

Harvard College Union Society
Young Global Leaders
Program
WINTER Camp

at

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Get ready to make
memories of a lifetime!

Cohort 1: 4 - 11 January 2026

Cohort 2: 11 - 18 January 2026

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Welcome to the Harvard College Union Society Young Global Leaders Program Winter Camp

where academic excellence meets global leadership,
cultural exchange, and real-world impact through
hands-on projects and dynamic skill-building.

What do you want to change today?

Harvard College Union Society Young Global Leaders Program is a week-long experience designed to help young leaders make a positive impact in their communities. The program takes place at Harvard University and brings together students from around the world to participate in workshops, discussions, and practical activities. Participants will learn from Harvard Student Mentors, gaining skills that are important for leadership today. The program also offers opportunities to explore the historical and cultural landmarks of Cambridge and Boston.

The program also offers students a unique opportunity to visit Harvard University, providing them with a once-in-a-lifetime chance to explore the prestigious campus. Students will acquire the skills needed to develop their leadership abilities, enabling them to create a positive impact on both the school and community.



Program Overview



Bringing ideas to life

Our philosophy is to "make it real" by collaborating with mentors from Harvard College Union Society to guide students towards holistic development. Students launch community initiatives to address local issues and gain practical skills and a deeper understanding of the real world.



Develop student leadership skills

Gain access to necessary tools and resources to develop leadership abilities & skills for making a positive impact on the school and community.



Vibrant and inclusive community

Connect with like-minded individuals and form long-lasting relationships that extend far beyond the program.



Take your mind power to the next level

Develop and practice critical thinking, public speaking, networking and presentation skills through reflection, analysis, and feedback from the mentors

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Get real!

Get a comprehensive understanding of leadership principles and the opportunity to apply them in real-world scenarios through case studies and team projects.



Build global perspectives

Engage with students and mentors from Harvard College Union Society from diverse backgrounds and cultures, participate in international case studies, and develop a global mindset essential for today's interconnected world.



Gain the experience of a lifetime

Get the once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the Harvard University campus firsthand and the rare chance to interact with mentors from Harvard College Union Society who are at the forefront of their fields. Also, explore the rich history and architectural splendour of Harvard's campus, with its iconic buildings, picturesque landscapes, and vibrant student life.

About the Harvard College Union Society



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The Harvard College Union Society is a community of Harvard students dedicated to free inquiry and civil discourse. We work to bring open arguments on the most important debates of the American milieu back to Harvard University.

Through our group, students and faculty debate political-philosophical topics with boldness in the face of controversy, building trust that discourse is still possible in the 21st-century academy.

We defend the free communication and critique of acceptable, controversial, and half-formed views alike, and encourage mutual criticism. We welcome all views expressed in a spirit of good faith and mutual respect.



Harvard College Union Society Winter Camp Overview & Details



Dates:

Cohort 1: 4 - 11 January 2026

Cohort 2: 11 - 18 January 2026



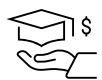
Venue:

Harvard University



Eligibility:

Grades 8 - 12 | School Years 9 - 13



Early Program fee: USD 4250

Regular Program fee: USD 4650



Academic Fee



Airport transfers



7 nights and 8 days stay and meals



Early Application deadline: 30 November 2025

Regular Application deadline: 7 December 2025



Limited spots - apply early to avoid disappointment.



Full refund if USA visa is not issued.

**We can process a full program refund only till
28 November. After this, no refund will be initiated.**



Timings:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm (On Program Days)



Immersive sessions in Harvard Classrooms
by Student Mentors



Workshop + Collaborative Assignment



Field Trips



Tour of Harvard



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Tentative Schedule

Day 1

15:00 - 23:59	Hotel Check-in Available <i>Location: Cambria Hotel Boston Somerville</i>
18:30 - 20:30	Dinner

