



Thriving at Smith Handbook



Originally written by interns and published in 2005 under the title “Things I Wish I’d Known When I Came to Smith,” this handbook was created by Smith students for Smith students.

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Campus Maps

Interactive: [Smith College Campus Map](#)

PDF version: [Smith College Campus Guide \(PDF\)](#)

GETTING TO KNOW SMITH

This list is organized alphabetically by resource and office.

Feel free to contact us at ciec@smith.edu if there are resources that you think ought to be added.

Accessibility Resource Center (ARC)

[Online](#) | In-Person: College Hall 104 | On the Phone: 413-585-2071

Serves as a central point of information and coordination to ensure equal access and full participation for students with disabilities in all programs and activities at Smith.

Ada Comstock Handbook

[Online](#)

While the handbook has some information applicable only to Adas, it also includes useful knowledge for all students regarding Smith traditions, downtown Northampton, funding resources, and so on.

Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

In-Person: Campus Center, Garden Level

Smith has one on-campus ATM operated by UMassFive College Federal Credit Union. Students may be charged an extra fee for using the machine.

Bike Kitchen

[Online](#) | In-Person: Talbot House Basement | On the Phone: 413-585-2378

Students can learn how to care for their bikes during Bike Fix'n Fridays. Don't have a bike? Rent one for the semester – just \$20 (while supplies last); or buy a cheap one, and they can help fix/maintain it! Find more information on their instagram @smith.bikekitchen or through the link: [Smith College Bike Kitchen \(@smith.bikekitchen\)](#)

The Botanic Garden

[Online](#) | In-person: 16 College Lane | On the Phone: 413-585-2742

There's never a bad time to stop and smell the roses! The Botanic Garden incorporates the study of plants into the academic life of the College. Students can visit the [Lyman Conservatory](#), the [Campus Arboretum](#), and any one of the many outdoor gardens.

The Boutelle-Day Poetry Center

[Online](#) | In-person: Wright Hall 102 | On the Phone: 413-584-2700

The Poetry Center serves as a beacon for students, staff, and faculty to enjoy different poetry readings throughout the academic year.

Brown Fine Arts Center

In-person: 22 Elm Street

The Brown Fine Arts Center is the campus's place for all things art. Students can visit Smith's renowned [Museum of Art](#), browse the [Hillyer Art Library](#), purchase supplies from the art store, or utilize the many workshops/studios (sculpture, architecture, woodshop, and more).

Campus Center (CC)

In-person: 100 Elm Street

The Campus Center is where students can find a number of resources, events, and more. Whether grabbing a coffee, getting pizza with friends, studying in one of the many lounges, or attending an event, there is plenty to discover.

The [Café](#), mailroom, [Common Goods Resource Center](#), [Office of Student Engagement \(OSE\)](#), and the [Student Government Association \(SGA\)](#) office are all located in the Campus Center:

- Campus Center Café ([Menu](#)) | 413-585-2333
- Information Desk | 413-585-4801
- Mailroom | 413-585-4156
- OSE | 413-585-2639
- SGA | 413-585-4950

Key tip: in the afternoon, students can use a meal swipe to order a snack from [Neilson Compass Café](#); or after 7 p.m. for dinner at the Campus Center Café!

Center for the Environment, Ecological Design & Sustainability (CEEDS)

[Online](#) | In-person: Wright Hall, Garden Level | On the Phone: 413-585-3352

CEEDS can help students integrate classroom lessons gained across the disciplines in support of environmental decisions and action. Students interested in sustainability can drop by for academic and career advising. CEEDS manages [SmithCycle](#), which reduces end-of-year waste and gives viable goods a new life at Smith or in our broader community by collecting items left behind when students move out and cannot fit all of their things into storage bins, suitcases, or car trunks.

Class Dean's Office

[Online](#) | In-person: College Hall 101 | On the Phone: 413-585-4915

Students can visit their class dean to discuss course selection and registration, grades, credit shortages, choosing a major, study abroad, honors, summer school credit, leaves of absence or any other academic questions. Either make an appointment via classdeans@smith.edu or drop in during your dean's open hours.

Clubs and Organizations

[Online](#)

Joining a club is a great way to meet people with similar interests, get involved on campus, learn something new, and have fun! With over 140 student-run clubs/organizations, there is bound to be something for everyone. View the full list of organizations on the [Smith Social Network](#).

Common Goods Resource Center

[Online](#) | In-person: Campus Center 206

A support hub that provides students in need with basic necessities free of charge. Available resources include winter gear, toiletries, cleaning products, linens, room essentials and a small array of food products. Please note: this is not a store or thrift store; rather, it is a place for students facing financial challenges to get the things they need as long as supplies last. Orders can be placed in person or online. Have more questions? Send an email to commongoods@smith.edu!

