



Commencement 2026

Information for School of Graduate Studies Commencement Participants

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COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST

Must be complete by:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Order cap, gown and Tassel | Feb 9-May 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Settle financial obligations | Monday, May 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Petition to Graduate | Monday, May 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commencement Participation form | Monday, May 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Accessibility Request | Friday, June 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Commencement! | |

**Arrive 4:45 PM Sharp
Ceremony Begins at 5:30**

**Thursday, June 25
Back Bay Events Center
180 Berkeley and Stuart Streets
Boston, MA 02116**

TICKETS

Graduate students are not limited to number of tickets at the ceremony. You will be asked to provide us with a number of attendees for planning purposes.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

All regalia (gown, cap, and tassel) must be ordered online by the student. Orders can be made beginning Feb 10, 2026. All orders must be completed by May 4, 2026.

Please log on to <https://www.buildagrad.com/fisher/students> to place your order. Please email Registrar@Fisher.edu for any questions or concerns.

Students may choose to have their regalia sent to the college for pickup in the Registrar's Office free of charge. Regalia may be picked up June 24-26, 2026 between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m or they may choose to have regalia mailed directly to their preferred mailing address.

You will receive an email from **Build a Grad** when your order has been processed. Your order number will be on this confirmation. Please print this form or bring it on your mobile device if you are having your regalia shipped to Fisher College when picking up your regalia.

Graduate students will receive their hood during the ceremony.

At the Commencement ceremony, academic hoods are the only acceptable items to wear on the outside of the gown; no other ornamentation is permitted.

DIPLOMAS

Students who are currently enrolled in their final classes or have two or less classes left, may walk at the ceremony but will receive an empty diploma case. Graduates who completed their program in the prior August or December will also receive an empty diploma case if their diploma was previously mailed to them. Any student who has not cleared all obligations to the college will have their diploma held.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

All financial obligations to the College, including outstanding tuition, library fees, etc., must be satisfied by Monday, May 11. Fisher College will **not** issue your diploma or any transcripts until your account is settled.

Please contact the Bursar's Office during their scheduled business hours to ensure that your account is in good standing or to make arrangements for payment. You may reach the Bursar's Office at (617-236-5403).

All Graduate students are required to complete a Financial Aid Exit Interview if they receive financial aid. The Financial Aid Office will send the steps necessary to complete this interview after commencement, to your home address. We request that you complete this interview within the timeframe indicated. Should you have questions, please contact the Financial Aid office (617-236-8821).

PHOTOGRAPHY

The College has made arrangements for each graduate to be photographed while shaking hands with the President. These photographs are taken by an outside company, *gradimages.com*. You will receive an envelope within a few weeks of commencement. This envelope will contain order instructions. To ensure you receive this packet, please make sure your address is up to date at Fisher College.

VIDEOGRAPHY

Commencement is professionally recorded and will be available on the College's official Youtube channel no later than – Monday, May 11th 2026. Visit www.fisher.edu/commencement for a direct link.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Back Bay Events Center
180 Berkeley Street
corner of Berkeley and Stuart Streets
Boston, MA 02116

Graduates Arrival

All students attending commencement **MUST** arrive and check in for the graduate line-up by 4:45 p.m. SHARP to participate in the procession and seating.

Please remember the importance of this special day; dress appropriately.

Guest Arrival

Doors open at 4:45 pm. Guests should plan to be seated prior to the 5:30 pm start of the ceremony.

Please note that Commencement is a dignified, respectful event. We understand that your guests are excited to witness you embark on new endeavors, but as a courtesy to other graduates, please encourage them to keep verbal cheering to a minimum. Noisemakers, horns, balloons, etc. are not allowed in the ceremony.

Guests with Special Accommodations

The College would like to accommodate your guests with special needs in the most efficient and helpful way possible. If you have guests with special needs who will be attending Commencement, please complete the section on the Commencement Participation Form. If you have additional questions or concerns, you may contact Dr. Ferna L. Phillips, Director of Accessibility Services FPhillips@Fisher.edu, (617) 670-4431. This will ensure that all necessary arrangements will be made prior to Commencement. We kindly ask that all requests are made prior to June 5, 2026 to ensure proper planning time. ***Please ask your guests to arrive by 4:30 pm.***

DIRECTIONS

John Hancock Hall is located within just blocks of Fisher College and several MBTA stations. Visit www.mbta.com

- **Back Bay Station:** servicing Commuter Rail, Amtrak, and the Orange Line. Located on Dartmouth St. between Stuart St. and Columbus Ave., and on Clarendon St. near Columbus Ave.
- **Copley Square Station:** servicing the Green Line. Located at 640 Boylston St. and 230 Dartmouth St.
- **Arlington Street Station:** servicing the Green Line. Located at 300 Boylston St. and 20 Arlington St.

From the North (I-93 South or Rt. 1 South)

Take the Storrow Drive exit (26) off Interstate 93 South. Follow signs for Copley Square. Take the Copley Square exit and turn right onto Beacon Street. Drive two blocks and turn left onto Clarendon Street. Drive six blocks and turn left onto Stuart Street. The facility is located one block ahead on the left at the corner of Berkeley and Stuart Streets.

From the South (I-93 North)

Take the Mass Ave. exit off Interstate 93 North. Continue straight through two sets of lights and stay right toward Frontage Road/Ted Williams Tunnel. From the left lane, follow signs for South End/Back Bay and turn left onto East Berkeley Street. Continue on East Berkeley to Columbus Avenue onto Berkeley Street. The facility is located one block ahead on the left at the corner of Berkeley and Stuart Streets.

From the West (Mass Turnpike/I-90)

Take the Copley Square exit, following signs for Copley Square. You will come to street level at Stuart Street. Continue on Stuart Street. The facility is located three blocks ahead on the left at the corner of Berkeley and Stuart Streets.

From the East (Logan International Airport)

Take the Sumner or Ted Williams Tunnel (I-90 West) toward Downtown Boston and merge onto Interstate 93 North. Take the Storrow Drive exit off I-93 North and follow signs for Copley Square. Take the Copley Square exit and turn right onto Beacon Street. Drive two blocks and turn left onto Clarendon Street. Drive six blocks and turn left onto Stuart Street. The facility is located one block ahead on the left at the corner of Berkeley and Stuart Streets.

Parking

Parking for John Hancock Hall is conveniently located one block from the facility at the Garage @ 100 Clarendon. Visit www.100clarendon.com

*The Garage @ 100 Clarendon will validate parking for John Hancock Hall, please see attendant inside the lobby at the John Hancock Hall.

*Fisher College will not be responsible for any validation.

Hotel Accommodations

The City of Boston and our Back Bay neighborhood is home to numerous hotels in a wide range of prices. We suggest making hotel reservations as early as possible as the springtime Commencement season can be very busy.