Day 2: Foundations of Leadership and Communication

9:00 - 10:00	Welcome and Program Overview Start the week with an introduction to the program's goals, key activities, and expectations. This session sets the tone for collaboration, with introductions to program leaders and fellow participants.
10:00 - 11:00	Keynote Speech on Leadership Principles A guest speaker will share insights on the fundamentals of leadership, highlighting the importance of integrity, empathy, and communication.
11:00 - 12:00	Workshop: Developing Effective Communication Skills Participants will engage in practical activities to build essential communication skills, such as active listening, storytelling, and non-verbal communication.
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and Networking Enjoy a meal while building connections with mentors and fellow participants.
13:00 - 14:30	Panel Discussion: Careers in Leadership Hear from professionals across various fields, sharing experiences on how leadership plays a role in their careers and personal growth.

Please note that the schedule is subject to change and the exact schedule will be shared closer to the program.

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14:30 - 15:30	Group Brainstorming on Community Outreach Project Ideas Collaborate in teams to brainstorm innovative ideas for community outreach projects addressing real-world issues.
15:30 - 17:00	Workshop: Planning and Executing Community Projects Learn how to structure a project by setting clear goals, timelines, and resource plans to ensure sustainability and impact.
17:00 - 18:00	Dinner Relax and unwind with a meal, continuing conversations from the day in a more casual environment.
18:00 - 20:00	The evening outing is currently being finalized and details will be provided soon.

Day 3: Public Speaking and Debating Skills

9:00 - 10:30	Workshop: Mastering Public Speaking Explore the techniques needed to speak confidently and persuasively, including voice modulation, posture, and audience engagement.
10:30 - 12:00	Debate Workshop: Building Strong Arguments Develop skills in constructing arguments and rebuttals while learning strategies for engaging in meaningful debates.
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and Networking Enjoy a meal while building connections with mentors and fellow participants.
13:00 - 14:30	Mock Debate Simulation Participants will engage in a debate on a relevant topic, followed by feedback from mentors to enhance their debating skills.
14:30 - 16:00	Guest Speaker Panel: The Art of Persuasion Experts from various industries will share how they use persuasion and negotiation skills to influence decisions and drive change.

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16:00 - 17:00	Reflection and Discussion Wrap up the day with a group discussion on the role of public speaking and debating in personal and professional success.
17:00 - 18:00	Dinner Relax and unwind with a meal, continuing conversations from the day in a more casual environment.
18:00 - 20:00	The evening outing is currently being finalized and details will be provided soon.

Day 4: Media Strategies, Communication, Teamwork and Problem Solving

9:00 - 10:30	Workshop: Leading and Working in Teams Learn techniques to foster collaboration, resolve conflicts, and lead diverse teams effectively.
10:30 - 12:00	Problem-Solving Activity: Leadership Challenge Participate in a team-based challenge, using problem-solving skills to address a complex scenario.
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and Networking Enjoy a meal while building connections with mentors and fellow participants.
13:00 - 14:30	Workshop: Crafting Media Campaigns for Impact Explore how communication strategies and media campaigns shape public opinion, focusing on the use of both traditional and digital media.
14:30 - 16:00	Media Campaign Simulation Teams will create and present a media campaign on a selected topic, receiving feedback on messaging and execution.

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16:00 - 17:00	Discussion: Media Ethics in Communication Explore real-world examples of ethical challenges in media, with a focus on responsible communication and transparency.
17:00 - 18:00	Dinner Relax and unwind with a meal, continuing conversations from the day in a more casual environment.
18:00 - 20:00	The evening outing is currently being finalized and details will be provided soon.

Day 5: Advocacy, Outreach, and Grassroots Leadership

9:00 - 10:30	Workshop: Building Grassroots Movements Learn how to design grassroots campaigns by mobilizing volunteers and creating impactful messaging strategies.
10:30 - 12:00	Group Work: Planning a Grassroots Campaign Teams will collaborate to design a campaign addressing a local issue, focusing on actionable steps for implementation.
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and Networking Enjoy a meal while building connections with mentors and fellow participants.
13:00 - 14:30	Guest Speaker Panel: Leaders in Community Outreach Hear from activists and grassroots leaders about the challenges and successes they encountered while driving social change.
14:30 - 16:00	Workshop: Strategies for Advocacy Participants will explore different advocacy methods, including lobbying and digital activism, to amplify their campaigns.