Computers & Software

[Online](#)

Access Locations: [Neilson Library](#); Hillyer Art Library; Josten Performing Arts

Library; Campus Center (next to Information Desk).

Knowledge Lab: Alumnae Gym (2nd Floor); open 24 hours all week; workspaces are also available when classes/workshops are not in session.

Computer Store

[Online](#) | In-person: Stoddard Hall 202 | On the Phone: 413-585-3027

Open M-F from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m, the Computer Store can provide all your computer and accessory needs at discounted (educational) prices. Even if they don't carry an item, they can usually order it for you!

Community Engagement and Social Action: Jandon Center

[Online](#) | In-person: Wright Hall | On the Phone: 413-585-3060

A hub for community-driven projects and social change research, Jandon provides students with opportunities to engage with community partners in meaningful ways. Jandon also sponsors the Smith Alliance for Justice & Equity Fellowship program.

Concentrations

[Online](#)

If students are looking for ways to link academics and work experiences, Concentrations may just be right. They can be pursued in connection with a major or minor, and offer a way to delve further into an area of interest by combining academic and practical experiences. Each Concentration offers a gateway course, capstone course/experience, three to four electives (distributed across different disciplines), and two experiential learning requirements.

Concentrations as of Fall 2025:

- Archives
- Book studies
- Collaborative Innovation
- Community Engagement and Social Change
- Environmental
- Global Finance
- Interdisciplinary Making
- Journalism
- Museums
- Poetry
- Translation Studies

Conway Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center

[Online](#) | In-person: Neilson Library Room 103 | On the Phone: 413-585-3653

The Conway Center hosts and facilitates a slate of programs and activities focused on creative thinking, problem solving, interdisciplinary teamwork, and the development of personal finance and business leadership skills. The interactive workshops offered are

designed to help every student (regardless of major) take charge of their money, while in college and beyond. Students can also gain practical experience in the areas of consulting, business, finance, and entrepreneurship by joining the associated organizations such as the [Consulting Club](#), [Smithies in Business](#), or the [Investment Club](#).

CORQ App

[Online](#)

Use this app to find and search for upcoming Smith events by the type, whether food will be served, or if there are other freebies. Additionally, students can create a co-curricular transcript of all the activities attended during their Smith years, which can be a helpful tool for crafting a resume.

Design Thinking Initiative (DTI)

[Online](#) | In-person: Capen Annex 25A Henshaw Avenue | On the Phone: 413-585-3653

DTI encourages responsible innovation by integrating design methods, mindsets, and opportunities for hands-on making into the Smith experience. DTI is home to a Prototyping Studio where students learn to play, make, and create collaboratively.

Digital Media Hub

[Online](#) | In-person: Alumnae Gymnasium, Level C | On the Phone: 413-585-2954

There are a number of media production spaces, software and equipment available to students. The Digital Media Hub provides exploration and access to a range of video, audio, spatial analysis and emerging technology resources to all users with varying levels of experience and needs, from formal learning projects to informal play.

Emergency Funding/Special Funding

[Online](#)

The Dean of the College has funds available for students who face an unexpected emergency, need assistance purchasing textbooks, or necessary funds to be able to participate in special programs. There are also discretionary funds administered by various departments, centers, and programs across the campus; find the one to fit your needs and how to apply. The Emergency Funding Application can be found at the Dean of the College's website, or through forms on the Smith Social Network.

Finding an Internship or Summer Job: Handshake

[Online](#)

Handshake is a website and app, comparable to LinkedIn, where students can find internships, jobs, as well as events, webinars, and information sessions pertaining to professional development and different careers (including on campus events). Once signed up, users can browse the thousands of jobs, events, different employers, and more! The database is managed by the [Lazarus Center for Career Development](#).

First Gen Out Loud

[Online](#)

A community-building and leadership program for those who are the first in their families to

attend a four-year college. Activities include weekly peer-led dinner conversations, retreats, and workshops (application required).

First Year Experience (FYE)

[Online](#)

FYE provides opportunities to better get to know Smith through events and happenings. FYE is meant to ease the transition to college life by helping first year students find the support needed to adjust to life at Smith and to make connections with classmates, faculty and staff.

Information Technology Services (ITS)

[Online](#) | In-person: Seelye Hall, B8 | On the Phone: 413.585.4487 (Help Desk)

ITS provides Smith students, faculty, administration, and staff with all the tech support they need. [Request Help](#) by searching the A to Z Resources listed, or by submitting a ticket.

