Smooth Transitions


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The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
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Fellow Students of Color:

On behalf of the W. E. B. Du Bois Graduate Society and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, welcome to GSAS and to Harvard University! You are about to embark on an amazing journey that will be filled with new friends, new knowledge, and a new beginning to the rest of your life. The Harvard community is truly exemplary: top scholars in fields from African and African American studies to zoology, a world of resources at your fingertips, and countless opportunities. We hope that this booklet, Smooth Transitions, as well as your connections with us, the W. E. B. Du Bois Graduate Society, will help you take that all-important first step into these new waters. This booklet is not so much about navigating troubled waters but imparting invaluable resources so that you are the best seafarer Harvard (or you!) has ever seen.

Graduate school has all the makings of a best-selling novel: mystery, intrigue, laughter, tears, and surprises around every corner. You will be stimulated, challenged, and tested in a way that you likely haven’t been tested before. You will have wonderful—and not so wonderful—experiences and make lifelong friends. Established in 1984, the Du Bois Society is dedicated to helping you and your fellow students of color build a strong community in which to face the trials and celebrate the triumphs. The Du Bois Society is for all underrepresented minorities in GSAS. We know you will be busy and have lots on your plate, and we hope that you will think of us as a tasty side dish accompanying the main course that is your work.

Getting a graduate degree can be a very solitary enterprise. We spend many hours with our noses in books and our fingers on laptop keys, which can lead to feelings of isolation. To help stave off those feelings and keep us connected, the Du Bois Society sponsors many events throughout the year and we invite you to join us. From happy hours to conferences, movie nights, and casual lunches with faculty, the activities we and other campus organizations plan are for you, so please do take advantage. We also want your input on the things that we do; never hesitate to offer up event ideas so that the Du Bois Society can support and function better every day.

In addition to fun things to do on campus, Boston is a great city with lots to offer: shows, night clubs, museums, and plenty of volunteer opportunities await you across the Charles River, just a few “T” stops away. Cambridge is known as the “Berkeley of the East” and boasts plenty of coffee shops in which to study and socialize, lots of tasty eateries, many bookstores to explore, and lots more. Check out the resources listed here in Smooth Transitions and stop by Dudley House for tickets to events on both sides of the river and beyond.

As you prepare to open up a fresh page and begin penning the exciting story of your graduate student experience, allow us to offer a few helpful tips that we have discussed with our friends and colleagues and confirmed time and again. First, take time for you! Your career is just that, your career—not your life. Make sure you take a few minutes to smell the roses: get out, take a walk, call your mom...whatever makes you feel good and keeps you grounded. Make sure you keep doing it even when the workload feels heavy. Feeling good and staying connected to the other things in your life that matter can help the load feel lighter. Next, use your resources! One of the great things about being at Harvard is the world-class access to books, professors, librarians, and more. One of your best resources? Your colleagues! Go to your department’s events and attend mixed events to meet people in other fields. You’ll be surprised how much overlap there is between disciplines, and you never know who will voice our noses in books and our fingers on laptop keys, which can lead to feelings of isolation. To help stave off those feelings and keep us connected, the Du Bois Society sponsors many events throughout the year and we invite you to join us. From happy hours to conferences, movie nights, and casual lunches with faculty, the activities we and other campus organizations plan are for you, so please do take advantage. We also want your input on the things that we do; never hesitate to offer up event ideas so that the Du Bois Society can support and function better every day.

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a thought you need to hear. Last and most important, keep your head up! You’re here because you belong here—find your niche and soar!

We are delighted to welcome you and hope that Smooth Transitions will be a great resource for your first year and beyond. If you have any questions that are not answered here, feel free to contact any of us at the Du Bois Society—we’re here to help! Again, warmest of welcomes to Harvard, Cambridge, and the Du Bois Society. Let’s do it!

All the very best,
Funlayo, Daphne, Kathleen, Khytie, Kiera, and Roberto
W.E.B. Du Bois Graduate Society Steering Committee

Dear Students,

On behalf of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, it is my pleasure to welcome you to GSAS for academic year 2015–16. We are delighted that you have chosen to make Harvard your intellectual home for this next phase of your academic career.

As dean for admissions and financial aid, I lead a team of dedicated professionals who work diligently to ensure that the admissions process runs smoothly and that GSAS students have access to the funding needed to enroll. While the admissions process is firmly behind you at this point, our work with you is not: the financial aid staff will continue to partner with you to address any financial questions or obstacles that come up over the course of your graduate studies.

As you peruse this guidebook, you’ll quickly discover that there is a wealth of resources available to help you make the most of your time at Harvard. I hope that you will find the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid to be among the most vital and helpful of these resources. If you’re ever feeling overwhelmed or unsure of where to turn for assistance, members of the admissions and financial aid team stand ready to help you find a path forward that is both effective and cost-efficient.

As we cross paths over the course of the year, be sure to introduce yourself and share your thoughts on how the year is progressing. Our offices are located on the third floor of the Smith Campus Center, and all of us love to hear from students. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to working with you.

Best wishes for a productive and rewarding year!

Mohan Boodram
DEAN FOR ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Welcome to Harvard and to GSAS. As Dean for Student Affairs I have general responsibility for the welfare of graduate students and I monitor their academic status, progress, and discipline. My office oversees the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Residential Life, the Office of Student Services, and the Fellowships Office. I also represent students in disciplinary cases before the Administrative Board. I am one of the two Title IX coordinators in GSAS and am available to discuss Title IX concerns with students. Students should also feel free to contact me to discuss concerns about discrimination.

In addition, I am responsible for the Graduate School’s Orientation Program, at which you will have the opportunity to meet other graduate students and staff members. I hope you will think of the Office of Student Affairs as the place of both “first and last resort” if you are seeking assistance with academic or personal problems.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my position is working closely with the W. E. B. Du Bois Graduate Society. Over the past years the Du Bois Society has organized a number of exciting events such as talks, movie screenings, and celebrations of cultural events such as Kwanzaa and Día de los Muertos. The Steering Committee of the Du Bois Society has many more such events in mind for this year, and it is always looking for new members. Should there be any additional activities that you would like to see GSAS sponsor, I hope you will come and talk with me.

My own PhD is in French literature from GSAS. Since beginning my graduate work in 1983, I have been involved in both graduate and undergraduate student affairs issues at Harvard. If I can be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to contact me in my office in Smith Campus Center 350 at 617-495-1814.

With best wishes for a most successful year!

Garth McCavana
DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

Welcome, everyone! For the newbies, you’re about to become part of a remarkably vibrant ensemble of scholars, embarking on a journey that will challenge and reward you in ways you may not be able to imagine at this moment. I’m so glad that you have decided to join this community.

Whether you are a new student, seasoned veteran, or somewhere in between, I want also to extend an offer of assistance and camaraderie. I’m here to help, or just to listen—whether it is discussing life or the really cool research you are doing—feel free to contact me at sthomas@fas.harvard.edu or 617-495-5315 or to visit me in Cambridge (in Smith Campus Center 350) or on the Medical Campus (in TMEC 335). I look forward to getting to know you—and coming to your thesis defense!

I oversee minority recruitment and retention efforts for Harvard’s PhD programs in Cambridge and the Longwood Medical Area, working closely with the other deans at
GSAS and in the Division of Medical Sciences (DMS) at Harvard Medical School, as well as with my colleague, Assistant Director of Diversity and Minority Affairs Stephanie Parsons. My previous role as faculty co-director of diversity in DMS helped feed my passion for increasing diversity in graduate education and beyond. I thoroughly enjoy my role, and I look forward to continuing to help Harvard attract and retain an outstanding and diverse pool of graduate students. I also serve as an advisor for the Du Bois Graduate Society and the Minority Biomedical Scientists of Harvard. I encourage you to get/stay involved and/or participate in the events these groups organize. If you have thoughts about any of this, I would love to hear from you.

In my academic life, my research interests are in the area of cancer cell signaling, and I also have the privilege of teaching and mentoring students in DMS. I have been a faculty member in the Department of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center since 1996, so I've been around long enough to answer any questions you may have—or to work with you to find an answer.

I wish you every success as you begin or continue your intellectual journey at Harvard.

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Welcome and welcome back!  
As an advisor to the Du Bois Graduate Society along with Dean McCavana and Associate Dean Thomas, I hope you get involved with the Du Bois Society early on. The Du Bois Society can be a very important support mechanism for you as you navigate the Harvard system during your graduate career. You will have opportunities to meet like-minded people, develop a network of friends, and share good times with colleagues and peers at Du Bois Society-sponsored events.

In my other role, I rely on continuing students to help me with recruitment. This includes being available when prospective students have questions and when newly-admitted students visit campus. Also, I may ask you to travel to a recruiting event or two. In any case, remember this is your University and I look forward to working with you as you make your stamp upon it. Contact me anytime and stop by and visit me in Smith Campus Center.

See you soon!
**Anthony Covarrubias**  
**PhD CANDIDATE, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

Being a student of color at Harvard is difficult when you are a new student and come to realize that very few students look like you or grew up in similar circumstances as you did. This is confounded by the fact that there are also very few professors of color at Harvard whom you can identify as mentors. Early in my graduate career I confronted this by being hyperconscious of how I was performing academically compared to other students. However, as I have matured and grown as a student I have come to recognize that I am equally capable of performing at a high level as any of my peers here at Harvard, and have grown to embrace the diversity that Harvard offers. I have since made many friends from different backgrounds and countries, and I always try to mentor and recruit other students of color to further promote diversity in the Harvard community.