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16:00 - 17:00	Project Development: Community Outreach Plans Finalize and prepare community outreach plans for presentation on the last day.
17:00 - 18:00	Dinner Relax and unwind with a meal, continuing conversations from the day in a more casual environment.
18:00 - 20:00	The evening outing is currently being finalized and details will be provided soon.

Day 6: Visionary Leadership and Project Presentations

9:00 - 10:30	Workshop: Exploring Visionary Leadership Learn about visionary leaders who have inspired change across industries and discuss the traits that define them.
10:30 - 12:00	Case Study Analysis: Leadership in Action Analyze real-life examples of leaders overcoming challenges, with a focus on lessons applicable to personal leadership journeys.
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and Networking Enjoy a meal while building connections with mentors and fellow participants.
13:00 - 15:30	Final Project Presentations Teams will present their community outreach projects or grassroots campaign plans, followed by feedback from mentors and peers.
15:30 - 17:00	Leadership Walk and Reflection Participants will engage in a reflective walk, exploring leadership lessons drawn from their experience in the program.
17:00 - 18:00	Dinner Relax and unwind with a meal, continuing conversations from the day in a more casual environment.
18:00 - 20:00	The evening outing is currently being finalized and details will be provided soon.

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Day 7: Final Presentations, Reflections and Future Opportunities

9:00 - 11:00	Final Presentations: Grassroots Campaigns and Outreach Projects Teams will showcase their final projects, demonstrating their understanding of leadership, communication, and community engagement.
11:00 - 12:00	Mentor Feedback and Reflections Mentors will provide constructive feedback, helping participants refine their skills for future leadership roles.
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and Networking Enjoy a meal while building connections with mentors and fellow participants.
13:00 - 15:30	Group Reflection Celebrate the program's completion with a reflection on the week's learnings.
15:30 - 17:30	Closing Panel: Shaping the Future of Leadership + Certificate Ceremony Conclude the program with a panel discussion on future leadership challenges and opportunities, followed by the Certificate Ceremony.
18:00 - 20:00	Farewell Dinner + Ballroom Gala Enjoy a final meal with fellow participants, celebrating the connections made and the knowledge gained throughout the program, with a formal dance.

Day 8

7:30 - 9:00	Breakfast
Before 12:00	Check out of the Hotel <i>Location: Cambria Hotel Boston Somerville</i>

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Possible Outings

Bowling

Location: Kings Dining & Entertainment, Seaport

Kings offers multiple lanes that can accommodate large groups. They have dedicated event spaces that include food and beverage packages tailored for group events. Booking in advance is essential for a group of this size to ensure sufficient lanes and dining space.

Ice Skating

Location: Boston Common Frog Pond (Winter Season)

The Frog Pond in Boston Common is a popular spot for ice skating, offering a picturesque setting in the heart of the city. Renting the rink for a private event is recommended to handle a group of 150, with options available for skate rentals and concessions. The rink typically stays open until 9:00 PM during the winter season.

Museum Visit

Location: Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), Boston

The MFA is one of Boston's premier cultural institutions, offering after-hours private tours and event space. The museum closes to the public at 10:00 PM on select days, making it ideal for an evening visit. Arranging a guided tour followed by a reception in one of the museum's event spaces would provide a structured and enriching experience.



Please note that these are the tentative field trips planned. These may be subject to change based on availability and weather conditions.

Possible Outings

Harvard Tour

Location: Harvard University, Cambridge

A guided walking tour of Harvard Yard offers a historical and educational experience. For large groups, it's advisable to split into smaller sub-groups with multiple guides to enhance the tour experience. Following the tour, the group could enjoy dinner at one of Harvard Square's many restaurants or in a private event space at a local venue.