Kahn Liberal Arts Institute

[Online](#) | In-person: 21 Henshaw Avenue | On the Phone: 413-585-3721

The Kahn Institute supports collaborative research among Smith faculty, staff and students, Five College faculty, and visiting scholars—all without regard to the traditional boundaries of departments, programs and academic divisions. Sophomores and juniors are invited at the beginning of the Spring semester to apply for on-campus research fellowships which pay a bi-weekly stipend. Research must be tied to a yearlong project that the Institute supports.

Lazarus Center for Career Development

[Online](#) | In-person: Drew Hall on 84 Elm Street (new location in fall 2025: McCartney Hall) | On the Phone: 413.585.2582

The Lazarus Center prepares Smithies for meaningful undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities, while additionally helping students to develop decision-making skills to use during college, in their career, and throughout life. The center also facilitates the Praxis program that provides funding for students to receive compensation for an unpaid internship of their choice. Students can make an appointment to receive career or graduate school advising in their specific field, obtain help with their resumes, and attend any of the many events hosted by the Lazarus Center!

Lewis Global Studies Center

[Online](#) | In-person: Wright Hall 127 | On the Phone: 413-585-7598

This center is home to the Offices for International Study and for International Students and Scholars. For more information about studying abroad or for international students in need of support, contact them at global@smith.edu.

Libraries

[Main Website](#) | [Libraries' Hours](#)

The Smith College Libraries advance learning, teaching, research, and discovery for students, faculty, and staff.

Main Library

Neilson Library

[Online](#) | In-person: 7 Neilson Drive | On the Phone: 413-585-2910

The intellectual heart of the campus, Neilson is the primary library for studying and finding research materials. It is home to the [Compass Cafe](#), [Conway Center](#), [Digital Media Hub](#), the Learning Commons, and [Special Collections](#). Students can check out books, cameras, laptops, and even borrow chargers if they forgot (or lost) their own. There are printers, an oversized paper cutter, and computers on the first floor, outside the Learning Commons. Neilson also has abundant resources ranging from research advice and referrals, reservable spaces, technology and software guidance, [tutoring](#) in the Learning Commons, and much more.

Specialty Libraries

Hillyer Art Library

[Online](#) | In-person: 22 Elm Street | On the Phone: 413-585-2940 (General Inquiries)

The campus's art library, located next to the [Museum of Art](#) offers collections covering art history, theory, criticism, and visual arts. Hillyer has study spaces, technology, studio space, a digital media center, and reservable student spaces.

Josten Performing Arts Library

[Online](#) | In-person: 122 Green Street | On the Phone: 413-585-2930

Smith's performing arts library provides collections covering music, theatre, dance, and other interdisciplinary areas. Josten has study spaces, reservable spaces, technology, and musical instruments for student use.

Lounges with Vending Machines

Campus Center (Garden Level); Hillyer (Basement); Mendenhall (The Gamut); Seelye Hall (Basement).

Mail Services

[Online](#) | In-person: Campus Center, Garden Level | On the Phone: 413-585-4156

This is where students can send and pick up their mail, including both packages and letters. They can even send out mail-in voting ballots! While the mail lockers can be used any day or time that the campus center is open, hours specifically for the mailing services office and pick-up desk can be found on their [website](#).

Media Production Spaces

[Online](#)

The Smith College Libraries provide a number of media production spaces, software, and equipment. In Neilson Library students can find the Digital Media Hub, which is a dynamic, innovative, and interdisciplinary digital scholarship program. It provides exploration and access to a range of video, audio, spatial analysis, and emerging technology resources to all users with varying levels of experience and needs, from formal learning projects to informal play.

Medical Services - Schacht Center for Health and Wellness

[Online](#) | In-person: 21 Belmont Avenue

Healthcare, wellness, and counseling services are available for all students. There is no office visit fee for medical, mental health, or wellness appointments. The Schacht Center offers many services including but not limited to: general check-ups, individual and ongoing therapy appointments (call early in the semester, these can fill up quickly), Gender Affirming care, HIV/STI testing and safe sex supplies, harm reduction kits, as well as vaccinations. For services not offered, the center can provide referrals to local offices/clinics in the Northampton and Pioneer Valley area.

- For Medical, Counseling, & Wellness Information & Appointments | 413.585.2800
- After-hours Answering Service & Nurse Advice | 413.585.2800 (Option 1)
- Nurses Station | 413.585.2813

Maker Spaces

[Online](#)

Smith provides students with many opportunities to explore their own creativity. Find the different maker spaces on campus and what you can make at each by checking out the Maker's Map linked above, curated by the [Design Thinking Initiative](#).

