



Article of the Month:

[Hopping on the Affordability Bandwagon](#) - Five selective colleges launched strikingly similar student aid initiatives last week for low- and middle-income students. What's behind the frenzy to boost financial aid?

Higher Education News

[The Campus in the Second Age of Trump](#) - What to expect, and what to do next.

[What Trump's Victory Means for Higher Ed](#) - Donald Trump's first term shined a political spotlight on higher ed that has only grown more glaring since. A second could bring more sweeping changes.

[Anxiety and Speculation in Wake of Trump's Win](#) - Lobbyists and higher education experts say the Education Department is unlikely to go but predict that Trump will end a number of Biden's policies.

[Financial Aid's Foggy Future](#) - Whatever happens to the Education Department, Trump's second term could have major implications for federal financial aid—and the students who rely on it.

[Republicans, Back in Charge of Congress, Aim to Increase Higher Ed Accountability](#) - With Republicans in the majority, expect continued attacks on elite universities and more momentum behind key legislation introduced when the GOP took the House in 2023.

[Trump Picks McMahon as Education Secretary](#) - The former WWE executive has served on the board of Sacred Heart University since 2004 but has few other ties to higher ed.



[A trend colleges might not want applicants to notice: It's becoming easier to get in](#) - Despite public perception, and for the first time in decades, acceptance rates are going up.

[Moody's rates education sector at 'high' cyber risk in 2024](#) - Higher education institutions have become more vulnerable to cyberattacks "due to comparatively weak defenses," analysts wrote.

[Campuses Advise International Students to Return by Inauguration Day](#) - Recalling the travel ban President-elect Trump signed in early 2017, some U.S. institutions are advising students to be back from their holiday travels by Jan. 20.

[More Selective Colleges See Diversity Dip](#)



[A New Era in International Enrollment](#) - India overtook China as the top source of foreign students in the U.S. last year, marking a boom in interest from the Global South and a shift to graduate programs.

[What preliminary enrollment data from fall 2024 tells us](#) - Higher education experts broke down some trends in the early data and what may have prompted the decline in first-year students.

[FAFSA Delays Upended Private College Enrollment](#) - The botched rollout of the new Free Application for Federal Student Aid led to major changes in the size and makeup of private colleges' incoming classes this fall, according to a new survey from the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

[The FAFSA Is Live, Tested, and 'Already Working'](#) - The federal-aid form is running smoothly, the Education Department said. But some challenges remain.



[Are 3 Years of Medical School as Good as 4?](#) - The number of accelerated medical degree programs has tripled over the past decade. New research shows that outcomes are similar to those of four-year programs.



[Kindness in academic workplaces can boost well-being and reduce stress, study shows](#) - Workers who receive kindness are more likely to perform acts of kindness as well, a survey of higher education employees found.

[States are taking on fewer college costs. Who is picking up the bill?](#) - The gap between what states and students pay toward higher education shrunk from 2008 to 2022, the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association found.

[Dual enrollment has exploded. But it's hard to tell if it's helping more kids get a college degree](#)



[Texas A&M Cuts Programs Amid Political Pressure](#) - The flagship is eliminating dozens of programs, including an LGBTQ studies minor that a conservative lawmaker has criticized. He says he'll soon target other institutions.

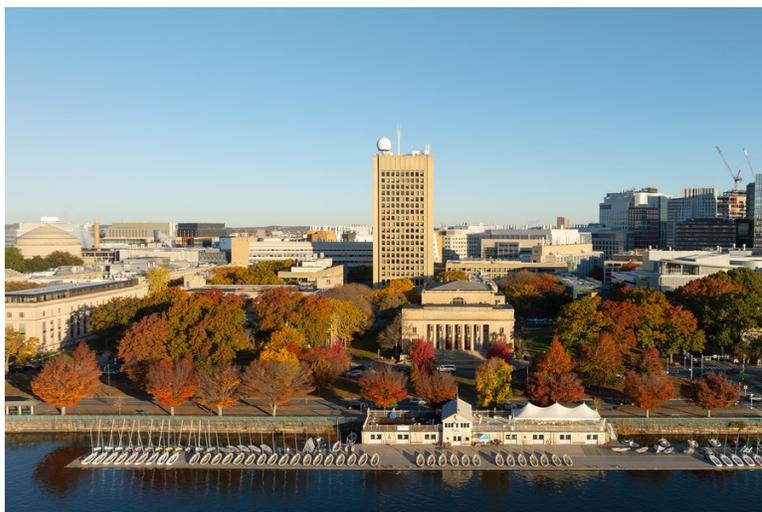
Ivy+ News

[Boston U Suspends Admissions to Humanities and Social Science Ph.D. Programs](#) -

The university didn't announce its decision in a news release and hasn't fully explained it, but two deans blamed a new grad workers' union contract for the cutbacks to a dozen programs including English, history and sociology.