As a graduate student working on the Longwood-Medical Campus I am conducting biomedical research with amazing facilities, surrounded by great scientists and clinicians. However, as students, we are often busy working long hours in our laboratories, separated from others. Thus, the Minority Biomedical Scientist of Harvard (MBSH) student group has been an invaluable resource where I have been able to meet other scientists of color and provide a support group for students to talk about our experiences as Harvard scientists. In addition, the events hosted by the Du Bois Society on the main Cambridge Campus have been great opportunities to branch out and meet other diverse Harvard Students from various non-science programs.

Looking back, my advice would be to focus less on your own insecurities and the fear that you don’t know enough. I have learned to embrace how much I do not know about the field I am joining, and use my curiosity to promote further exploration and study. Graduate school for me has been a journey of growth, empowerment, and perseverance.

**Rachel Yunck**  
**PhD CANDIDATE, MEDICAL SCIENCES**

What would I tell incoming students? Grad school is a marathon not a sprint. You have to pace yourself.

When I first arrived at Harvard, I felt pressure to work hard and to work constantly in both class and lab. But this pressure was mostly self-imposed. I think everyone comes into grad school with high expectations and hopes. These expectations, combined with the fact that I was surrounded by so many talented, high-achieving colleagues made it easy to fall into a trap where I felt like I should always be working harder. But by the end of the first year, I already felt burnt out. That’s not good when you’re facing another four to five years of school.

Go easy on yourself. Try to maintain a healthy work-life balance, eat well, exercise, and make sure you get some sleep. Overall, you’ll be much more productive than if you had done otherwise (trust me!). During my time in grad school, I went from being mostly inactive to becoming a runner. I’d escape from lab each day for a quick run, and on the weekends, I’d go on longer runs, ultimately working up to running half-marathons. Running became a crucial way for me to have an excuse to get outside, be active, and make steady progress towards goals that I could successfully reach—even when I wasn’t making much progress with my research. And of course, the extra endorphins gave me a great boost too!

Recognize and accept that you will go through lots of ups and downs, things will be hard, and sometimes you will feel stuck and incompetent. During these times, it can feel downright depressing. Which is why it’s all the more important to let yourself step away from work every day and do other things that bring you personal satisfaction and happiness. During that time, also be sure to make an effort to connect with other students, as you will find that almost everyone else has felt the same way at some point. Student groups, such as the Du Bois Society and Minority Biomedical Scientists of Harvard (MBSH), are a great way to meet other like-minded students and make new friends.

When you do start to get hard on yourself, take a step back and reflect on your accomplishments. And always give yourself credit for the fact that you are at an amazing institution working toward great things. As a grad student, you have the opportunity to generate new ideas and make new discoveries that no one has ever made before. That’s not supposed to be easy! But with perseverance, a positive mindset, and work-life balance, you will make progress—and maintain your sanity in the meantime.

**Anthony Jack**  
**PhD CANDIDATE, SOCIOLOGY**

First and foremost, there is more to life than Harvard Square. Get out of Cambridge. And that means beyond Somerville as well.

Do not be afraid to connect with faculty across different schools. Many times you can become very integrated into your department and the way they approach certain research questions. Harvard is extremely rich in resources. Go to the different research centers even before you need them for specific projects.

Apply for fellowships. Apply for fellowships. Apply for fellowships. Two very wise graduate students told me this as soon as I got here. I pass that along with additions. Seek out resources like Cynthia Verba [GSAS director of fellowships] and also more advanced graduate students as you start going through drafts. This advice sounds routine, but sometimes graduate students can be guarded with their research agendas and projects. This reluctance to seek help in how best to frame the fellowship application (and its many, many, many parts) can cripple even the most promising projects.

The best way to describe my social life is a work in progress. I make conscious decisions to go out into Boston. I meet up with friends for dinner and drinks at Queens Head or somewhere in Somerville. I walk along the river at 7:00 a.m. To tell you the truth, it’s the small things that make graduate school tolerable. My advice is to find the small things and build from there. But a must, an absolute must, is to make time for you. I learned this over time, and I am still trying to follow my own advice.

The friends you make along this long path are invaluable. Friends, inside and outside your department and even your school, introduce you to many things that may escape your notice when you have your nose to the books. So yeah, friends are the gateway.

What’s hard about Harvard? To be honest, putting up with some of the high school, rather, middle school, pettiness that comes when you have a number of extremely smart people trying to prove how smart they are.
David Amponsah
PhD CANDIDATE, STUDY OF RELIGION

What’s great about life at Harvard? The ability to find almost any (and sometimes rare) material at the library. The resources for academic success are immense.

What’s hard about life at Harvard? Everything here costs money and nothing is cheap.

My advice? Make the librarian your friend. If you don’t already have a dissertation topic, start thinking about one. However, don’t let the Harvard pressure get to you. Have a social network, and above all, get some sleep.

James D. Whitfield, PhD ’11, Chemistry & Chemical Biology
VCQ FELLOW, VIENNA CENTER FOR QUANTUM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND FORD FOUNDATION FELLOW

I would tell incoming students to start planning for their graduation immediately. As I neared graduation, I wished I had started planning it years before. Also, I would recommend that science graduate students take as many opportunities as they can to leave Harvard to visit other labs. And I’d caution incoming students against questioning their abilities.

I lived in the undergraduate Dunster House as a resident tutor. I wish someone had told me about the resident tutor positions my first or second year as I really enjoyed working as a tutor.

My social life is great. I would recommend keeping a few friends outside your department and outside Harvard.

One nice thing about Harvard is the speakers who come through to talk about their research and their ideas. There is opportunity abound for travel, collaboration, and a facile bureaucracy. I think my experience would be much different if I wasn’t happy with my advisor.

What’s hard about life at Harvard? Everybody being really good at what they do can sometimes cause me to question myself.

Cherie Lynn Ramirez, PhD ’12, Medical Sciences
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GLOBAL LEARNING STUDIO, GLOBAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND LEARNING INCUBATOR AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

What would I want to tell an incoming student? You need to get comfortable with stupidity. To better explain what I mean by this, I highly recommend reading the brief piece by Martin A. Schwartz titled “The Importance of Stupidity in Scientific Research” (Journal of Cell Science, 2008). It’s relevant no matter what field your research is in.

I’ve lived in the Longwood Medical Area since I began my PhD. This neighborhood offers numerous transportation options (MBTA, buses, hospital shuttles, etc.), feels safe, and is not very expensive relative to living deeper in the city.

Although graduate school is going to demand sacrifices of time, energy, and passion, you need to remember that if you aren’t enjoying your life while you’re here, that’s ultimately going to impinge on your ability to finish the [your advanced degree here] marathon. Opportunities to meet new people and have a good time are routinely offered through Dudley House, the GSAS Graduate Student Council, and various student groups (e.g. Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Biomedical Graduate Student Organization), so there’s never a dearth of fun stuff to do. Get involved through student organizations, volunteering, or sports as a way to cultivate new skills and/or give back to your community while doing something you love.

Living in Boston/Cambridge is fabulous because there are so many neat historical/cultural/snazzy places to visit and it’s a great starting point for traveling elsewhere as well. In these environs you can literally find someone of every motivation, temperament, and specialty, so opportunities for friendships, collaborations, and personal growth are abundant. Be sure to take advantage of the facilities (e.g. libraries and museums), discounts and resources available with your Harvard ID!

A natural consequence of just about everyone being so interesting/outstanding/talented is that you may feel average by comparison—or even perhaps like you don’t belong here. While going through these thought processes is perfectly normal, don’t let them depress you because, ironically, everyone here gets feelings of inadequacy at some point or another (Exhibit 1: Dr. Valerie Young, an expert on the impostor syndrome, has run annual workshops for overflowing lecture halls of Harvard graduate students). It’s important not to lose sight of the outstanding qualities that brought you here in the first place and to learn as much as you can from the strengths of your colleagues.

LaVaughn Henry, PhD ’91, economics
VICE PRESIDENT AND SENIOR REGIONAL OFFICER, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI BRANCH

Being from America’s heartland, Kansas City, dressing in a sport coat and jeans, wearing cowboy boots, and even listening on my headphones to a curious mix of country music and rap, all seemed pretty normal to me. However, in the spring of 1984 as I walked across Harvard Yard for the very first time—a yard so often crossed by past and future presidents, captains of industry, and renowned artists—a recurring question could not help but cross my mind: “Will I fit in here?”

I recall meeting the other members of my entering doctoral class in economics. “Harvard,” “Yale,” “Stanford,” among many other well-known institutions, all seemed to be recurring words that I heard as they introduced themselves. I was under no illusion that Rockhurst College, or the University of Missouri, places that I had attended, would be among the places they named. Although… guess what? The stories they told of how they got to Harvard, where they came from, and what they wanted to achieve, did not seem for me, to be that distant. Again in class, when we met and formed study groups, or met for lunch, or for drinks, I soon came to understand that the presumed difference between myself and the other students, even the faculty whom I had come to know, was a presumption based on ignorance, not on fact. I started to ask myself another question: “Is it possible that I might belong here?”