Mendenhall Center for the Performing Arts

[Online](#) | In-person: 122 Green Street | On the Phone: 413-585-3220 (Box Office)

Information about theatre, dance and music production can be found here. Discount tickets are generally available for all students. What can be found in Mendenhall: classrooms; Josten Performing Arts library; dance studios; rehearsal spaces; two fully equipped theaters; lighting/sound/set design labs; professional scene and costume shops; lounges; dressing rooms; and the box office!

Mwangi Cultural Center

[Online](#) | In-person: Davis Center, First Floor

The center is an important cornerstone on campus, providing a physical space for cultural organizations and students of color to engage in holistic programming, host intellectually enriching discussions, and effectively build community. Students can look forward to innovative programming, expanded resources, and a "platform for possibility."

Office of Multicultural Affairs

[Online](#) | In-person: Davis Center, First Floor | On the Phone: 413-585-4947

This office strives to create a strong sense of community among students of color while helping individuals to navigate the diverse cultures of the Smith community.

Office of Student Affairs

[Online](#) | In-person: Clark Hall 101 | On the Phone: 413-585-4940

Student Affairs comprises many departments — the dean of students/associate dean of the college, counseling services, first-year student programs, medical services, student engagement, residence life, and wellness — designed to help every student on their self-discovery journey while at Smith.

Office of Student Engagement (OSE)

[Online](#) | In-person: Campus Center 106 | On the Phone: 413-585-2639

This office is committed to helping students make intentional decisions about their involvement—both in and out of the classroom—for a more meaningful Smith experience.

On-Campus Jobs & Opportunities

[Online](#)

In order to earn money and gain experience, many students work on-campus during the school year. Information regarding pay and the allowed amount of hours during the academic year and academic breaks/summer can be found on the [Student Employment website](#). Students can use Workday to view and apply for on campus jobs, including but not limited to internships and research assistant positions. Workday can be accessed via the [Smith Portal](#), and to search for student jobs, simply navigate to the menu in the left-hand corner and click on the app titled Jobs Hub.

OneCard

[Online](#) | In-person: Seelye Hall B8 (basement) | On the phone at 413-585-4487 | Contact the IT Service Center at ithelp@smith.edu to ask general questions or for help. Deposits to Campus Cash can be made online at get.cbord.com/smith with a credit or debit card or with cash at deposit stations in Neilson Library and Campus Center.

Resource Center for Gender Identity & Expression

[Online](#) | In-person: Wesley House Basement | On the Phone: 413-585-6014

This Center provides a safe space to discuss gender and sexuality, access resources, and borrow reading material from the lending library.

Smith Career Connect

[Online](#)

The Smith Career Connect platform can be used to discover different career pathways, connect with alums in your expected field, and browse different jobs. Setting up an account is easy, and there's so much to discover!

Smith College Bookstore

[Online](#) | In-person: 10 Green Street | On the Phone: 413-585-4140

The bookstore sells official Smith merchandise, new and used textbooks, school supplies, book bags, sportswear, and more. The bookstore is located on the corner of Green Street.

Smith College Museum of Art

[Online](#) | In-person: 20 Elm Street | On the Phone: 413-585-2760

Visit the museum to see special visiting collections, pop-ups, and attend events; Admission is now free to all!

The Smith College Network

[Online](#)

It's never too early for students to join the alum network, where Smithies can explore the Career Hub, update their information, and connect with other students. Current students can

access the Network on their internet browser using their current Smith College login credentials. Login can be found [here](#). Additionally, there is a downloadable app via the Apple store or Google Play, which can both be found on the Smith Website: [Smith College | The Network FAQ](#)

Smith Outdoor Adventure Program

[Online](#)

The Outdoor Adventure program at Smith organizes fun outdoor trips throughout the school year. While some of the trips can be more challenging, most of them require no experience and are almost always free.

Examples include:

- Rock Climbing | Hiking | Backpacking
- Canoeing | Kayaking | Whitewater Rafting
- Skiing | Snowboarding | Snowshoeing | Ice Skating
- Excursions during Interterm and Spring Break
- Wilderness First Aid | Outdoor Leadership Training

Smith Radio – WOZQ 91.9

[Online](#) | In-person: Campus Center, Garden Level

WOZQ is the student-run radio station. It offers a forum for students to receive and share information, listen to great music, book shows, DJ parties and events, promote new music and engage in cultural exchange. Students are encouraged to apply to have a show on the station.

