
Fitchburg State University Today

Application fees waived for undergraduate admissions



Fitchburg State will no longer charge the \$50 application fee for its undergraduate Admissions during spring, summer , and fall 2021.

“The elimination of the fee removes a financial barrier to students applying to college and is part of our institutional equity initiatives,” said President Richard S. Lapidus. “This fee elimination builds on the university’s work to increase access and improve retention, efforts that have led us to be ranked nationally by U.S. News and World Report for social mobility.”

“Fitchburg State University is committed to making higher education affordable, and that

starts with eliminating financial barriers that may keep a student from even applying to college,” said Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs Alberto J.F. Cardelle.

[Learn more](#)

Congratulate the Class of 2020!



This fall we are celebrating the Class of 2020 with virtual [commencement](#) ceremonies that will be shared in December, and the campus community is invited to join in congratulating the graduates.

The Commencement Committee will be setting up a video recording station on the first floor of Hammond Hall (the lounge near the library entrance) for well-wishers to record brief (less than 20 seconds) messages of

congratulations that we will review for inclusion in the virtual ceremonies in December. No appointments are necessary, just be ready to tell the 2020 graduates how happy you are about their achievements.

Filming will be on the following times and dates:

- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 and

- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12

If you are not available but would still like to submit a video for consideration in the celebration, please send your recording to congratsgrads@fitchburgstate.edu by **Monday, Nov. 16.**

Speakers Series continues today at 12:30 p.m.

The university's Speakers Series continues at 12:30 p.m. today with a talk by **Professor Ben Levy** (Mathematics) entitled "Modeling the Effect of HIV/AIDs Stigma on HIV Infection Dynamics in Kenya."

Limited seating is available to view the talk live in Percival 208, or the presentation can also be viewed on [Google Meet](#). To attend in person, RSVP to [Professor Eric Budd](#).

Celebrate first-generation college students

The Career Services and Advising Center will hold a virtual panel talk at 5 p.m. **Wednesday** featuring Fitchburg State alumni who were the first in their family to attend/graduate from college.

Check your Fitchburg State email this week for additional details.

Career Services & Advising Center

SAVE THE DATE

First Generation College Graduate Virtual Panel

Join us as we connect with Fitchburg State alumni who were the first in their family to attend/graduate from college.

This event will focus on dismantling the deficit narrative around being a first generation college student and will highlight the many assets first generation college graduates bring to the world of work.

**Wednesday, November 4th
5:00PM**



Webinar Week Nov. 1-7

Explore the programmatic offerings at Fitchburg State's [School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education](#) via "webinar week," running now through **Saturday, Nov. 7**, creating opportunities to learn about graduate and continuing education programs on your own time.

To check out the available programs, visit <https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/admissions/graduate-studies/webinars/>.

Grant will support Early College scholarships

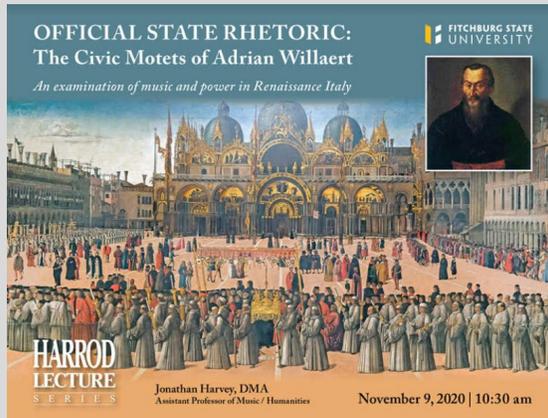
Students who have completed an Early College program at Fitchburg State will be eligible for scholarship support in completing their degrees thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

The \$28,000 grant will fund scholarships that are renewable for four years at



Fitchburg State. Six Early College students, now enrolled at Fitchburg State as first-year students, will be receiving the scholarship support this year. To be eligible for the scholarship, they must have completed at least 12 credits while in the Early College program.

[Learn more](#)



Harrod Lecture on Nov. 9

Professor Jonathan Harvey (Humanities) will present his Harrod Lecture "Official State Rhetoric: The Civic Motets of Adrian Willaert" at 10:30 a.m. Mon., Nov. 9.

To join via Google Meet, go to <https://meet.google.com/phu-fixq-ssa?authuser=0&hs=122>. To view the livestream, visit <https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/282e4aa5-97cf-44ef-a08f-7931ab8b80d5>.

Falcon Talks: See vintage Fitchburg onscreen Nov. 10

In November 1941, a film crew came to the city of Fitchburg to capture local faces and places for a "slice of life" film designed to be shown in local cinemas.

The footage went unseen for years but has now been digitized and is in the midst of a meticulous restoration under the auspices of **Professor Charles Roberts** (Communications Media).

The public is invited to [take a look](#) at a curated selection of clips from the footage introduced by Professor Roberts and take part in a discussion led by Fitchburg Historical Society Executive Director Susan Navarre in a virtual event at 7 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 10.**

Go to meet.google.com/ujn-otb-ftat to take part.

The program is part of the Alumni Association's Falcon Talks series.



Study abroad scholarship apps due Sunday, Nov. 15

Students are encouraged to apply for the Global Ambassador

GLOBAL AMBASSADOR



Scholarship program that awards funds for students to study overseas. Applications for support for students seeking to travel in the university's summer 2021 faculty-led programs are due **Nov. 15**.

Students should apply via Academic Works.

CenterStage and cultural events

The Communications Media Department's fall theatrical presentation, a series of recorded monologues called "[Our Reckoning](#)," goes live today.

The show's individual pieces, which are mostly student-written and student-performed, aim to focus on issues surrounding the Black Lives Matter movement, PTSD, struggles with academia with ADHD, our current coronavirus pandemic, mental illness, among other important issues.

Director and **Professor Mary Vreeland** says about the show that it is about the notion that we have to come to a collective or personal reckoning with these important issues. The compounding stress of them weighs heavy on us, so the production is aimed to enlighten audience members on the issues and give them the strength to face them.

While the show was meant to be performed for an in-person audience, for safety reasons the decision was made to record, edit, and post the video of the performances and post them online for a broader audience to view. The video will be live at <https://vimeo.com/user98628342> through Monday, Nov. 16.

In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery: "Common Ground" by Ann Strassman

The new exhibit "Common Ground," featuring the work of artist Ann Strassman, is now on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery, part of the Fitchburg State CenterStage arts and culture series.

Strassman's work has been featured in numerous solo exhibits in Massachusetts and beyond. The artist, whose creations include oils on canvas and acrylics on cardboard, has collected numerous accolades over the course of her career.

View the exhibit online [here](#).



Faculty Notes

Professor Adem Elveren (Economics, History and Political Science) wrote a piece on the theoretical and empirical investigation on the effect of military spending on the rate of profit. It can be read online [here](#).

Professor Kori Ryan (Behavioral Sciences) was interviewed for a piece on A&E about the development of serial killers. Read it [here](#).

Professor Lilian Bobea (Behavioral Sciences) participated in the panel organized by the Marxe Western Hemisphere Affairs at Austin W. Marxe School of Public and International Affairs, coordinated by its chair, Dr. Enrique Desmond Arias during the summer. The panel discussed practices of police violence against disadvantaged social groups in Latin America and the Caribbean and explored police violence in the region compared to the U.S. Panelists also addressed responses to police violence in Latin America and the Caribbean and what we can learn in the United States from those responses. The program can be viewed [online](#).

Last June, Professor Bobea published an article on the George Floyd protests in The Conversation. Read it [here](#).

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