Harvard University is a cornucopia of information, insight, and ultimately, involvement. I have always been especially attracted to anything that has to do with policymaking, politics, and government. While in the Yard, I became president of the
Graduate Student Council of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, a member of the Student Advisory Committee of the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government, and an active participant in the Student Coalition against Apartheid in South Africa. These achievements are just a few examples of the diversity of opportunities and opinions that the University offers to all, regardless of background, who pass through its gates. I ultimately came to ask myself one more question: “How much of a difference can I make while I am here, and after I leave, Harvard?”

One learns many things while they are in the Yard. What I learned to be most valuable while I was there, and since I have left, might be summarized best by the following three insights.

- **First, manage your time wisely.** There are so many things to experience while attending Harvard that the reason you are there might start to fade in importance. Focus on the primacy of obtaining your degree—let nothing step in front of that goal because it benefits many more than just yourself.

- **Second, once you ground yourself in your goal of obtaining your degree, experience Harvard beyond just going to class.** The Harvard experience extends far beyond its yard and gates. You have a unique opportunity to affect your community and the world. While there, develop ideas of how to accomplish your goals.

- **Finally, internalize the fact that you belong at Harvard, and that you bring something special to the mix.** Your selection is for a reason that you might not immediately understand, but will ultimately become obvious.

Looking back upon my more than 25 years since joining the Harvard community, I no longer have any questions to ask myself. I have but one answer: “All who are selected have the potential to add to the greatness of the legacy of Harvard. Never doubt this truth, or yourself. You belong here.”

**Crystal M. Fleming, PhD ’11, Sociology**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

The most important advice I can give is to be kind to yourself. That may seem like odd, self-centered advice, but it is absolutely crucial. Graduate students can be their own worst critics. Yes, it is important to push yourself to do your best and to excel in your work, but it is equally important to know how to soften that critical voice, to celebrate your accomplishments (even small ones!) and to allow yourself to enjoy your successes. Remember that you have already done well! You have already accomplished so much to get to this point in your life and your career. Yes, there will be more hurdles to come, but you’ve already jumped over quite a few to get here.

Know that you have the internal resources to make it through the tough times. And when the going gets really tough, know that there are external resources to help you. One of the most underutilized resources at Harvard is our mental health coverage. Years ago, graduate students had to fight and organize to obtain the comprehensive insurance that we have—so don’t let it go to waste! The therapists at Harvard have years of experience helping graduate students and faculty manage stress. Academia can be an emotional rollercoaster and it’s smart to seek guidance from an experienced counselor.

In terms of social life, realize that your graduate career will probably follow a well-worn pattern: the first few years allow you an opportunity to expand your social network by reaching out, whereas the last few years will probably be a period in which you turn inward again and focus on completing your degree. But you will need those friendships and relationships to successfully finish the PhD, so make time to socialize with people both within and outside of your department when you start graduate school.

Meet like-minded people by pursuing your hobbies, seeking out a place of worship or meditation if you’re a spiritual or religious person. From feeding the homeless in Harvard Square to attending lectures of world leaders to taking fencing and tai chi classes at the MAC (Malkin Athletic Center), I thoroughly enjoyed the vibrant community life offered right in Harvard Square. But I also enjoyed going to Dorchester and Symphony Hall, exploring Greater New England by visiting Western Massachusetts, Cape Cod, Maine and Connecticut—it’s a beautiful area!

Finally, in terms of professional advice, I’d urge new graduate students to take advantage of Harvard’s extensive partnerships and collaborations with other institutions both in the US and abroad. Spend a semester or a year at another university or think about doing international research. There are not enough minority students in the humanities and social sciences who consider taking their work across the globe. Remember that the world outside of Harvard is a very big place, so aim not only high but also far and wide.
III

Resources for Scholarship on Minority Communities
Harvard Libraries
The Harvard Library system (lib.harvard.edu) houses one of the world’s premier collections of knowledge. The system encompasses dozens of libraries spread across the University, of which Widener Library, in Harvard Yard, is perhaps the most iconic. Librarians can serve as guides and mentors as you embark on any given research project; we encourage you to get to know the librarians and utilize their expertise.

Harvard also boasts a number of centers and institutes that conduct scholarship on minority communities. They provide a range of resources including periodicals, conferences and seminars, fellowships and grants, and a community of scholars with whom you can interact.

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The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies recognizes the significance of David Rockefeller’s economic activities in Latin America as well as his efforts to improve inter-American relations. The Center supports research and teaching on Latin America, Latinos in the United States, and related fields throughout the University and works to strengthen ties between Harvard and the countries of Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Iberian peninsula, seeking to promote public understanding of the cultures, histories, and societies of these diverse regions. The Center offers grants and fellowships for faculty and staff, as well as research and travel grants for graduate students, produces a series of major conferences and other events, and distributes several interesting publications, including the ReVista Newsletter, Directory of Faculty and Professional Staff, Course Guide, and a series of focused brochures.

Hutchins Center for African and African American Research
104 Mount Auburn Street, 3R
617-495-8508
www.dubois.fas.harvard.edu/dubois
hutchinscenter.fas.harvard.edu

The Hutchins Center is the nation’s oldest research center dedicated to the study of the history, culture, and social institutions of African Americans. Housed within the Center is the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute, which provides annual fellowships for scholars at all stages including current graduate students. These one-year appointments provide graduate students and visiting scholars with the opportunity to become immersed in research and writing while living in a community of preeminent faculty. The Institute also houses a library of scholarly periodicals, bibliographic references, catalogues of dissertations, and reference guides to major American collections of African and African American manuscripts and materials.

Institute activities include publication of monographs, papers, and a newsletter and sponsorship of noncredit seminars, symposia, and public lectures. We strongly encourage you to visit the Du Bois Institute, see their resources, and join their mailing list.

W. E. B. Du Bois Institute Fellows
Since its creation, the Institute has annually appointed scholars who conduct individual research for a period of one to two terms in a variety of fields within African and African American Studies. With over 200 alumni fellows, the Institute has done more in its short existence to ensure the scholarly development of African American Studies than any other pre-doctoral or postdoctoral program in the United States.

Many former fellows are now major figures in the field and include Cornel West (Princeton, Emeritus), and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham (Harvard). In addition, numerous scholars who came to the Institute as junior faculty members are now tenured members of African American Studies and other academic departments in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Latin America, and several African countries.

Visiting Mandela Fellows
The Mandela Mellon Fellowship allows scholars from University of Cape Town time away from the pressing demands of higher education in their own country to share research and engage with a larger community of scholars at Harvard. The Visiting Mandela Fellows work in various intellectual fields. Information about present and past fellows can be found on the Du Bois Institute website, www.dubois.fas.harvard.edu/dubois.

Geneviève McMillan–Reba Stewart Fellowship
This fellowship brings a distinguished individual in African studies to Harvard to deliver three lectures and serve as a fellow of the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute. The lectures are published as a book by Oxford University Press and are intended to advance the knowledge of the field of African studies, generally, and enhance the role of women scholars in the field, more particularly. Nobel Prize winner Wole Soyinka delivered the inaugural lecture.

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
10 Garden Street
617-495-8602
www.radcliffe.harvard.edu

Established in 1999 when Radcliffe College officially merged with Harvard University, the Institute offers workshops, symposia, colloquia, conferences, and other non-degree educational programs to the University community. Each year, Radcliffe sponsors research fellows in various disciplines through the Radcliffe Institute Fellowship Program. The Schlesinger Library collection on the history of women in the United States includes the Black Women Oral History project among many others.

The National GEM Consortium
The National GEM Consortium offers three fellowships: MS engineering, PhD engineering, and PhD science. The fellowship covers full tuition and fees, offers a stipend upwards of $16,000, and arranges for a summer internship at a participating company. To apply, you must be a US citizen and a member of an underrepresented minority group. Please refer to the website for further information: www.gemfellowship.org.
**Fellowships**

The GSAS Fellowships Office provides a range of services designed to assist graduate students in their search for fellowship funding and advice on professional development. Cynthia Verba, director of the Fellowships Office, provides individual counseling on fellowship opportunities and feedback on strategies for success. For an appointment, contact the Fellowships Office at 617-495-1814.

**Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships**

Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships provide three years of support for individuals engaged in graduate study leading to a PhD. They have an annual stipend, institutional award in lieu of tuition and fees, and expenses paid to attend three conferences of Ford Fellows. There are around 60 of these awards, which are open to US citizens or nationals who are members of the following minority groups: Alaskan Natives (Eskimo, Aleut, or other Indigenous People of Alaska), Native American Indians, Black/African Americans, Mexican Americans/Chicanas/Chicanos, Native Pacific Islanders (Hawaiian/Polynesian/Micronesian), and Puerto Ricans. They are intended for students who plan to work toward the PhD degree for the first time, and who are at or near the beginning of their graduate study. Individuals must demonstrate they can use three years of fellowship support. Application deadline is during the fall. Visit sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships for the most current information; online applications will be available early September.
**The W. E. B. Du Bois Graduate Society**

A student organization of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University

[www.duboissgrad.fas.harvard.edu](http://www.duboissgrad.fas.harvard.edu)


duboissgsas@gmail.com

Established in 1983 and named for the eminent African American scholar and civil rights leader W. E. B. Du Bois—the first African American to receive a doctoral degree from Harvard University (1895)—the W. E. B. Du Bois Graduate Society is an organization of students and others at GSAS devoted to addressing minority issues and creating a positive educational environment for historically underrepresented minorities. The aims of the society are twofold: to serve as a forum for students to meet and raise concerns about race and ethnicity, and to provide a social, intellectual, and political institution for minority student activities. The society welcomes new and visiting minority scholars to the Harvard community, fosters interactions with Harvard’s minority faculty and administrators, connects GSAS students with students from other Harvard graduate schools, and encourages more minority undergraduates to consider careers in academia.

