



Acceptances and Progressions 2026

Preparing you for university success



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Outstanding Student Achievements

Every year CATS Academy Boston welcomes students from across the United States and around the world - ambitious students who are seeking a place at some of the top U.S and global universities and colleges.

Since 2014, we have seen over 1,200 seniors graduate from CATS Academy Boston as they pursue their ambitions, taking the next step on their educational journey.

2026 Highlights

Students progressed to
Ivy League
schools including Brown University & Cornell University

4

of the Top 5 Universities
in the world for Art &
Design have accepted our
students

372

university and college
acceptances received

122

acceptances to Top 100
National Universities

*US News Best National University Rankings 2026 and QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026: Art & Design

Best for University Preparation

At CATS Academy Boston, our primary focus is getting you into the top U.S. university for you. Unlike many other countries where admission is based on standardized test scores, U.S. universities and colleges take into account everything about a student, not just academics.

You will receive expert guidance from our college counselors to help you apply to the best colleges and universities. You will be offered college counseling from Grade 9, giving you a head start to prepare your application for the colleges and universities of your choice.



Top Acceptances

Our students receive acceptances to the best universities in the U.S



Individual Attention

From selecting classes to your college essay, our college counselors will support you from day one



University Visits

Students benefit from 150+ university and college visits each year



Over 30 extracurriculars

Enhance your application with the academic, creative or athletic clubs on offer

Name: Htoo

Nationality: Myanmar

University Destination: Brown University (#13 Best National University Ranking 2026)

University Course: Mechanical Engineering

Course Studied at CATS Academy Boston: High School Diploma: 4.0 GPA

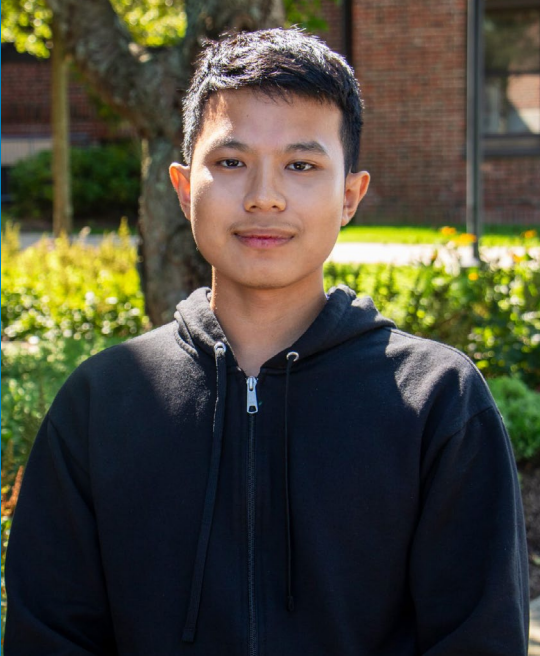
Grades Studied: Grades 11 & 12

Honours Courses: World History

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: Calculus AB, Statistics, Multivariable Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, US History and Literature.

Extra-Curricular Clubs & Activities: Htoo is the Founder and served as President of the CATS Robotic Team and Rocket Club and participated in the American Rocketry Challenge (2022). Member of the National Honor Society and CATS Scholars Program.

Extra Academic Projects: He has participated in the CATS Boston dual enrolment partnership with Quincy College, earning himself college-credit in Computer Programming. Htoo also completed an independent study project in e-commerce where he built a functioning e-commerce website using multiple tools and technologies.



Name: Dima

Nationality: Ukrainian

University Destination: University of Pennsylvania (#7 Best National University Ranking 2026)

University Course: Philosophy, Politics & Economics

Course Studied at CATS Academy Boston: High School Diploma: 4.0 GPA

Grades Studied: Grades 10, 11 & 12

Honors Courses: Precalculus, Physics, World History and Chemistry

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: Calculus AB, Economics, Statistics, Multivariable Calculus, US History, Literature, and World History

Extra-Curricular Clubs & Activities: Co-president of the Student Government, Founder of the CATS Eastern European Club, contributed creative writing to the school's literary magazine and played on the Ultimate Frisbee Team.