Smith Social Network

[Online](#)

The Social Network allows students to connect with all organizations and centers on campus. It can also help to stay on top of all the upcoming events around campus.

The Smith Student Aid Society (SSAS)

[Online](#)

Smith has a separate philanthropic organization, SSAS, that may be able to provide some help with medical emergencies and other unexpected needs. Further information can be found on the Funding for Students page, linked above. SSAS also has “Beyond Smith” which provides up to \$400 of funding for each current graduating senior to cover costs such as graduate school application fees, graduate school entrance exams, and other post-graduate expenses students incur during their senior year.

Student Financial Services (SFS)

[Online](#) | In-person: College Hall 106 | On the Phone: 413-585-2530

Smith makes every effort to meet fully the need, as calculated by the college, of all admitted students. SFS also offers financial advice to help all families manage the cost of college, regardless of whether they qualify for aid.

Student Government Association

[Online](#) | In-person: Campus Center Garden Level | On the Phone: 413-585-4950

The purpose of the Student Government Association is to listen to the student body, to create and maintain relations between the student body and the greater Smith community, and to advocate for student needs. Every student is a member of the SGA, which is responsible for taking up campus issues and responding to student concerns. The SGA also acts as a liaison for students and organizations to the college's administration and the board of trustees, and allocates money to organizations and students for activities.

Tutoring and Paper Writing Help: Jacobson Center

[Online](#) | In-person: Seelye Hall 307 | On the Phone: 413-585-3056

The Jacobson Center offers writing counseling, foreign language tutoring, public speaking, learning specialist services, and student writing publications. In addition, they host workshops on time management and study skills. Professional writing instructors are available by appointment (schedule [here](#)) in their main office (Seelye Hall 307); or visit the Learning Commons in Neilson Library (107 J) for drop-in appointments with a peer writing tutor.

Tutoring for Quantitative Subjects: Spinelli Center

[Online](#) | In-person: Seelye Hall 207 | On the Phone: 413-585-3091

Offers tutoring for quantitative subjects, workshops, and class study sessions outside the regular classroom. The Center is open from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Be sure to check the website, linked above, to view the different tutoring schedules!

Unity Organizations

[Online](#)

The cultural organizations that make up the Unity umbrella serve as a network of support for their members. These organizations share meeting and workroom space in Unity House and the Mwangi Cultural Center.

List of active organizations:

- [Asian Students Association \(ASA\)](#)
- [Black Students Alliance \(BSA\)](#)
- [Chinese Students Association \(CSA\)](#)
- [South Asian Student Association of Smith \(EKTA\)](#)
- [International Students' Organization \(ISO\)](#)
- [Korean Students' Association \(KSA\)](#)
- [Latin American Students' Organization \(LASO\)](#)
- [Multiethnic Interracial Smith College \(MISC\)](#)
- [Smith African and Caribbean Students' Association \(SACSA\)](#)
- [Vietnamese Students' Association \(VSA\)](#)

Wurtele Center for Leadership

[Online](#) | In-Person: 146 Elm Street (new location in fall 2025: McCartney Hall) | On the Phone: 413-585-3657

The center provides leadership workshops, programs, talks, and partnerships that guide you in operating your leadership skills from any vantage point while dismantling the current power

structures that create and enforce inequalities and hierarchy. Check out their AMPLIFY event and LEAD Scholars program.

Weather Related Updates

Call x4636 to get information about class cancellations or office closings.

[Smith College Inclement Weather Information](#)

THE FIVE-COLLEGES

Being a part of the Five Colleges means Smith students can take classes, join clubs, and utilize the resources from any of the five colleges! For more information, check out this page from the Five College's website: [Cross-Registration | FCI](#) .

**Important to note: Seniors should check the academic calendar to ensure that any spring course taken at one of the other colleges will end before Smith's commencement. Otherwise, the course won't be calculated in Latin Honors or towards graduation requirement until after Smith's ceremony and you won't receive your diploma until the grades have been received by the Smith Registrar.

Five College Consortium

<https://www.fivecolleges.edu>

Amherst College

<https://www.amherst.edu>

Hampshire College

<https://www.hampshire.edu>

Mount Holyoke College

<https://www.mtholyoke.edu>

UMass –Amherst

<https://www.umass.edu>

GETTING AROUND

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVRTA)

[PVRTA](#)

The inter-campus buses are run by PVRTA. The Smith bus stop is located on Elm Street in front of John M. Green (JMG) hall. Bus stops on the other campuses are:

- B43 Route (Northampton/Hadley/Amherst)
[B43 - PVRTA](#)
Stops at the Hampshire Mall; **Amherst College** on the corner of Boltwood Walk/Route 9; and **UMass** at Haigis Mall
- B39 Route (Smith/Hampshire/Mt. Holyoke)
[B39 - PVRTA](#)
Stops at **Hampshire College** In front of Johnson Library; and **Mount Holyoke** at Stone Shelter (Route 116).

