

# CONTRACT

FOR RESERVING SCIENCE CENTER  
LECTURE HALLS, CLASSROOMS, AND ARCADES

## **RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF THE SCIENCE CENTER**

### **RESERVATIONS GUIDELINES**

- **Hours of Operation:** Events may take place between 8:00am and 10:00pm. All event spaces must be vacated by 11:30pm. Extended hours may be available at an additional hourly charge. The Arcade is unavailable during weekday daytime hours when classes are in session. Building Operations reserves the right to cancel or alter reservations at any time due to unforeseen circumstances.
- **Harvard Classes and Harvard Sponsored Events:** Classroom requests for the purpose of instruction must be submitted and sponsored by a Harvard department or a member of the Harvard Faculty. All requests, changes and cancellations, for rooms and space at the Science Center, must be submitted online through EMS RoomBook: <http://roombook.harvard.edu/>. Building Operations reserves the right to cancel or alter reservations at any time due to unforeseen circumstances.
- **Non-Harvard events:** All room requests for non-Harvard events must be submitted to Harvard Events Office: [events@harvard.edu](mailto:events@harvard.edu).
- **Contact Person/Event Coordinator:** Your group must appoint a single contact person to serve as the Event Coordinator. Science Center Building Operations staff is unable to answer questions about your event or provide administrative services for your organization.
- **Student Organizations:** By acknowledging the receipt of this contract you certify that you are a current student member of said organization and that you are signing with the approval of the officers of said organization. Room reservations made for student organizations are made for that group and not for others. The group's Event Coordinator must attend the event, and the group reserving the room or space must be participating in the event. Student groups are not able to make room reservations for non-Harvard groups. Room requests for Non-Harvard events must be submitted to Harvard Events Office. See above.

- **Restricted Dates for Student Group Events:** Permission will not be given to hold concerts, dramatic performances, debates, meetings, rallies, contests of any kind, etc., during Examination Periods.
- **Reservation Confirmation:** Reservations are confirmed only when the requester receives a confirmation email with a **reservation number**. **However, Science Center classrooms and lecture halls are part of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences [FAS] classroom inventory and Courses will always take precedence over event bookings. Should your event need to be moved, Building Operations will attempt to secure another room for you.**
- **Billing / Room Rental and Custodial Service Charges:** Included with the list of rooms, spaces, and furniture reserved on the confirmation is the room rental fee and an estimated custodial service charge, if applicable. **Payment must be received one week prior to the date of the event** in the form of a Harvard 33-digit billing code or a check made payable to “Harvard University.”

Current room rental and custodial service charge estimates are posted on the Science Center website: <https://scictr.fas.harvard.edu/classroomslecture-hallsarcades>.

There is no room rental charge for FAS events. All non-Harvard groups must submit requests directly through the Events Office: [events@harvard.edu](mailto:events@harvard.edu).

Building Operations will not provide any compensation for space conditions beyond our control that may affect the event.

- **Cancellations:** Cancellation of space reservations may be made without penalty up to 24 hours in advance of your event. The penalty for late or non-notification will be \$50. To cancel a reservation online go to "View My Requests" in RoomBook: <http://roombook.harvard.edu/>

## RULES

- **Accessibility:** events open to the public should be planned with accessibility considerations in mind. Organizers should consider wheelchair accessibility, seating arrangements, audio-visual accessibility, alternative print options, podium access, and sign language availability as they plan events. For more information on accessibility, contact the Accessible Education Office at 617496-8707 or Harvard Disability Services <http://aeo.fas.harvard.edu/>
- **Classroom furniture:** All furniture must remain in the rooms and returned to its original configuration at the conclusion of your event.