MIT Tour

Location: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge

Similar to Harvard, MIT offers campus tours that explore its rich history and innovation. For large groups, booking multiple guides is recommended. The tour could be followed by a visit to the MIT Museum, which could be arranged for a private evening event if desired.

Basketball Game

Location: TD Garden, Boston

Attending a Boston Celtics game at TD Garden is a great group activity. Group ticket sales offer blocks of seating together, and catering options can be arranged for a pre-game or in-game meal. Arriving around 7:00 PM allows for settling in and enjoying pre-game activities before the 7:30 PM tip-off.



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Terms and Conditions

- 1) **The fee covers academic fees during the Winter Camp at Harvard University, stay and meals for 7 nights and 8 days** and airport pick-up and drop-off. It does not include air tickets and Visa fees for the program.
- 2) **For Cohort 1:** The hotel check-in date would be **4 January 2026** (3:00 PM) and the hotel check-out would be **11 January 2026** (12:00 PM).
For Cohort 2: The hotel check-in date would be **11 January 2026** (3:00 PM) and the hotel check-out would be **18 January 2026** (12:00 PM).
- 3) **For Cohort 1:** On **4 January**, the fee includes **dinner only**.
From **5 to 10 January**, all three meals - **breakfast, lunch and dinner** - will be covered.
On **11 January**, only **breakfast** will be provided.
For Cohort 2: On **11 January**, the fee includes **dinner only**.
From **12 to 17 January**, all three meals - **breakfast, lunch, and dinner** - will be covered.
On **18 January**, only **breakfast** will be provided.
- 4) **The fee does not cover airfare, visa charges, or individual expenses like sightseeing, travel on account of personal reasons, and any other expenses not directly related to the Winter Camp.**
- 5) In the case of a teacher or guardian accompanying a group of students, they are permitted to drop off the students at the campus. However, classroom access during the program will be limited to the registered participants only.
- 6) Students are responsible for obtaining any necessary visas or permits required to enter and stay in the United States for the entire duration of the Winter Camp, if applicable. **It is essential to ensure all visa requirements are fulfilled well in advance of the program start date.**
- 7) In case of any **accompanying adult or guardian with the student**, an **additional USD 2500 (for twin-sharing room) per head** or **USD 3500 (for single occupancy room) per head** has to be paid to cover his or her stay, meals and airport transfer, during the program duration.
- 8) **Additional Days of Stay** (beyond the program dates) will have to be organized and managed by the student or parent themselves.



GET TO KNOW WHERE YOU WILL STAY

Cambria Hotel Boston Somerville

About the Hotel

The upscale Cambria® Hotel Boston Somerville is situated between Somerville's Union and Porter Squares, just over half a mile from Harvard University and less than 2 miles from Tufts University and MIT.

It is also across the street from Somernova, home to Boston Bouldering Project, Aeronaut Brewing, Artisan's Asylum, and Greentown Labs, North America's largest climate technology incubator. Nearby attractions include Assembly Row, Bunker Hill Monument, the USS Constitution, and Encore Casino.

Visitors can immerse themselves in Somerville's vibrant neighborhood, where artists, researchers, and entrepreneurs live and work together.

Get to know your **HARVARD** **STUDENT MENTORS**



Brody Douglass
Harvard University Student

Brody Douglass is the president of the Harvard Union Society. He is a sophomore majoring in Economics with a minor in philosophy. He is also a midshipman in Navy ROTC and plans to commission as an officer in the Navy after he graduates. Through previous projects, Brody has experience in leadership, management, local activism and state government. He has a passion for empowering others to speak freely and eloquently to represent their ideas in the best possible light to improve public discourse.

Aiden Alanmanou
Harvard University Student

Aiden Alanmanou is an engineering student at Harvard University, serving as the vice president of the Harvard Union Society and demonstrates his commitment to leadership and public service through a passionate fostering of campus discourse. Also an active member of the Harvard Institute of Politics, Aiden's interest in public policy aims to bridge the fields of science and societal impact. His extensive work experience in engineering consulting has honed his skills in the technological aspects of project management and logistics. Through diverse experiences in leadership and problem-solving, Aiden aims to empower others to lead projects of their own.