The activities of the Du Bois Society include social events (potluck dinners, movie nights), academic panels, activities with other graduate schools, faculty lunches, and involvement with recruitment efforts. The Kickoff Dinner, the largest annual event, brings together new and continuing students.

All GSAS minority students are encouraged to become members and consider joining the Society Steering Committee, a group that plans events for the academic year in accordance with the organization’s goals. For more information, find the Du Bois Society at DudleyFest during Orientation, e-mail duboisgsas@gmail.com, or visit their website [www.duboissgrad.fas.harvard.edu](http://www.duboissgrad.fas.harvard.edu).

**Minority Biomedical Scientists of Harvard (MBSH)**

A student organization of the Division of Medical Sciences, GSAS’s interfaculty PhD program with Harvard Medical School

[www.hms.harvard.edu/dms/diversity/mbsh](http://www.hms.harvard.edu/dms/diversity/mbsh)

MBSH supports the career development of biomedical scientists from groups traditionally underrepresented in academic departments at Harvard and its affiliated institutions by building a networking, mentoring, and mutually invigorating society to support the growth of successful scientific careers. Fundamental to this vision is the belief that the fabric of career planning, the art of advancement, and the intellectual and spiritual excitement of science benefit from the dialogue between undergraduate and graduate student-scientists, medical students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty. Through workshops and networking events with graduates based in academia and industry, MBSH offers professional development opportunities for members that hone various skills, such as grant writing and presentation skills, as well as other activities required for excellence in the competitive world of the biomedical sciences. The group also conducts outreach to grammar and high school students as well as college undergraduates to encourage them to consider careers in biomedical science.

**Other Resources and Opportunities**

The following are resources available to all GSAS students; however, underrepresented minority GSAS students have been and are encouraged to be active in the following programs and activities.

**Dudley House and the Fellows Program**

617-495-2255

[www.dudley.harvard.edu](http://www.dudley.harvard.edu)

Dudley House is located in Lehman Hall at the southwest corner of Harvard Yard. All GSAS students are automatically members of the House and are encouraged to use its facilities, which include a dining hall, game room, library, computer room, lockers, pianos, meeting and office space for student organizations, the Café Gato Rojo (see below) and the Graduate Student Council office. Dudley House provides an opportunity for GSAS students to interact with fellow graduate students and faculty from all departments in an informal atmosphere.

The co-masters, house administrators, and a group of GSAS students known as the Dudley Fellows coordinate and facilitate the House’s activities and services. Events include student-faculty dinners, language tables, discussion groups, dinner speakers, dances, jazz concerts, ski trips, and hikes organized by the Dudley Fellows. Students may also participate in intramural athletics, several music groups, and public service activities. Initiative in planning and implementing programs and activities from other students is also welcomed.

**Café Gato Rojo**

Located in the basement of Dudley House, this student-run café is an excellent place to read the paper, meet with friends, catch up on school work, or catch the occasional poetry reading. Serving coffee, cappuccino, and other café fare, this hideaway is a great place to relax. Check out the Dudley House website for hours.

**House Tutors and Freshman Proctors**

The Houses serve as the foundation for the undergraduate experience at Harvard College. Ninety-eight percent of all undergraduates live in one of the 12 residential Houses. Dudley House, which is the 13th House, serves graduate students and a small population of non-residents. Each residential House has a number of resident and non-resident tutors who play a vital role in the residential and educational life of undergraduates, creating a small academic and social community that lives, eats, socializes, and studies together.

Graduate students can apply to serve as resident or non-resident tutors, providing support to students by teaching, tutoring, advising, and writing or helping to write letters of recommendation. Tutors are provided housing (resident tutors) and meals in exchange for the duties mentioned above. Visit the Harvard College Office of Student Life website at osl.fas.harvard.edu/tutors-proctors to learn more and apply.

Freshman Proctors provide guidance for first-year students in all aspects of their exploration of Harvard. Proctors reside in freshman dormitories and are the members of the College staff with whom first-year students have the most extensive contact. Working under the direction of a resident dean of freshmen, proctors create an academic and social community among 20 to 40 first-year students and provide academic counseling to approximately eight to ten. Visit the Freshman Dean's Office website at fdo.fas.harvard.edu/pages/proctors to learn more and apply.
The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is the student government organization representing all students in GSAS. The GSC awards travel and research grants, sponsors graduate student groups (GSGs) and graduate student organizations (DGSOs), selects courses for January@GSAS mini-courses, organizes social events such as the Pub Crawl, and organizes the annual Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Awards.

GSC meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., followed by pizza, in the Graduate Student Lounge on the second floor of Dudley House. Departmental representation and student participation are vital to the group’s success.

Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering (HGWISE)
projects.iq.harvard.edu/hgwise
hgwise@gmail.com

HGWISE is a graduate student organization supported by GSAS. The mission of HGWISE is to provide networking, professional development, and social events for female graduate students in the sciences and engineering. Included among these activities is a mentoring program where students are matched with faculty mentors. Other events organized by HGWISE include coffee hours with faculty, professional development seminars and discussions on graduate school and different career paths, and various social activities.

Offices and Associations for GSAS Students

Harvard is dedicated to developing, coordinating, and advancing inclusive excellence, diversity, and equal opportunity initiatives, programs and policies throughout the University. Many organizations exist to support underrepresented minorities, and even more were established for students enrolled at specific schools. For example, Harvard College student organizations, such as the Harvard Black Men’s Forum and Latinas Unidas, provide social, intellectual, and cultural activities for undergraduates. Other minority-focused groups are located at Harvard Business School and in the Longwood Medical Area. If your program is affiliated with another Harvard faculty and you are interested in joining a group there, check out the School’s student affairs website for details.

GSAS Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs
Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Campus Center, Suite 350
617-495-5315
minrec@fas.harvard.edu
Sheila Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Diversity
Stephanie Parsons, Assistant Director of Diversity and Minority Affairs
Holly Salter, Staff Assistant
gsas.harvard.edu/diversity

The Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs at GSAS recruits and mentors a community of scholars that reflects the ethnic and cultural diversity of our society. The staff are always available to meet and provide assistance in navigating Harvard’s resources.

Harvard University Native American Program
Contact: Shelly Lowe, Executive Director
14 Story Street, 4th Floor
617-495-4923
hunap@harvard.edu
www.hunap.harvard.edu

The Harvard University Native American (HUNAP) Program brings Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students together with interested individuals from the Harvard community for the purpose of advancing the wellbeing of indigenous peoples through self-determination, academic achievement, and community service. HUNAP’s goals are to promote scholarly work and curriculum development at Harvard on issues relevant to Native Americans, engage the Harvard academic community in outreach activities that address the needs and problems of Indian Country, and recruit, retain, and graduate greater numbers of Native American students at Harvard University. Visit their website to learn more about their nation building efforts, events, and other opportunities to become involved.

The Harvard Foundation
S. Allen Counter, Director
Thayer Hall, Basement, Room 2
617-495-1527
www.fas.harvard.edu/harvfoun
harvfoun@fas.harvard.edu

The Harvard Foundation, an agency established in 1981 by the president of Harvard University and the dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences to bring about improved racial understanding within the Harvard community, is also the focus of FAS efforts to address the needs, concerns, and interests of minority students. The Foundation seeks to improve the Harvard community’s quality of life through expression of its diverse cultures and histories.

The Harvard Foundation sponsors many activities, including an annual, University-wide cultural festival called Cultural Rhythms, designed to promote the University’s awareness and appreciation of minority cultural contributions. The foundation has student committees that discuss issues and organize projects in the areas of scientific
and cultural affairs, athletics, sociopolitical affairs, academics, Harvard House concerns, and community outreach services. In addition, the Foundation provides a number of grants for student projects each fall and spring. The grants are awarded to those student projects which might best serve to improve race relations within the Harvard community.

Division of Medical Sciences Diversity Programs Office
260 Longwood Ave, TMEC 335
sthomas@fas.harvard.edu
617-432-1342, 617-495-5315

Harvard Medical School
Office of Recruitment and Multicultural Affairs
TMEC 244
260 Longwood Avenue
617-432-1572
hms.harvard.edu/content/multicultural-affairs-0

Office of Diversity and Community Partnership
Dean Joan Y. Reede, MD, MHP, MS 617-432-2413
mfdp.med.harvard.edu
dcp_mfdp@hms.harvard.edu

Third World Caucus: Black Health Organization Boricua Health Organization Latin American Medical Student Association
African Medical Students Association
The Hinton-Wright Society
Martha Elliot Mentoring Program
Medical Students of Las Americas
Meeting of Students Addressing Intercultural Concerns (MOSAIC)
National Chicano Health Organization
Native American Health Organization Student National Medical Association
Financial Aid
As a GSAS student, you are assigned a financial aid officer, who is available to discuss any questions about your student funding package or other financial concerns. If you feel that you have special circumstances that warrant consideration for additional funding, you are welcome to initiate a formal appeal for additional aid. The appeal process begins with a confidential conversation between you and your financial aid officer during which the two of you carefully review your expenses and available resources. Your aid officer will then determine your eligibility for student loans and/or GSAS emergency funding. If, after reviewing your options with your aid officer, you feel that your concerns have not been fully addressed, you can request that your case be reviewed by the dean for admissions and financial aid, Mohan Boodram. Dean Boodram will arrange a meeting with you to discuss his findings, and if applicable, explain the process for requesting a final determination from the Administrative Board of the Graduate School.