- **Damage to Property:** The Science Center is not responsible for damage and/or loss of personal property brought into the event space, nor does it accept liability for items left in the Science Center before, during, or after the event unless prior arrangements have been made in writing. The event requestor or group will be responsible for any and all damage to the facilities, property, or equipment at the Science Center caused by the event, the event guests, or event vendors beyond normal wear and tear.
- **Deliveries:** The Science Center cannot be responsible for any materials pertaining to your event. Science Center staff will not accept or sign for any deliveries. The Science Center is not responsible for shipping back packages. Shipping arrangements to the Science Center loading dock can be made through shipping and receiving with Alyson Galipeau at 617-496-4489. Loading dock hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 7am to 5pm. If a driver arrives after hours, he or she will need to see the Science Center security guard at the guard station located on the first floor of the Science Center.
- **Discrimination Policy:** Any form of discrimination based on race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, veteran status, or disability is contrary to the principles and policies of Harvard University. The Science Center has the right to refuse any group or event that does not comply with this policy.
- **Entertainment:** The Science Center lecture halls are not soundproofed. Musical performances are not allowed when other events are reserved in any of the adjacent lecture halls.  
Contracted entertainment of any group must receive prior approval from Science Center Building Operations.  
The Science Center reserves the right to terminate entertainment that causes a disturbance to other meeting space, guests, and/or local residents. The Science Center is not responsible for any fees associated with the discontinuation of any music or entertainment or costs incurred as a result of the termination of the event.
- **Food and Beverages:** Are not allowed in any of the classrooms or lecture halls. **Food and Beverages are permitted within the Arcades, Café seating area, and Courtyard when reserved.**  
A custodial service charge will be applied to events providing food or beverages. [See custodial services above under “Required Services.”]
  - **Catering:** Crimson Catering is the preferred vendor for the Science Center. Contact Dining Services' Crimson Catering at 617-496-6000, or visit <https://dining.harvard.edu/crimsoncatering/how-can-we-help-you>
- **Force Majeure:** Science Center Building Operations and the University are not liable for failure to perform the party’s obligation resulting from Acts of God (including fire, flood, earthquake, storm, hurricane, or other natural disaster) labor dispute, strike or interruption or failure of electricity, water supply or gas supply.

- **Infractions:** A first infraction of the Rules Governing Use of the Science Center will result in a warning. The Science Center will refuse bookings from a group if a second infraction occurs. If a first infraction is deemed by the Science Center to be very serious, no warning will be given and the group will be denied further access to the facilities.
- **Lecture Hall furnishings** (e.g., demonstration tables) should not be moved without first consulting the ESS Room staff. Arrangements must be made before your event by contacting the ESS Room at [ess@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:ess@fas.harvard.edu) or 617- 495-5357. Damage caused by non-compliance with this policy will be the responsibility of the Event Organizer.
- **Photographs, Video, or Film:** Photographs, videos, and films taken on the Science Center's premises may not be reproduced further and may not be used for commercial purposes without prior approval from Harvard Public Affairs and Communications' media relations office. People interested in taking or contracting photographs or filming the campus for commercial or news purposes must seek permission from them first. To request the mandatory permit, please contact HPAC Media Relations at 617-495-1585. 48 hours Prior to the date of the event, a copy of the permit must be sent to Science Center. Failure to provide permit as stipulated, photography and/or filming will not be allowed.  
HPAC or Science Center Building Operations reserves the right to deny any materials or activities considered inappropriate.
- **Sales:** Event groups must hire a uniformed HUPD police detail when the event requires cash transactions. Credit card transactions are permitted without a police detail. To request a police detail: <http://www.hupd.harvard.edu/request-event-detail>. The sale of materials associated with an event may be done within reserved lecture halls and classrooms. Only tickets and registrations may be sold in the Science Center Arcade.
- **Science Center labs access:** Access is restricted to Authorized Personnel Only.
- **Smoking:** No smoking is allowed in the building or within 20 feet from entrances.
- **Use-of-Name\_** [Tenant/Lessee/Licensee] shall not state or imply in any manner that Harvard University or one of its Schools is presenting or sponsoring [name of event or program] "the Event". Accordingly,
  - (i) [Tenant/Lessee/Licensee] shall not use the name "Harvard" (alone or as part of another name) or any logos, insignia or other words, symbols, images or devices that identify Harvard or any Harvard school, unit, division or affiliate ("Harvard Names") as part of the name of the Event or for any other purpose in connection with the Event (except as stated below);
  - (ii) [Tenant/Lessee/Licensee] shall not use any Harvard Names or mention Harvard in any way, including as part of the address or location of the Event, on certificates, diplomas or other awards that may be provided in connection with the Event;