ValleyBike Share

[ValleyBike Share | Northampton, MA](#)

Electric bikes for use with many docking locations in the area, including one at John M. Greene Hall. Sign up for a monthly \$20 membership or an annual \$80 fee. Convenient, safe and environmentally-friendly local transportation option.

Valley Transporter

[Valley Transporter](#) | 800.872.8752

For transportation between campus and the Springfield Amtrak station or Bradley Airport (Hartford, CT).

Zipcar Program

[Zipcar | Join](#)

Offers vehicle rentals for as little as one hour up to an entire weekend to students 18 years or older who qualify for a Zipcar membership. Membership starts as low as \$9/month.

THINGS TO DO

Music (Downtown)

- The Academy of Music: <https://www.aomtheatre.com/>
- The Iron Horse: <https://ironhorse.org/>

Farmers Markets (Downtown)

- Find days, times, seasons, and locations here: [Northampton Farmers Markets Directory](#)

List of Northampton's Recreational Fields and Facilities

- Sports fields/courts, skatepark, parks, and so on: [Northampton Facilities](#)

Cultural District Map (Downtown)

- Locations for downtown Northampton's museums, art galleries, street performance, mural/public art, and more: [City of Northampton Paradise City Cultural District](#)

Student activities, parties and performances

- Smith Social Network Event Page: <https://smith.campuslabs.com/engage/events>

Volunteer Opportunities

- Jandon Center: [Community Initiatives](#)
- Northampton Survival Center (food pantry; application required): [Become a Volunteer](#)
- Safe Passage (serves those who have experienced domestic violence; must attend info session to volunteer): [Volunteer - Safe Passage](#)
- Forbes Library (application required): [Volunteering – Forbes Library](#)
- To explore other volunteer opportunities in the area, check out this list provided by the Forbes Library: [Volunteering in the Northampton Area – Forbes Library](#)

UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center

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The Fine Arts Center connects audiences with artists from around the world exposing all generations to the wonders of the arts. With five performing arts programs, two galleries, and a museum, the UMass Fine Arts Center is one of the most comprehensive art centers in Western Massachusetts.

Free Activities

You can find information about most events on the Smith Social Network, E*Digest, and the Smith Calendar.

The following are just a few things you can do:

- Check the Scott Gym bulletin board for maps of local running/walking trails.
- Make use of the gym, tennis courts, swimming pool, or rock climbing wall.
- Enjoy an evening of stargazing at the McConnell Rooftop Observatory.
- Attend one of the lunchtime lectures at Smith (lunch provided at most).
- Visit museums around the area (free passes through [Forbes Library](#)).
- *Get Fit Smith* offers free fitness classes ([Get Fit Smith Fall 2025](#)).

For events happening around the Pioneer Valley check out free newspapers that can be found online:

- Daily Hampshire Gazette: <https://www.gazettenet.com/>
- The Valley Advocate: <https://valleyadvocate.com/>

MONEY TIPS

Check out the Conway Center's [Resources page](#) for up-to-date personal finance tips and resources, curated for students by students.

7 Tips for Bargain Hunting

1. Look for free sources or possibilities of renting, bartering or borrowing.
2. Compare Prices.
3. Ask about student discounts, especially at bookstores, coffee shops, movie theaters, traveling/tourism, restaurants, and retail chains.

4. Look for local bargains.
5. Larger stores and online retailers sometimes offer discounts.
6. Consider used or second hand resources. Look for on-campus pop-up sales to find great items at even greater prices!
7. Look online or around campus for coupons before making purchases.
There are also downloadable apps—such as Groupon, PriceGrabber, and ShopKick—that have great deals with excellent shipping perks. *AmazonPrime*'s monthly subscription also offers a student discount, allowing students to receive two-day shipping on eligible items.

Making Money

- Search and apply for a campus job through Workday (menu→jobs hub).
- UMass Amherst research labs often need participants for their research studies, and often pay a flat or hourly rate depending on the length of time the study takes.
- There are many off-campus jobs/local academic year internships but you'll have to take some initiative to find them; e.g., if you're interested in pursuing a law degree after graduation, contact the Law Library at the Northampton District Court.