Get to know your **HARVARD STUDENT MENTORS**



Livingston Zug
Harvard University Student

Livingston Zug is an enthusiastic student at Harvard University with a passion for arts education, music, and languages. Alongside his academic journey, he has actively engaged in mentoring high school students and contributing to international educational initiatives. His diverse experience spans research, project management, and youth engagement, reflecting his commitment to creating social impact. A strong advocate for arts education, Livingston combines his love for music and languages with leadership and service, striving to empower young minds through meaningful learning opportunities.

Jacob Delarosa
Harvard University Student

Jacob is pursuing a degree at Harvard University that combines his passion for the arts and social impact. He has taken courses in math, global conflict, language, government, and Expository Writing, applying these skills across various projects and competitions.

Jacob participated in a major motion picture as a production assistant and collaborated with a non-profit organization to develop a data-driven report identifying the needs and challenges of low-income students interested in learning about the fine arts. Through these experiences, he has honed skills in data analysis, communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.



and many more..

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Student Testimonials from past Camps at Harvard University

Ryann Holden

Grade 11, Hopkins School, USA

The Winter Camp was an experience like no other! I had never left the United States before, but this week, I was surrounded by amazing new friends from all over the world. The classes were incredibly engaging and enjoyable, and I can't wait to apply what I learned in school and MUN! My favorite workshops were Aiden's and Cruz's—they were both exciting and had fun, interactive elements.



Sashwath Narasimhan

Grade 10, MCTM International, India

The Winter Camp was an unforgettable experience! The knowledge I gained and the memories I made will stay with me forever. The highlight of the program for me was winning an award during the Harvard College Union Society Young Global Leaders Winter Camp—an achievement I'll always cherish. My favorite classes were Daniel's session on economics and Nureldin's class on leadership—they were both incredibly insightful and engaging!



Cici Liang

Grade 11, Crofton House School, Canada

Everyone was so welcoming and kind! The biggest takeaway from this camp was how much it pushed me to speak up, understand my leadership style, and find ways to make my voice more impactful. My favorite activity was the Harvard Museum visit—I absolutely love botany and rocks, and it was the perfect place to explore both!



Student Testimonials from past Camps at Harvard University

Maame Adjoa Kakraba Nduom
Grade 9, SOS - Hermann Gmeiner International College, Ghana

In just one week, I learned so much, connected with brilliant individuals from around the world, and gained valuable insights from our incredible mentors. My favorite activity was ice skating—it doesn't snow in Ghana, so experiencing something so rare and exciting made it even more special. Learning a new skill while making unforgettable memories with friends was the perfect highlight!



Joud Al Madi
Grade 11, Abu Dhabi Grammar School, United Arab Emirates

I developed critical leadership skills through engaging workshops and seminars. This experience broadened my perspective on global issues while strengthening my communication and problem-solving abilities. My favorite moment was the closing ceremony—bittersweet yet deeply memorable. It was a chance to reflect on everything I had gained, from skills to friendships, and to share one last moment with an amazing group of individuals.



Najla Alfheid,
Grade 10, King Faisal School, Saudi Arabia

I discovered the art of socializing with peers from around the world and eagerly anticipated the hockey game. The program provided insights into public speaking, which is crucial as I aspire to apply to top universities. It's helping me prepare for my dream and fostering my independence.



Student Testimonials from past Camps at Harvard University

Shivaansh Rathi

Grade 11, MCTM International, India

I learned so much, not just academically but also about myself. My self-confidence has grown, and I feel much more comfortable speaking in public. My favorite activity was ice skating—it was a new experience and something I hadn't tried before!



Miel del Pilar

Grade 9,

Assumption College, San Lorenzo, Philippines

During the camp, I learned so much—from public speaking to policymaking and beyond. I'm incredibly grateful for this experience and for everyone who took the time to teach us these valuable lessons. I especially loved the outings after our lessons—they gave us the perfect opportunity to bond and create lasting memories.