- (iii) All materials promoting the Event must include the following statement: “[Tenant/Lessee/Licensee] is not affiliated with Harvard University, nor is [name of event or program] a Harvard University program or activity.”; and
- (iv) [Tenant/Lessee/Licensee] may use an accurate address to identify the location of the Event that includes reference to a specific location/building at Harvard, without any text or images that imply Harvard sponsorship of the Event. Any reference to a specific location/building at Harvard must always be accompanied by the full and accurate address, be inconspicuous and depicted in the same font size, and be placed within an appropriate context where information about the location is being conveyed. This Use-of-Name provision applies to all print and electronic materials produced by [Tenant/Lessee/Licensee] for the Event, including web and social media sites. **Questions about the University’s Use-of-Name policies and the applicability of this model language should be directed to the Harvard Trademark Program.**

## REQUIRED SERVICES

- **Custodial Services:** Event Organizers of the space will be financially responsible for custodial service that falls outside of the regular daily activities or hours of the custodial staff. The exact number of staff and required hours is based on the complexity and type of event. Charges are based on the following factors: length of event, attendance; food and beverage events; furniture set-up needs; trash removal, recyclables, and composting; room, space and restroom clean-up after the event. Custodial Service Charge estimates are posted on the Science Center website:  
<https://scictr.fas.harvard.edu/classroomslecture-hallsarcades>
- **Electrical Support:** If electrical support is required, it will be coordinated by Building Operations and managed by Harvard’s Facilities Maintenance Operations [FMO]. Electrical requirements must be submitted in writing for review by Building Operations: [sc\\_sched@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sc_sched@fas.harvard.edu). Extra electrical support should be requested two weeks prior to the event. Event Organizers will be responsible for all associated fees.
- **Media Services:** For access to media (audio/visual) equipment within your space, contact the Education Support Services’ Prep Room at [ess@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:ess@fas.harvard.edu). ESS Prep Room provides the following services:
  - computer and video projection
  - laptop rental (for FAS classes only, limited supply)
  - audio and visual recording
  - tele and videoconferencing
  - live sound system reinforcement.

- **Parking:** Scheduled event parking is available for a fee. To arrange for parking contact the University Parking Office at 617-496-7827 or [parking@harvard.edu](mailto:parking@harvard.edu).
- **Security and Police Detail Policy:** If your event requires security and/or a police detail staffing will be provided as an additional charge to the event. A uniformed Harvard University police officer must be on duty if:
  - Any money changes hands within the Science Center (including cash bars, book sales, donations, entrance fees)
  - Alcoholic beverages are served in the Science Center
  - Any event where non-Harvard security will be present.

Arrangements must be made directly with the Harvard University Police (1033 Massachusetts Avenue; <http://www.hupd.harvard.edu/detail/>). The minimum charge for this service will be for a 4-hour shift. A copy of the confirmation of the detail hired must be sent to Science Center Building Operations 48 hours prior to the date of the event.

The Science Center may refuse to open a hall or classroom if a police officer is required but not present at the start of the event.

Securitas Inc. provides routine security coverage at the Science Center, but additional security may be required for large capacity events without alcohol or cash transactions or that occur after 5pm and on weekends and holidays. If security is required it will be an additional charge to the event.

## **ADDITIONAL EVENT GUIDELINES FOR THE ARCADES, DISPLAYS & ADVERTISING**

- **Exhibits in the Arcade** need to be approved by Building Operations. A proposal must be submitted in writing to [sc\\_sched@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sc_sched@fas.harvard.edu). The proposal shall include a floor plan showing event layout, use of power, lighting, and furniture needs.
- **Furniture for Events:** The Science Center has a limited inventory of event furniture. A maximum of ten six foot tables, twenty folding chairs and 10 easels may be reserved for a single event. Requests to use Science Center furniture should be submitted to [sc\\_sched@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sc_sched@fas.harvard.edu). For events using Crimson Catering, staging, pipe and drape, and extra furniture should be arranged through Crimson Catering at 617-496-6000, or visit <https://dining.harvard.edu/crimson-catering/how-can-we-help-you>
- **Student Group Arcade Displays:** Only organizations that are approved by the Office of Student Life prior to the issuance of this contract are eligible to use the Arcade. A

description of the display must be submitted in writing to Building Operations at [sc\\_sched@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sc_sched@fas.harvard.edu). Student representatives are not permitted to do their own programming on campus (e.g. tabling, meetings, etc.)