Financial Organization

- Keep Your Personal Information Safe.
Store your personal information like passport, social security card, and passwords to your accounts private in a lockbox. Never throw away papers with private information on them without shredding them first.
- Monitor and Report Identity Theft.
If you are a victim of identity theft, report it to the police immediately. Contact your creditors to cancel all impacted accounts.
- File your bills.
Review your bills monthly for accuracy. Be sure to keep your past, present and future bills in one folder (on your computer or hardcopy) to help maintain timely payments and records.

Financing Your Education

- Fellowships are a great way to earn money to help with college expenses like tuition and books by doing research on topics that suit your interests. Fellowship awards range from \$1,000-\$20,000 and full tuition payments per recipient. For a list of fellowships and their requirements: [Smith College Fellowships & Postgraduate Scholarships Program](#)
- If you can, use loans as a last resort. The interest rates on loans can sometimes seem deceiving and will accrue very fast. It can take up to 30 years to repay student loan debt. If you absolutely must take out a student loan make sure to review it carefully and do a comparative analysis of what is offered. Student Financial Services can help you determine the best loan to suit your needs.

Insurance

- Make sure your car, health, dental, and housing insurance are all up to date while attending school.

- If you are living off campus make sure to get renter's insurance. Personal possessions can be insured for qualifying students living on campus (Contact ResLife for more information).
 - If you have a car, make sure to have car insurance and make your payments on time. You'll also need to pay for a student parking decal to park in campus spots specifically reserved for students.
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ABOUT THE CONWAY CENTER

At the Conway Center, we believe that innovation can come from anywhere, financial freedom is possible, entrepreneurship is for more than the chosen few, and everyone has a creative gift that can bring change in our world. Through courses, workshops, mentorship, and a space where Smith students are challenged to consider the interconnectedness of people, planet, and profit when developing solutions, empowering them to make sustainable and impactful change.

The Center provides resources including finance-focused mentoring and workshops, entrepreneurship courses, The Hatchery, the Co-Innovate for Change Challenge, and more; to cultivate a space where Smith students can bring ideas and ventures to life, powered by a world-class liberal arts education.

The Conway Center classroom (Neilson Library Room 103) has tools and resources

available for student use:

- Bloomberg Terminal
- Business Model Canvas - large size
- Games
- Magnetic Whiteboards
- Mini-maker space tools and materials
- Personal finance and entrepreneurship books

Working at Conway

In addition to the professional staff - René Heavlow AC'08, Ann F. Kaplan Director, Jennifer Kennedy, Senior Operations Coordinator, and Sara Kragness, Communications Coordinator — the Conway Center relies on student interns. Conway interns work in teams and ensure that the goals and initiatives of the Center are carried out.

25-26 Intern Team:

- Audrey Banie '27 (Government)
- Clare Njoroge '28 (Computer Science/Quantitative Economics)
- Danyi Xu '26 (Economics)
- Eugenie Kawera '28 (Statistical & Data Sciences)
- Isa Skare '26 (Dance)
- Isabella Grijalva '27 (Sociology)
- Malika Kopbayeva '28 (Statistical & Data Sciences/Quantitative Economics)
- Nadira Talayee '26 (Statistical & Data Sciences/Economics, Global Finance Concentration)
- Pauline Newman '27 (Latin American Studies/History)
- Radiah Khan '28 (Statistical & Data Sciences/Quantitative Economics)
- Sarina Duffy '28 (Linguistics, Spanish)

Courses sponsored by Conway

- **ACC233 - Financial Accounting**
Spring, 4 credits

The course, while using traditional accounting techniques and methodology, focuses on the needs of external users of financial information. The emphasis is on learning how to read, interpret and analyze financial information as a tool to guide investment decisions. Concepts rather than procedures are stressed and class time will be largely devoted to problem solutions and case discussions. A basic knowledge of arithmetic and a familiarity with a spreadsheet program is suggested. *No more than four credits in accounting may be counted toward the degree.

- **GFX100 - Introduction to Global Financial Markets**
Fall, 1 credit, S/U only (meets for first half of the semester)

GFX100 is the gateway course for the Global Finance Concentration (GFIC). This course is designed to provide an overview of the structure of the financial system and its role in the global economy. Faculty, industry professionals, and leading scholars in the field deliver weekly lectures.

Get Involved

- **Demystifying Money: Foundations (Fall)**

We don't talk about money - let's change that. These workshops will explore everything from technical subjects like credit and taxes, to understanding one's own psychological relationship with money and how to change it. This is not a math course, an economics course, or a psychology course. It's a chance for students to understand their own finances to support the life they want to live.