[Penn, Brandeis Boost Financial Aid for Middle-Class Students](#)

[Undergraduates with family income below \\$200,000 can expect to attend MIT tuition-free starting in 2025](#) - Newly expanded financial aid will cover tuition costs for admitted students from 80 percent of U.S. families.



[Rice University announces strategic expansion into India with Rice Global India](#)

[U of Chicago Receives \\$75M Gift for New Cancer Center](#) - The gift comes from the AbbVie Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to addressing health inequities, and will help fund an \$815 million, 575,000-square-foot freestanding cancer center that will combine research, clinical treatment and patient care.

[With one of Rhode Island's largest solar energy projects online, Brown moves toward net-zero emissions](#) - Brown University is the sole off-taker for the Dry Bridge solar project in North Kingstown, a landmark renewable energy development generating enough power to offset about two-thirds of campus electricity use.



[Brown launches online master's degree in data science with a focus on policy and governance](#) - In the master of science degree program, students learn how to use data responsibly, giving local and global learners valuable training in responsible AI development and implementation.



[Brown provided \\$17 million in voluntary payments, community contributions to Providence in FY24](#) - From scholarships for local students to partnerships with K-12 schools to support for local nonprofits, Brown supplemented its voluntary payments and broader economic impact with financial and in-kind support.

[Penn lays out ambitious new roadmap for climate and sustainability action](#) - Penn's Climate and Sustainability Action Plan 4.0 outlines sustainability goals for fiscal year 2025-29 and lays out Penn's path toward carbon neutrality by 2042.



[Renewed Zimmerman Hall and Brace Commons Open to Residents](#) - Dartmouth's housing renewal program adds amenities and boosts sustainability.



Dartmouth News

[Trustees Vote to Enhance Arts and Sciences, Student Affairs](#) - New school will improve support and drive innovation.

[Dartmouth's Historic Athletic Facility Has a New Name](#) - Record-setting gift from Diana and Stephen Lewinstein '63 P'98 will transform Dartmouth Athletics for generations.





F&A Professional Development Events

Day in the Life of Internal Controls Services (ICS)

Friday, December 6, 11:00 - 12:00 - [Zoom](#)

Have you ever wondered about the role of Internal Controls Services (ICS) at Dartmouth and what their internal audit work entails? In this informative and interactive session, you will gain insight into the world of internal audit activities at Dartmouth and witness firsthand how the ICS team diligently assesses risks and internal controls as a key element of our governance and compliance framework. From executing scheduled internal audits to collaborating with colleagues across the organization, ICS plays a key role in supporting and maintaining our operational excellence.

We look forward to your participation!

DEIB Discussion: Intentional Inclusion Strategies

Thursday, December 12, 10:00 - 10:45 - [Zoom](#)

Join us for a discussion on Intentional Inclusion as we explore strategies to enhance our inclusion practices and addressing unconscious bias. Your insights and contributions are valuable to ensure we create a more inclusive environment for everyone.

[How we can create a more inclusive workplace](#) (video)

[Unconscious Bias](#) (video)

We look forward to our discussion.

Coffee Break: Winter Break Creativity Session

Friday, December 20, 9:00 - 10:00 - [Zoom](#)

Calling all DIY'ers, Crafters, Gamers, Chefs and Bakers!! As the winter season approaches, we're excited to invite you to our December Coffee Break! This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, share, and celebrate the creative and fun activities that make the winter break special for each of us.



F&A Job Shadow Program

Applications due Thursday, January 16

Don't forget to think about who you might want to shadow in the coming year! This fun and rewarding program provides an opportunity to expand knowledge and gain experience in a different part of the workplace. Program details are available on our [F&A Professional Development Job Shadow site](#).