Concerns about Discrimination or Harassment
It is unlawful, contrary to Harvard University’s policy, and clearly in violation of the Resolution on Rights and Responsibilities to discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, veteran status, or disability unrelated to job or course of study requirements. The Faculty Council condemns all forms of discrimination or harassment, whether subtle or overt, and asserts that all members of the University community should join in assuring that all students are accorded the dignity and respect called for in the Resolution.

Students who believe they may be victims of any form of discrimination or harassment have recourse to grievance procedures developed by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. These procedures, which are consonant with public law and the Resolution on Rights and Responsibilities, are noted in the GSAS Student Handbook, section VII, which can be viewed at handbook.gsas.harvard.edu/discrimination-and-harassment.

Any member of the Graduate School community who believes that he or she has been harassed on account of race, gender, or sexual orientation by any member of the Harvard community is encouraged to bring the matter to the attention of Garth McCavana, dean for student affairs, (Smith Campus Center 350, 617-495-1814, mccavana@fas.harvard.edu) or Jackie Yun, director of student services (Dudley House B-2, 617-495-5005, jyun@fas.harvard.edu).

Students who are concerned about discrimination or harassment by a member of the Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) may also contact the HUHS Patient Advocate at patadvoc@huhs.harvard.edu or (617) 495-7583.
Transportation
Whether you are based in Cambridge, the Longwood Medical Area, or the Allston part of Boston, numerous transportation options exist to help you get from point A to point B.

Harvard Transportation
Harvard Shuttle Buses cover the Cambridge and Allston campuses. Details at shuttle.harvard.edu. The M2 Longwood Medical Shuttle takes students, faculty, and staff between Cambridge and the Longwood Medical Area. Details at masco.org/directions/m2-cambridge-harvard-shuttle. For information about accessible van and evening van services, visit www.transportation.harvard.edu/shuttle-van-services.

Public Transportation
The MBTA, also known as “The T,” helps residents and visitors get around the Metro Boston area via a network of subways, buses, and commuter rail trains. GSAS students can purchase a CharlieCard that provides access for an entire term at an 11 percent discount. Forms are available on the GSAS website at gsas.harvard.edu/current_students/mbta_semester_pass_program.php. Visit mbta.com for schedules and maps, rider tools, and more.

Bicycling
Bicycling is a great way to get around Cambridge and Boston, and both cities have invested in making roadways safer for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. The Hubway bike share system also allows you to commute to and from Cambridge, Boston, Brookline, and Somerville without having to own a bicycle. For more information on how to get started and navigate the area, visit www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Transportation/gettingaroundcambridge/bybike and www.bostonbikes.org.

Cars, Taxis, and Transportation Companies
Owning a car in the Metro Boston area can be challenging. If your residence doesn’t come with off-street parking, make sure to review parking rules and regulations on the website of the city you live in and monitor when street cleaning takes place: you will need to move your car or it will be towed. For parking and transportation options near the Harvard campus, visit transportation.harvard.edu.

Living car-free is easier than you’d think, thanks to the multiple Harvard and public transportation options. If you need a car, Zipcar and Enterprise CarShare offer hourly rates on rentals, with vehicles of nearly every size located at strategic spots throughout the area. Visit zipcar.com/crimson and enterprise-carshare.com to learn more.

Taxis stands are located at Logan Airport, South Station, and other areas throughout Boston and Cambridge. For trips originating in Cambridge, the fare is $1.95 for getting in the cab and 40¢ for each additional 1/8 mile; fares for trips originating within Boston city limits are higher, and if you are traveling from Logan Airport, you will need to add extra charges for tolls. You can keep the cost lower by determining in advance the most direct route to your destination and requesting that route with the driver. Taxis in Cambridge include Ambassador Brattle & Yellow Cab (617-492-1100) and Cambridge Checker Cab (617-497-9000).


Long-Distance Transportation
Logan International Airport is located in East Boston at the Airport station on the MBTA Blue Line. You can also ride the Silver Line directly to the airport terminals (take the Red Line from Harvard Square to South Station, then transfer to the Silver Line). Amtrak rail passenger service leaves from South Station and Back Bay Stations, providing service to destinations across the country, and the South Station Bus Terminal is the main gateway for long-distance buses. MBTA Commuter Rail trains provide frequent transit to the suburbs, leaving from North Station (on the Green Line and Orange Line), South Station (on the Red Line), Back Bay Station (on the Orange Line), and Porter Square (in Cambridge, one stop from Harvard on the Red Line).

Community Resources: Hispanic

- Grocery Stores
  - Tropical Foods, Inc.
    Hours: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

- Book Stores
  - Lucy Parsons Center
    (formerly Red Book Store),
    358A Centre Street, Jamaica Plain.
    Hours: 12–9 M–F; Saturday and Sunday 12–6, 617-522-6098. Multicultural books and periodicals in English and in Spanish; “pluralist on the left.”

- Revolution Books
  1158 Mass Ave, 2nd floor, Cambridge,
  Hours: Thursday and Friday, 2–6; Saturday 12–6, 617-492-5443, revolutionbookscamb.org.

- Schoenhof’s Foreign Books
  76A Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge,
  Hours: Monday–Friday, 10–8, 617-547-8855, schoenhofs.com.

- Restaurants
  - Angela’s Café
    131 Lexington Street, East Boston, 866-403-9921, angelascafe.net. Try the tinga tostada, rajas con crema, or sopas aztécas! angelascaferestaurant.com.

  - Anna’s Taqueria
    822 Somerville Avenue, Porter Square, Cambridge, 617-661-8500.

  - Boca Grande

  - Camino Real

  - Cantina La Mexicana

  - La Casa de Pedro
    343 Arsenal Street, Watertown, 617-923-8025, lacasadepedrolatinacuisine.com.
Churches

Congregacion Leon de Juda  
68 Northampton Street, Boston, MA,  

Spanish Boston Temple  
SDA Church, 50 Stoughton Street,  
Dorchester, 617-436-6802.

Spanish Church of God  
738 Parker Street, Roxbury, 617-442-2248.

St. Mary of the Annunciation  
134 Norfolk Street, Cambridge  
617-547-0120. Sunday services held in  
Spanish at noon and 7:30 p.m.  
stmaryoftheannunciation.com

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church  
29 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge,  
(No services in Spanish)

Newspapers and Magazines

El Mundo  
408 South Huntington Avenue, Jamaica  
Provides a wide range of services including  
AIDS, drug, and alcohol counseling and  
an after school program. Also addresses  
concerns about mental health, adoption,  
and education.

La Alianza Hispana de Dorchester Y  
Roxbury, 409 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA,  
Offers a wide range of services including  
AIDS, drug, and alcohol counseling and  
an after school program. Also addresses  
concerns about mental health, adoption,  
and education.

Television Programming

“CityLine”  
Sundays, 12:30 p.m., WCVB channel 5.

“Urban Update”  
Sundays, 11:30 a.m., WHDH channel 7.

Community Organizations

La Alianza Hispana de Dorchester Y  
Roxbury, 409 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA,  
Offers a wide range of services including  
AIDS, drug, and alcohol counseling and  
an after school program. Also addresses  
concerns about mental health, adoption,  
and education.

Inquilinos Boricuas En Acción  
405 Shawmut Avenue, South End,  
housing, legal services, care for the elderly,  
youth counseling, tutoring, services of  
social and family case workers, and art and  
cultural programs.

Latin American Health Institute  
95 Berkeley Street, Boston, 617-350-6900.  
Among other programs, this organization  
offers a Spanish-English AIDS hotline.

Community Resources:  
African American

Casa Portugal  
1200 Cambridge Street, Cambridge,  
617-491-8880, restaurantcasaportugal.com.

Casa Romero  
(Mexican) 30 Gloucester Street (side en- 
trance), Boston, 617-536-4341. The owner is a  
GSAS alumus. casaromero.com.

Dali Restaurant & Tapas Bar  
415 Washington Street, Somerville,  
617-661-3254, dalirestaurant.com.

Felipe’s Taqueria  
21 Brattle Street, Harvard Square,  
617-354-9944.

Izzy’s Restaurant and Sub Shop  
169 Harvard Street, Cambridge;  
617-661-3910. Specializing in Puerto Rican  
cuisine. izzyrestaurantcambridge.com.

Joe’s Mexican Food  
131 Sherman Street, Cambridge,  

Merengue Restaurant  
160 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston,  

El Oriental de Cuba  
416 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain,  
617-524-6464, 866-886-3321. Cheap, plentiful, and delicious,  
elorientaldecuba.net.