Arthur Ulak

Grade 8, Royal St George's College, Canada

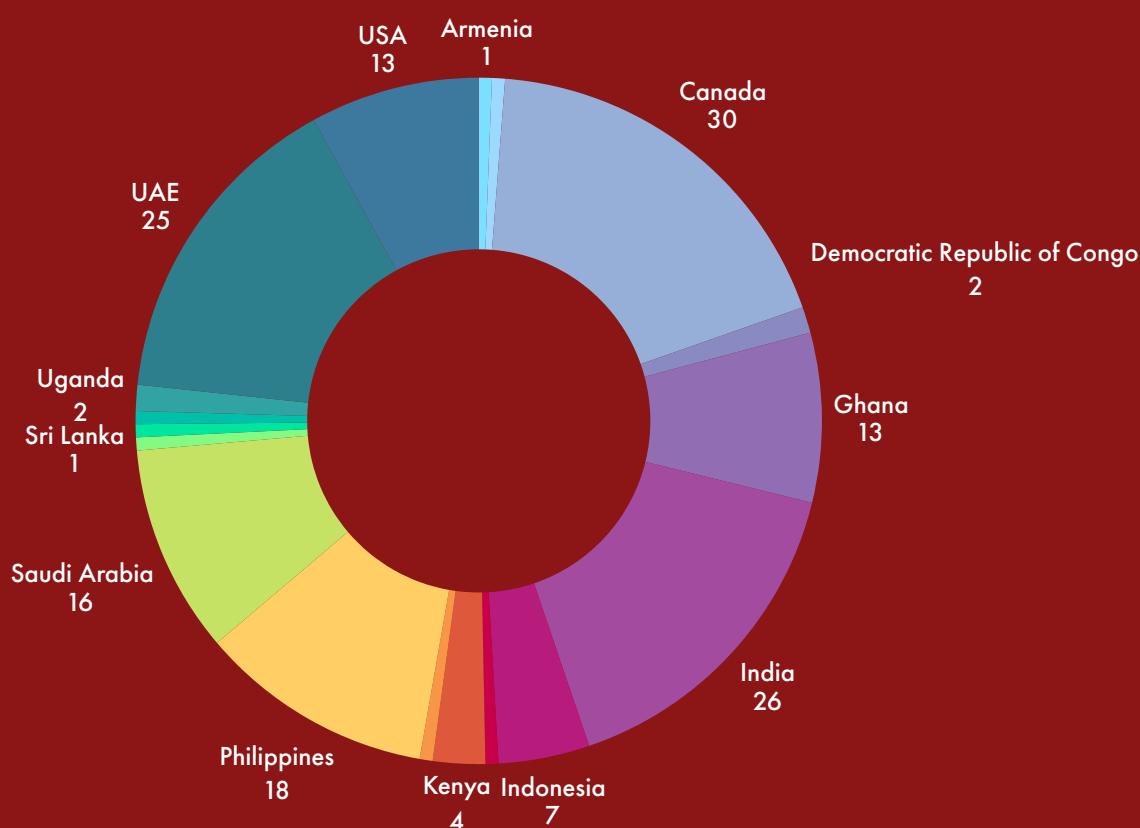
The Winter Camp was an incredible opportunity to meet and collaborate with students from all around the world. I also gained valuable knowledge that will support me throughout high school and university. My favorite activity was attending the Harvard vs. Brown hockey game—it was such a fun way to connect with the Harvard community through sports!



Glimpses of past Camps at Harvard University



Global Diversity of Student Participation from past Camps at Harvard University



	Armenia: 1
	Brazil: 1
	Canada: 30
	Democratic Republic of Congo: 2
	Ghana: 13
	India: 26
	Indonesia: 7
	Japan: 1
	Kenya: 4

	Nigeria: 1
	Philippines: 18
	Saudi Arabia: 16
	Sri Lanka: 1
	Spain: 1
	China: 1
	Uganda: 2
	United Arab Emirates: 25
	United States of America: 13



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