

1995 STAFF PROGRAM

Harvard contributes to two accounts on your behalf: a Basic Retirement Account, maintained by the University, and an Individual Investment Account, in which you choose the investments. You are enrolled automatically after a one-year waiting period.

ELIGIBILITY

- Staff or hourly employees on a regular payroll who are scheduled to work at least 17.5 hours a week (or are credited with at least 1,000 hours of service a year),
or
- Employees who are members of the following collective bargaining units and work a schedule of more than 20 hours per week: SEIU Local 32BJ, or HUSPMGU,
or
- Are members of UNITE HERE Local 26 and work a schedule of at least 20 hours per week.
- Complete the eligibility waiting period (12-months of eligible service or a year of eligibility service in which you work 1,000 hours) and attain age 21.

You will receive an enrollment kit with more details shortly before your waiting period ends.

BASIC RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

Harvard contributes an amount equal to a percentage of your eligible pay based on your age and years of service.

YOUR AGE PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE (IN MONTHS)	MONTHLY UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTION
Less than 480	3% of eligible pay
480–599	4% of eligible pay
600–719	5% of eligible pay
720 or more	6.5% of eligible pay

The account earns interest equal to the average monthly interest rate on 1-year Treasury constant maturities for the prior year, though it can't be less than 5% or more than 10%.

INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT(S)

The plan is fully funded by Harvard. The University contributes an amount equal to 3.5% of your eligible pay. You decide how this contribution should be invested from a selection of carefully chosen options from Fidelity, TIAA, and/or Vanguard. If you make no other election, this contribution will automatically be invested in a Vanguard target-date fund closest to the year you turn 65.

Vesting

The vesting period is three years of vesting service, or shorter if you reach age 65, become totally disabled (as defined by the plan), or die while an employee of the University.

Accessing retirement funds

Once you are vested, you may select among various distribution options when you leave Harvard. Remember: your benefits are taxable to you when you receive them as income.

Beneficiaries

By naming a beneficiary for the 1995 Retirement Program, you are ensuring that your account benefits go to the person or people you prefer in the event of your death — so it's important to keep your beneficiary information up to date. Here's how:

- For the Basic Retirement Account, complete the [Beneficiary Designation Form for the Harvard University Retirement Plan](#) (available at the Benefits Office or hr.harvard.edu.) and submit it to the Benefits Office.
- For an Individual Investment Account, obtain a Beneficiary Designation Form by logging in to your account on the vendor's website, or contact the vendor directly (do this for each account).