Orinoco  
56 JFK Street, Cambridge, 617-354-6900.

El Pelon Taqueria  
92 Peterborough St, Boston  
617-262-9090, near Fenway area.

Picante Mexican Grill  
735 Massachusetts Avenue, near  
Central Square, Cambridge,  

El Potro  
Mexican Bar and Grill  
61 Union Square, Somerville  
617-666-4200, elpotromexicangrill.com

Rudy’s Cafe  
248 Holland Street, Somerville,  
617-623-9201. Located in Teele Square  
near Tufts, this Mexican restaurant has  
great food, a funky atmosphere, and  
southwestern decor. rudyscafe.com.

Sol Azteca  
914A Beacon Street, Boston,  
617-262-0909. Authentic dishes from  
Guadalajara, Mexico City, Veracruz, and  
more. Recommended by Hispanic  
magazine. solaztecarestaurant.com.

Taberna de Haro  
999 Beacon Street, Brookline,  
617–277–8272. Moderate priced  
“authentic” tapas bar, solaztecaboston.com.

Tapeo Restaurant and Tapas Bar  
266 Newbury Street, Boston,  
617-267-4799. This restaurant is owned by the  
son of the owner of the popular  
restaurant, “Dali” (see above).

Taqueria Mexico  
24 Charles Street, Waltham,  
781-647-0166. Many students argue that  
this is the best Mexican food around. The  
food is inexpensive and served in large  
portions.

Tu Y Yo  
858 Broadway, Somerville, 617-623-5411,  
tuyymexicanfonda.com.
Boston African American National Historic Site (Black Heritage Trail)
A 1.6 mile walking tour of 16 historic sites. Meet the ranger at the Robert Gould Shaw Monument at Park and Beacon Streets (across from the State House). Ends at the African Meeting House. Tours take approximately one hour and begin at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. spring and summer, 2:00 p.m. only in the fall. Tours are free.

The Museum of Afro-American History
46 Joy Street, Beacon Hill, Boston, 617-725-0022, www.afroammuseum.org. Open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (seven days a week in the summer). An institution for the advancement of knowledge, through historic examination, of the African presence in New England. The museum celebrates the vitality of African-American culture and its impact on the nation’s history and contemporary life. The museum also operates the African Meeting House. Through events ranging from legislative caucuses and receptions to youth conferences and marriage ceremonies, the museum returns the African Meeting House to its original function as a public forum, meeting house, and place of celebration. Community and business-sponsored activities at the Meeting House represent a wide spectrum of ethnic, professional, and social organizations, both public and private. Suggested donation of $5.

Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists
300 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury, 617-442-8614, www.ncaa.org. This museum offers ongoing exhibitions, and special education programs. It is also the focal point of many African-American political events in the Boston area. General admission is $5. Open Tuesday–Sunday, 1–5 p.m. The Music Department of the Center presents an annual program called Black Nativity in December.

Shops

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Venus Cosmetics Store
32 Prospect Street, Central Square, Cambridge, 617-492-0870.

Barbers and Beauticians

Boone’s Unisex Salon
630 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, 617-666-2194. Affordable, good service. Hair, skin, and nail care.

Cramer’s Hair Studio
100 Huntington Avenue, #39, (across from the Back Bay T stop), Boston, 617-267-4146. Excellent salon but expensive. Ask about student discounts Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Debbie’s Beauty Salon

Linda’s Beauty Salon
773 Tremont Street, South End, 617-247-7207. Specializes in all types of hairstyling. Very informal and hospitable environment.

Linda’s African Hair Braiding
70 Warren Street, Roxbury, 617-524-4781.

Monica’s Beauty Salon

Nana’s Hair Braiding

New York Beauty Salon
21 Howard Street, Cambridge, 617-354-8293, appointments only.

Nu Image Barber Shop
98 River Street, Cambridge, 617-354-9898. The most popular barber shop in Boston. Featuring an excellent corps of barbers who are down with both traditional and “fresh” cuts.

Salon Monet

Salon 3

W Salon
169 West Springfield Street, #A, Boston, 617-236-2230. Stylist: Will. He’ll talk you to death but your hair will be fly. He is booked in advanced so don’t wait till the last minute to try to get an appointment.

Your Hair Salon (Bernice)
27 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, 617-491-1975. Affordable cuts, styles, relaxers, weaves, etc. Often overbooked, so bring reading material.

Restaurants

Asmara Restaurant

Camie’s Caribbean Restaurant and Bakery
152 Columbia Street, Cambridge, 617-661-4878.

Coast Café

La Newton School

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Linda’s African Hair Braiding
70 Warren Street, Roxbury, 617-524-4781.

Monica’s Beauty Salon

Nana’s Hair Braiding

New York Beauty Salon
21 Howard Street, Cambridge, 617-354-8293, appointments only.

Nu Image Barber Shop
98 River Street, Cambridge, 617-354-9898. The most popular barber shop in Boston. Featuring an excellent corps of barbers who are down with both traditional and “fresh” cuts.

Salon Monet

Salon 3

W Salon
169 West Springfield Street, #A, Boston, 617-236-2230. Stylist: Will. He’ll talk you to death but your hair will be fly. He is booked in advanced so don’t wait till the last minute to try to get an appointment.

Your Hair Salon (Bernice)
27 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, 617-491-1975. Affordable cuts, styles, relaxers, weaves, etc. Often overbooked, so bring reading material.
Churches

Berea Seventh-Day Adventist Church
108 Seaver Street, Dorchester, 617-427-2201.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
215 Forest Hills Street, Jamaica Plain, 617-524-7900.

Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church
10 St. George Street, Boston, 617-247-8735.

Charles Street A.M.E. Church
551 Warren Street, Dorchester, 617-442-7770, charlesstreetame.org.

Concord Baptist Church
190 Warren Avenue, South End, Boston, 617-266-8062, www.cbcmboston.org.

Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center
100 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury, 617-427-2636.

Masjid Al–Qur’an Mission
35 Intervale Street, Dorchester, 617-445-8070.

Muhammad’s Mosque #11
10 Washington Street, Roxbury, 617-442-6082.

Pentecostal Tabernacle
77 Columbia Street, Cambridge (very close to Central Square T stop), 617-661-0222, www.ptspice.org.

St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church
239 Harvard Street, Cambridge, 617-354-8582.

St. Mark’s Congregational United Church of Christ
20 Townsend Street, Dorchester, 617-442-0481.

St. Paul’s A.M.E. Church

Twelfth Baptist Church

Union Baptist Church
874 Main Street, Cambridge, 617-864-6885.

Union United Methodist Church

Western Avenue Baptist Church
299 Western Avenue, Cambridge, 617-661-0433.

Publications

The Bay State Banner

The Black Pages of New England
Published annually, The Black Pages contains a calendar of events, employment opportunities, and African-American vendors.

Television Programming

“CityLine,” Sundays, 12:00 p.m., WCVB channel 5.

“Basic Black”
Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., WGBH channel 2 (repeated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.).

“Urban Update”
Sundays, 11:30 a.m., WHDH channel 7.

Community Organizations

ASWALOS House (YWCA)
246 Seaver Street, Dorchester, 617-375-2571. This shelter for women and children offers a number of excellent programs designed to recapture/maintain the physical, emotional, and/or spiritual well-being of African-American women. Currently they have a program to aid teenage mothers.

Freedom House, Inc.

Haitian Multi-Service Center Program
12 Bucknell Street, Dorchester, 617-436-2848. Offers ESL, adult education, prenatal care, and a food pantry. Also programs for refugees, and about AIDS and citizenship, and family basic needs.

Harriet Tubman House (United South End Settlement House)
566 Columbus Avenue, South End, 617-536-8610, www.uses.org/harriet_tubman_house.htm. Preschool; senior citizen, family life, and GED programs; computer club house.

Lena Park Community Development Corporation
1542 Columbia Avenue, Suite 3, Roxbury, 617-442-4100. Housing program, counseling and employment, renovation of dilapidated houses, summer camp. Volunteers welcome for some programs. Also has day care and afterschool programs, and a recreational center.

NAACP
Community Resources: Native American

New England Tribes

- Massachusetts
  - Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
  - Nipmuc Nation Tribal Council
  - Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
    20 Black Brook Road Aquinnah, MA 02535, wampanoagtribe.net/Pages/index, 508-645-9265 FAX 508-645-3790.

- Connecticut
  - Eastern Pequot Indians of Connecticut
    P. O. Box 208 North Stonington, CT 06359 860-535-1868.
  - Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
    P. O. Box 3060 Mashantucket, CT 06339–3060, www.mashantucket.com, 860-396-6100 Location of Foxwoods Resort and Casino.
  - Mohegan Tribe and Nation
  - Paucatuck Eastern Pequot Tribe
    P. O. Box 370 North Stonington, CT 06359 860-599-5775.
  - Schaghticoke Tribal Council
    P. O. Box 223 Kent, CT 06757, sitribe.com, 203-459-2531.

- Rhode Island
  - Narragansett Indian Tribe
    P. O. Box 268 Charlestown, RI 02813, www.narragansett-tribe.org, 401-364-1100 ext. 214 1-800-287-4226.

