 Boston Public Schools students participated in the summer of 2023.

The Harvard Summer Youth Employment Program hires Boston teens for six-week summer jobs in various office positions and as lab and library assistants across Harvard University. In addition to earning money, teens participate in job shadowing days and weekly educational seminars aimed at preparing them for both future careers and further education.

Year Up

Harvard University

Impact: 15 Boston residents received skills development and job training at Harvard University in FY23.

Year Up is a one-year intensive training program that provides low income young adults, ages 18 to 24, with a combination of hands-on skills development, course work eligible for college credit, and corporate internships. Since Harvard first partnered with Year Up more than 15 years ago, the University has hired approximately 280 interns into permanent or temporary positions.

HMS MEDscience

Harvard Medical School

Impact: 822 students from 22 Boston schools participated in the program in FY23.

MEDscience is an innovative high school science curriculum that provides Boston Public Schools students with the opportunity to bring science to life through hands-on mock clinical cases and classroom lessons conducted at Harvard Medical School. The program addresses the inspiration gap in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields and engages traditionally underserved and underrepresented youth.

Skills Workshops for College and High School Students

Harvard Medical School

Impact: 33 high school students from Boston participated in FY23.

The Skills Workshops provide opportunities for students, particularly underrepresented individuals, to learn about the application process for college, medical and graduate schools, interviewing skills, resume writing, financial aid, summer and internship opportunities and transitioning from two to four-year colleges. This past year, workshops for students included: "Application Process for College," "Tips for Resume, Cover Letter and Interviewing Skills," and "Finances and Your Education."

Project Success: Opening the Door to Biomedical Careers

Harvard Medical School

Impact: Nine Boston Public Schools students held paid internships in FY23.

Project Success is a paid internship program seeking to spark an early interest in the life sciences for underrepresented local high school juniors and seniors. Students work in hands-on research, attend seminars with researchers and physicians, go on site visits to HMS affiliated institutions, develop writing and computer skills, and receive resources and mentoring to develop both academic and career paths. The program allows students to return multiple times, even during their college years, fostering continuous growth and development.

Health Professions Recruitment & Exposure Program

Harvard Medical School

Impact: 24 students from Boston participated in FY23.

Harvard Medical School's Health Professions Recruitment & Exposure Program is a high school science enrichment program that seeks to recruit Boston area high school students into science and medicine, aiming to reach students from underrepresented backgrounds. The program provides students with academic support and facilitates conversations with students in medical, dental, and pharmacy schools. More than 875 students from the Greater Boston area have participated in the program since 2007.

Design Discovery: Youth

Harvard Graduate School of Design

Design Discovery Youth is an intensive four-week summer architecture and design program that seeks to immerse high school students in the world of design. Developed by Harvard Graduate School of Design students, the program introduces teenagers to architectural design and alternative perspectives of landscape design, urban planning, and graphic, industrial, and fine arts design. The program strives to foster a passion for design in local communities and to develop the skills to put students on track for exploring these ideas at the collegiate level. In FY23, six Boston students participated in the program.

Equity in Design Mentorship Program Harvard

Graduate School of Design

Impact: Six BPS students participated in FY23.

The Equity in Design Mentorship Program is a 10-week academic and professional mentorship program that invites Boston area high school students to learn about design work and how guidance and collaboration are essential to the art of design. The program aims to expand the ecosystem of engagement among black designers by building mentorship opportunities.



GOOD NEIGHBOR ACTIVITY

Direct Contributions to Boston-based Nonprofit Organizations

Harvard University

Impact: 22 nonprofit organizations supported in FY23.

Harvard supports the work of a number of Boston-based nonprofit organizations that serve residents in the City of Boston. In FY23, the University's support included nonprofits focused on economic and community development, youth programming, health and wellbeing, as well as services for the elderly.

Direct Contributions to Boston-based Nonprofit Organizations

Harvard Business School

Impact: Nine nonprofit organizations supported in FY23.

Every year, the Harvard Business School (HBS) provides support for local nonprofit organizations mainly in Allston-Brighton. In FY23, HBS contributed directly to nine Boston-based nonprofit organizations working to support and provide programming for senior citizens, veterans, and youth in the City of Boston.

Direct Contributions to Boston-based Nonprofit Organizations

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Impact: Nine nonprofit organizations supported in FY23.

The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) provides support to Boston-based nonprofit organization to support a range of community activities across the City of Boston. In FY23, HSPH supported nine neighboring nonprofits.