Fall 2025 Dates/Topic:

12:15 - 1:15 p.m. | Neilson Library Room 103

September 19 and 26; October 3, 17, 24, 31

Lunch will be provided!

RSVP on the Smith Social Network.

→ **Know Your Money with Budgeting** - 9/19 - [RSVP](#)

→ **Personal Finance and Psychology** - 9/26 - [RSVP](#)

→ **Banks, Interest, and Loans** - 10/3 - [RSVP](#)

→ **Credit Cards and Credit Scores** - 10/17 - [RSVP](#)

→ **Taxes** - 10/24 - [RSVP](#)

→ **Making Money Decisions** - 10/31 - [RSVP](#)

- **Demystifying Money: Investing (Spring)**

As students begin to set life goals, each with its own financial implications, they should consider how investments can be a powerful tool to turn those aspirations into reality. This workshop series will become student's compass, guiding them through crucial topics, such as distinguishing between investment and speculation, managing costs and risks, and strategically planning for retirement. This workshop will enable students to acquire the knowledge essential to shaping a secure and prosperous future that aligns their financial choices with their values and purpose.

Spring 2026 Topics:

12:15 - 1:15 p.m. | Neilson Library Room 103

February 6, 13, 20, 27 | March 6, 27

Lunch will be provided!

RSVP on the Smith Social Network.

→ **Investment vs. Speculation** - 2/6

→ **Stock and Bonds** - 2/13

→ **Costs and Risk** - 2/20

→ **Investing for Retirement (Part 1)** - 2/27

→ **Investing for Retirement (Part 2)** - 3/6

→ **Taxes** - 3/27

- **The Hatchery**

- [Online](#)

The Hatchery is a flexible idea incubation space for current Smithies who desire to work on building out innovative projects—from ideating to prototyping to validation—with the direct support of staff, subject-matter experts, and their peers. The Hatchery provides a dedicated working space, expert advisers, and relevant programming for even the earliest stage ideas or projects. The Hatchery is designed to improve the chances of your ideas becoming successful, tangible realities. The Hatchery is open to all current undergraduate students at Smith, regardless of major or graduation year. Whether this is you are a first year just starting out or a senior getting ready to graduate, you are welcome to participate in this exciting new initiative!

**To sustain funding, students will be required to achieve predefined milestones.*

- **Financial Literacy Empowerment Fellows**

- [Online](#)

Smith's financial literacy empowerment program—Money Mentors—is a transformative financial education initiative through which students learn the basics of personal finance (budgeting, saving, debt management, and wealth building), discover how to align financial decisions with their life goals, and be empowered to share that knowledge with others. Money Mentors receive on-going mentorship and resources and have the opportunity to attend financial wellness focused conferences to bolster knowledge and skills. This academic year's application is open to all currently enrolled students in good standing who will be on campus for the entire 2025-26 academic year. Students graduating before May are not eligible. Additionally, preference is given to students who have attended at least one personal finance workshop offered by the Conway Center.

Whether or not a student applies, if they have questions about budgeting, building credit, setting financial goals or anything else finance-related, they can make an appointment to speak to one of the current Money Mentors through the Conway Center's website [here](#) (Get 1:1 Financial Coaching).

Special Events

Elevator Pitch Contest (Fall)

RSVP on the Smith Social Network.

Wednesday, November 5

In this annual event, 90 seconds is all the time students have to present business, product or service ideas to their peers, local entrepreneurs and a panel of judges. Contestants may use one 3x5 index card; no props allowed.

Co-Innovate for Change Challenge (Spring)

- [Online](#)

Friday, April 10

This year's theme: Imagination.

This culminating event each April is not just about the monetary awards, it's about the recognition of your journey of discovery and learning over the course of the experience. Undergraduate students are challenged to investigate the root causes of a global, national, or local problem to surface unheard voices and explore lived experiences before using your imagination and future thinking to design bold, impactful solutions.

Projects must align with at least one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Student Organizations Sponsored by Conway

- **Smith College Consulting Club**

[Online](#)

Smith Social Network: [Smith College Consulting Club](#)

Add them other places!-

Instagram: @scconsultingclub or click [here](#).

Linkedin:

- Consulting Club: [Smith College Consulting Club](#)
- Startup Consulting Group: [Smith College SCG](#)

- **Smith College Investment Club (SCIC)**

[Online](#)

Smith Social Network: [Smith College Investing Club](#)

Add them other places!-

Instagram: @smithinvestment or click [here](#).

Linkedin: [Smith College Investment Club](#)

- **Smithies in Business**

[Online](#)

Smith Social Network: [Smithies in Business](#)

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