- Vermont
  - Abenaki Tribal Council
    P. O. Box 276 Missisquoi, 05488, tribal.abenakination.com, 802-868-7146.

- Museums with Native American Collections
  - Institute For American Indian Studies
    (formerly American Indian Archaeological Institute) 38 Curtis Road

- Maine
  - Aroostook Band of Micmacs
  - Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
  - Indian Township of Passamaquoddy Tribe
  - Penobscot Tribal Council
  - Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Tribe
    P. O. Box 343 Perry, ME 04667, wabanaki.com/wabanaki_new/index.html, 207-853-2600.

- Rhode Island
  - Narragansett Indian Tribe
    P. O. Box 268 Charlestown, RI 02813, www.narragansett-tribe.org, 401-364-1100 ext. 214 1-800-287-4226.

- Vermont
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    (formerly American Indian Archaeological Institute) 38 Curtis Road

- The Boston Children's Museum

- Fruitlands Museum

- Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology
  Collections Research, 300 Tower Street Bristol, RI 02809, brown.edu/Facilities/Haffenreffer, 401-253-8388.

- Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center
  110 Pequot Trail
  P.O. Box 3180 Mashantucket, CT 06338¬3180, www.pequotmuseum.org, 860-572-6800.

- Peabody Essex Museum

- Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology
  Phillips Academy Andover, MA 01810, www.andover.edu/Museums/MuseumOfArchaeology, 978-475-0248
  By Appointments Only.

- Peabody Museum of Natural History
  170 Whitney Avenue New Haven, CT 06520, peabody.yale.edu.

- Plimoth Plantation
  Wampanoag Indian Program
  P.O. Box 1620 Plymouth, MA 02360, www.plimoth.org, wampanoag@plimoth.org.
Robert Abbe Museum

Tantauquidgeon Museum

Tomaquag Indian Memorial Museum

State Commissions

Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs

Massachusetts Commission for Native American Affairs, Inc.
PO Box 5885 Boston, MA 02114, www.mcnaa.org, 617-776-1515 or 617-661-1515, MCNAAA@aol.com, Organizes Native American cultural events.

North American Indian Center of Boston, Inc.
105 South Huntington Avenue Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, www.naicob.org, 617-232-0343 Aids Native Americans in adjusting to urban environment and offers employment–education training. Indian Health Services provides primary health care for Native Americans.

General Interest

Clothing and Housewares

Arsenal Mall 617–923–4700
Watertown Mall
617–926–4123 (across the street from each other) offer many discount stores (including GAP Warehouse, Target, and Old Navy).

J August Clothing

The Garment District

Kmart
77 Middlesex Avenue Assembly Square Somerville, MA 617–628–9500.

Keezer’s

Macy’s

Marshall’s

Target
180 Somerville Avenue Somerville, MA 617–776–4036 The #86 bus (Sullivan via Harvard) goes there from Johnston Gate in Harvard Square, or Watertown Mall 550 Arsenal Street Watertown, MA 617–924–6574.

T.J. Maxx Clothing
Fresh Pond Mall 19B Alewife Brook Parkway Cambridge, MA 617–492–8500 and 525 Harvard Ave. Brookline (accessible by the #66 bus) 617–232–5420 or 350 Washington Street (Downtown Crossing) 617–695–2424 “You get the MAXX for the minimum”.

Tello’s
449–463 Washington Street (Downtown Crossing) Boston, MA 617–482–0058 or 596 Massachusetts Avenue (Central Square) Cambridge, MA 617–876–9704 Women’s, men’s and children’s casual clothing.

Discount Books/School Supplies

Brattle Book Shop

Harvard Book Store

Trident Booksellers & Café
338 Newbury Street Boston, MA 617–267–8688 New & used books, tridentbookscafe.com

Radio Stations

WERS (88.9FM)
Totally student-run station at Emerson College with every kind of music imaginable. Monday–Friday schedule: 2–5:00 p.m. Gyroscope; 5–8:00 p.m. Rockers (Reggae); 8–11:00 p.m. 88.9 @ night; 11:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m. Revolutions. 617–824–8891.

WGBH (89.7FM)
Classical music from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M–F; national news program, “All Things Considered,” Monday–Friday from 4:00–6:00 p.m., Sundays 5:00–6:00 p.m.; contemporary jazz, “Eric in the Evening,” Monday–Thursday from 8:00 p.m.–midnight; “The Jazz Gallery,” Saturday, Sunday, Monday from 1:00 a.m.–6:00 a.m.; “Jazz Decades” (old-time jazz), Sunday from 7:00–8:00 p.m.; “Jazz from Studio Four” (straight-ahead jazz), Sunday from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.; “Blues After Hours,” Friday and Saturday, from 9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m. 617–300–5400.

WHRB (95.3 FM)
Harvard’s own student station. Varied programming includes jazz, weekdays from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; classical, Saturdays from 1:00–9:00 p.m.; “The Darker Side” (Black Urban contemporary) Saturdays 9:00 p.m.–Sundays 7:00 a.m. Blues, Sundays 7:00–11:00 a.m. Classical, Sundays 12:30 p.m.–midnight, including opera from 8:00–12:00. 617–495–4818.

WJMN (94.5 FM)
Urban contemporary, 24 hours. 781–663–2500. WMFR (88.1 FM) Black Perspective: 6:30–8pm Wednesday - Music, interviews, info by and about African-Americans throughout the metro Boston area; Black Talk Radio: 6:30–8 p.m. Thursday - covers issues for the Black Community; Rhythm & Soul: 6–8 a.m.
Saturday – Represents hip-hop and also features news, commentary and interviews; R&B Jukebox: 6–8 p.m. Sunday – Popular and rare Soul and R&B; For Your Pleasure: 10–Midnight Sunday – R&B ballads, w/midtempo Jazz, 617–253–8810.

**WMFO (91.5 FM)**
World music and jazz on Friday nights. Latin music (several programs throughout the day and evening) on Sundays. Brazilian music on Friday mornings. “Morning After Blues” on Sundays from noon–1:30 p.m. “The Folk and Good Music Show” (Saturday afternoons) includes, among other genres, Native American music and discussion of Native American issues. Urban music (hip hop, rap, R&B) on Thursday nights. 617–625–0800.

**WRBB (104.9 FM)**
Northeastern University’s station. Plays a combination of jazz, reggae, disco, Latin, and soul. 617–437–2656.

**WXKS (107.9 FM)**
Kiss 108 “America’s mega-station” Progressive Top 40, 617-931-1108

**Entertainment**
For entertainment information, also consult The Bay State Banner, The Boston Globe “G” section, and Boston Magazine. Also clubzone.com/boston and Salsaboston.com.

**Berklee (College of Music) Performance Center**

**Club Café**
209 Columbus Avenue Boston, MA 617-536-0966 Jazz. Mostly gay clientele, clubcafe.com.

**Johnny D’s**
17 Holland St. (Davis Sq.) Somerville, MA 617-776-2004 National and local blues and folk acts, plus restaurant, johnnyds.com.

**House of Blues**
15 Landsdowne Street, Boston (near Fenway Park), 888-693-2583, houseofblues.com.

**Regattabar**
Charles Hotel, 3rd floor Harvard Square Cambridge, MA 617-661-5000 regattabar@charleshotel.com, Live jazz entertainment nightly.

**Ryles**
212 Hampshire Street Inman Square Cambridge, MA 617-876-9330 Excellent jazz performances upstairs and down, casual attire, nice atmosphere. There are also Latin nights on Thursday where dance instruction is offered. rylesjazz.com.

**Scullers**
DoubleTree Suites Hotel 400 Soldiers Field Road Boston, MA 617-783-0090 Mostly jazz; national acts, scullersjazz.com.

**Wally’s Café**

**The Western Front**
343 Western Avenue Cambridge, MA 617-492-7772 Even though it’s in Cambridge, the web address is www.westernfrontboston.com. Live reggae.

**Wonder Bar**
Volunteering in minority communities is an important way to improve representation of African-Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans in graduate programs across the country. By serving as role models, graduate students raise awareness in minority communities of the possibility of seeking a higher education degree.

In addition, volunteering offers numerous advantages by allowing you to dedicate time to helping others. Some opportunities may help you with your research. Others may connect you with your cultural heritage. Below is a sample of some of the organizations looking for volunteers in the Cambridge Boston area.

Dudley House Public Service
Dudley House offers volunteer opportunities in the Cambridge community through its public service programs. There are long-term programs and short-term projects throughout the year. For more information about volunteer opportunities at Dudley House contact the Dudley House Public Service Fellows.

Minority Recruitment Program
This program traditionally has had much student input, with student recruiters representing Harvard at career days and conferences across the nation, making telephone calls to follow up on applications, hosting potential students, and giving feedback on current programs. To become a part of this most rewarding effort, watch for an e-mail in the fall or contact the Assistant Director of Diversity and Minority Affairs, Stephanie Parsons, at 617-495-5315 or sparsons@fas.harvard.edu.

Native American High School Summer Program
The Native American High School Summer Program is a three-week summer program for high school students from participating Native communities. Students, teachers, and community representatives come to Harvard Medical School to learn about the science of substance abuse and addiction. To volunteer as a mentor, contact Sheila Thomas at sthomas@fas.harvard.edu.