- **Art Displays:** A student organization may reserve up to six easels for art and photography displays for one week in the Science Center central arcade between lecture halls B and C. Space for larger displays requires approval by Science Center Building Operations. A written proposal with specific areas designated on a floor plan must be submitted at least two week prior to the date of the event. The cost to hang photography and/or art on the display wall in the central arcade will be determined on a case by case basis at a rate of \$93.00/hr.
- **Decorations:** Requests to hang decorations must be submitted to Building Operations at [sc\\_sched@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sc_sched@fas.harvard.edu) at least one week prior to the event. Candles are prohibited in all spaces per City of Cambridge Fire Department Regulations.
- **Posters** or any other material may be hung only on the bulletin board directly opposite the elevators on the first floor or placed on easels. Posters, or any other materials, may not be hung on doors, windows, paneling, walls, furniture, columns, floors, paths, walkways or handrails. For special advertising requests contact Building Operations at [sc\\_sched@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sc_sched@fas.harvard.edu).
- **SPACE PLANS and FURNITURE:** A space plan must be submitted two weeks in advance of the event and must include a request to reconfigure the furniture in the café or have the furniture removed. The Science Center has a limited inventory of event furniture—tables, chairs, stanchions, easels. Staging, pipe and drape, and extra furniture should be arranged through Crimson Catering.
- **STORAGE:** The Science Center has one room for event storage. The room must be reserved through Building Operations— [sc\\_sched@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sc_sched@fas.harvard.edu). The storage room is reserved on a first-come, first serve basis and can only be reserved a day before and through the day after the event. The event organizer must sign out a key to the storage room.

## ADDITIONAL EVENT GUIDELINES FOR THE CAFÉ SEATING AREA

**CAPACITY:** Total capacity of the Café seating area is 196 people. State and Local fire codes may reduce total capacity limit based on the number and arrangement of tables within the café seating area. An event floor plan must be submitted for approval to Building Operations at least two weeks prior to the event.

**CATERING:** Clover Food Lab is one option for catering services. Outside vendors are welcome. The Café kitchen and Coffee Bar will not be available for outside vendor use.

**RESERVATIONS:** To reserve the café seating area, email Science Center Building Operations: [sc\\_sched@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sc_sched@fas.harvard.edu).

Café reservations are not permitted during the café's normal business hours. The café seating area may be reserved after 8pm on weekdays or on Saturdays and Sundays between 8am-10pm. On weekends, set-up within the café

seating area may begin as early as 6:00am or at least one-hour prior to the start of the event. Furniture and equipment brought into the Science Center must be removed immediately after the event ends.

**SECURITY:** Security guards will unlock and secure gates from the Cabot/Café/Coffee bar areas, adjust the Glass Partition closest to the Cabot Library, and secure doors to the back kitchen area for the hours the Café is reserved.

## **ADDITIONAL EVENT GUIDELINES FOR THE COURTYARD**

**CAPACITY:** Total capacity of the Courtyard is 378 people.

**CATERING:** Clover Food Lab is one option for catering services: <https://www.cloverfoodlab.com/cloverhsc-harvard-science-center/> Outside vendors are welcome.

**RESERVATIONS:** To reserve the Courtyard, email Science Center Building Operations: [sc\\_sched@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sc_sched@fas.harvard.edu).

Courtyard reservations are between the hours of 8am-10pm, Monday through Sunday.

Set-up on the Courtyard seating may begin as early as 6:00am or at least one-hour prior to the start of the event. Furniture and equipment brought into the Science Center must be removed immediately after the event ends.

## **MANDATORY CONTRACT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Email acknowledgment to [sc\\_sched@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sc_sched@fas.harvard.edu) of having received and reviewed this Contract, which confirms that "I agree to all of the policies and procedures stated above. Disregard for any rules and/or policies stated within this contract, may result in the cancellation of my event and the forfeiture of all fees paid, or to be paid, in accordance with this agreement. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the President and Fellows of Harvard College, its officers, agents, and employees against any claims for damages to property in the possession or care of the undersigned, its agents, employees, or invited guests."