Summer Honors Undergraduate Research Program (SHURP)
SHURP is a ten-week summer research program primarily for college students belonging to groups that are under-represented in the sciences. Participants are placed in labs with designated graduate student mentors. To volunteer as a mentor, contact Stephanie Parsons.

Summer Research Opportunities at Harvard (SROH)
SROH affords undergraduates in the physical sciences, humanities and social sciences the chance to work alongside Harvard faculty and graduate students, enjoying firsthand access to the amazing resources of the university. Contact Stephanie Parsons to get involved.

Phillips Brooks House Association
Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) is a student-run volunteer organization at Harvard dedicated to public service and social action. Volunteer work is coordinated through 49 program committees. Often called “the best course at Harvard,” PBHA provides volunteers with invaluable hands-on experience in social service. Below is a partial list of programs which are open to all. Stop by Phillips Brooks House (in the northwest corner of Harvard Yard), call 617–495–5526, or visit their website at www.pbha.org for more information.

Afterschool programs
Fresh Pond Enrichment Program (FPEP)
Aiming High for Emerson Academic Development (AHEAD)
Keylatch After School Program
Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment(BRYE)

Tutoring
Mission Hill Afterschool
Spanish Acquisition Beginning in Elementary School (SABES)
Dearborn Afterschool
Strong Women, Strong Girls
Franklin Afterschool Enrichment (FASE)

Adult Education
Chinatown ESL
Chinatown Citizenship Program
Partners for Empowering Neighborhoods (PEN)
Prisoner Education Programs
Suffolk County House of Corrections
Project Literacy
South Boston Adult Education

Mentoring
Best Buddies
Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment (BRYE) 1-2-1
Cerebral-Palsy Friends
Chinatown Big Sibling
Chinatown Teen Program
David Walker Scholars
Harvard and Radcliffe Musical Outreach to Neighborhood Youth(HARMONY)
King School Buddies
Mission Mentor
South Boston Outreach Big Sibling
Wilderness 1-2-1
Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (WYSE)
Youth Recreation - hoops and after school swim

Summer Camps
Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment (BRYE)
Summer Cambridge Youth Enrichment Programs
Chinatown Adventure (CHAD)
Franklin I–O Summer
Keylatch Summer
Mission Hill Summer
Native American Youth Enrichment Program (NAYEP)
Refugee Youth Summer Enrichment (RYSE)

Summer, Non-Camp
Chinatown Citizenship/ESL (summer)
Habit
HARMONY Summer
Housing Opportunities Program (HOP)
Legal Committee (summer)
Partners for Empowering Neighborhoods (PEN) Summer
St. James Summer Homeless Shelter
Small Claims Advisory Service (SCAS) (summer)
Summer Science

Elderly
Elderly Affairs
Pets as Therapy

Teen
Best Buddies
Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment (BRYE) 1-2-1
CHANCE
Chinatown Teen Program
Franklin Teen Mentoring
Keylatch Mentoring
Leaders!
Mission Mentor
Refugee Youth Term Enrichment (RYTE)
Prisoner Education: Youth Prison Tutoring Program
Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (WYSE)


**Off-Campus Community Organizations**

**General**

**AID to Incarcerated Mothers**
434 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 503
Boston, MA 02118 617-536-0058

**American Red Cross**
285 Columbus Avenue Boston, MA 02116
617-375-0700
bostonredcross.org

**Big Brother Association of Greater Boston**
75 Federal Street, 5th floor Boston, MA 02110 617-542-9090
bbsmb.org

**Big Sister Association of Greater Boston**
161 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02115 617-236-8060
bbsmb.org

**The Boston Home**
(serves people with multiple sclerosis) 2049
Dorchester Avenue Dorchester, MA 02124
617-825-3905
thebostonhome.org

**Cambridge Community Services**
99 Bishop Allen Drive #1, Cambridge, MA 02139 617-876-5214
Cambridgecommunity.org

**Central Boston Elder Services**
2315 Washington Street Boston, MA 02115
617-277-7416
www.centralboston.org

**Cultural Survival**
215 Prospect Street Cambridge, MA 02139
617-441-5400, www.cs.org, culturalsurvival@cs.org Human rights organization

**Dimock Community Health Center**
55 Dimock Street Roxbury, MA 02119
617-442-8800

**Greater Boston Food Bank**
99 Atkinson Street Boston, MA 02118
617-427-5200

**United Way of Massachusetts Bay**
Voluntary Action Center 51 Sleeper Street
Boston, MA 02210 617-624-8000
uwmb.org

**Youth Enrichment Services**
412 Massachusetts Avenue Boston, MA 02118
617-267-5877
www.yeskids.org

**African-American**

**Art of Black Dance and Music**
32 Cameron Avenue Somerville, MA 02144
617-666-1859 Call for information about classes.

**Boys' and Girls' Club of Boston**
115 Warren Street Roxbury, MA 02119
617-427-6050
bgcb.org

**Freedom House, Inc.**
14 Crawford Street Roxbury, MA 02121
617-445-3700
www.freedomhouse.com

**Roxbury YMCA**
285 Martin Luther King Boulevard
Roxbury, MA 02119 617-427-5300
ymcaboston.org/roxbury

**Roxbury YouthWorks, Inc.**
100A Warren Street Roxbury, MA 02119
617-427-0041
roxburyyouthworks.org

**Asian-American**

**Cardinal Cushing Centers, Inc.**
405 Washington Street Hanover, MA 02239 781-826-6371
cushingcenters.com

**Casa Esperanza**
245 Eustis Street
P.O. Box 191540 Roxbury, MA 02119
617-445-1123
casasesperanza.org

**Casa Myrna Vazquez**
P.O. Box 180019 Boston, MA 02118
617-521-0100
www.casamyrna.org

**Centro Latino, Inc.**
105 Windsor Street, Cambridge
617-661-9406
Programs for substance abuse, HIV/AIDS support, adult education and more.
centrolatino.org

**La Alianza Hispana de Dorchester Y Roxbury**
409 Dudley Street Roxbury, MA 02119
617-427-7175
www.laalianza.org

**Nuestra CDC**
56 Warren Street, Suite 200 Roxbury, MA 02119
617-427-3599
www.nuestracdc.org

**Sociedad Latina**
1530 Tremont Street Roxbury, MA 02120
617-442-4299
www.sociedadlatina.org

**The United South End Settlement**
Harriet Tubman House 566 Columbus Avenue Boston, MA 02118 617-536-8610
www.uses.org

**Hispanic/Latino**

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cushingcenters.com

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Minorities at GSAS: The Current Picture
Experiences of Minorities in Academe

Students from underrepresented minorities may face challenges when seeking careers in academia. Below, graduate students and PhDs representing different stages of graduate study or an academic career share advice.

- Because of the intense and prolonged nature of graduate study, all students must consider carefully what they want to get out of their program of study. It is particularly important for underrepresented minority students to demonstrate that they are serious students.

- Students should strive to become scholars and role models. If faculties are not integrated, then they cannot help to create a more integrated society. For example, while the Latino population has grown, the proportion of Latinos going to college or beyond does not reflect that growth. Increasing the number of underrepresented minorities in academia will encourage students of color to continue their education.

- Fellowships and financial support are particularly important, since there are so many extra demands and pressures on minority students. Take advantage of the GSAS Fellowships Office services to help you access resources you need.

- Since you may find few underrepresented minorities in your department, be sure to develop friends and support outside your area and outside the university.

- Teaching offers the enormous joy of sharing with students, and that is a compelling reason for entering academe.

- Colleges and universities are very concerned about the underrepresentation of minorities on faculties, and PhDs in this category are greatly sought after.

Data for Total Application Pool

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GSAS Minority Students, 2015

African and African American Studies
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Charisse Monet Barron
Jody Arthur Benjamin
Khytia Kimoya Brown
Bradley Lynn Craig
Kyrah Malika Daniels
Elizabeth Cooper Davis
Gregory K. Davis
Breond Durr
Charita Elaine Gainey-O'Toole
Sebastian Jackson
Ernest Julius Mitchell
Warrick Moses
Ayodeji Oggunnaie
Oludamini Denison Oggunnaie
Emily Alyssa Owens
Shannon Joyce Prince
William Henry Pruitt
Imani Roach
Carolyn Elizabeth Roberts
Easter Zenovia Wood

American Studies
Jenesis Alejandra Fonseca-Ledezma
Kyle Gipson
Mary Amanda McNeil
Sandy Isabel Placido
Scott Poulson-Bryant
Allison Nicole Puglisi
Christofer Anthony Rodelo

Anthropology
James Wade Hadley Campbell
Roberto Flotte

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Planning
Fallon Samuels Aidoo
Alex Falcon Bueno
Etien Santiago
Elda D. Walker

Astronomy
Theron Carmichael
Douglas Warren Ferrer
Patrick John Fitzpatrick
Sebastian Gomez
Seth Shearer Gossage
John Arban Lewis
Amber A. Medina
Victoria Ashley Villar

Biological Sciences in Public Health
Joseph Beyene
Sergine Brutus
Anthony Joseph Covarrubias
Nicole Joy Espy
Bobby Brooke Herrera
Maria Erika Ilagan
Jemila Caplan Kester
Jamaji Nwanaji-Enwerem
Gabriel William Rangel
Michelle Gabrielle Rooks
Christalyn Sims

Biology: Molecular and Cellular
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