Extra Academic Projects: Attended the Harvard Pre-College Program in Summer 2023, taking two courses: International Trade and Economics of Emerging Markets



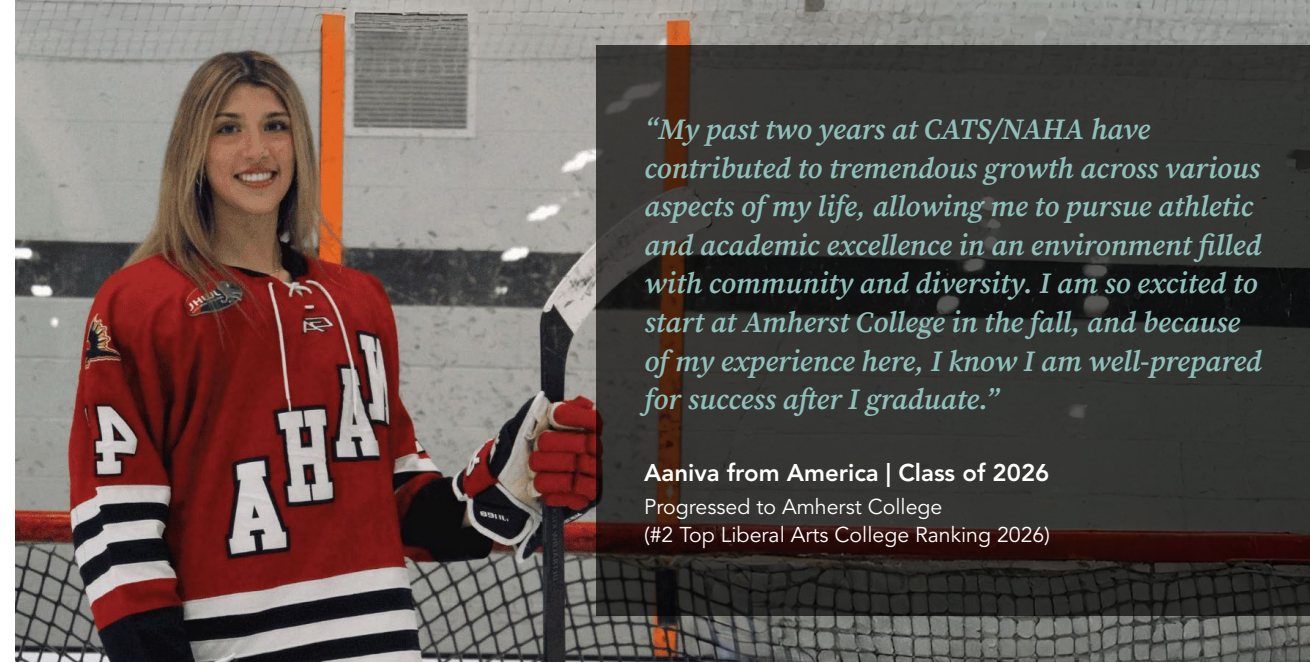
Class of 2026



"My experience at CATS has meant a lot to me. From the beginning, I felt supported by both the educators and the student community. I also built strong friendships with classmates who pushed me to do better and made my time at CATS enjoyable. CATS offered many opportunities to get involved, take on leadership roles, and challenge myself both inside and outside the classroom."

Huu from Vietnam | Class of 2026

Progressed to Northeastern University
(#46 Best National University Ranking 2026)



"My past two years at CATS/NAHA have contributed to tremendous growth across various aspects of my life, allowing me to pursue athletic and academic excellence in an environment filled with community and diversity. I am so excited to start at Amherst College in the fall, and because of my experience here, I know I am well-prepared for success after I graduate."

Aaniva from America | Class of 2026

Progressed to Amherst College
(#2 Top Liberal Arts College Ranking 2026)

"CATS Academy Boston gave me unbelievable freedom and trust to pursue learning at the depth I cared about most. I can't imagine another school that would go to the lengths CATS did to allow me to delve into advanced coursework and real research. I'm wholeheartedly grateful for the mentorship I received during the application process, especially from my college counselor."

AJ from Thailand | Class of 2026

Progressed to Cornell University
(#12 Best National University Ranking 2026)



Progressions to Top 100 Ranked National Universities in 2026

In 2026, CATS Academy Boston students have progressed to some of the most competitive and prestigious universities and colleges in the U.S.

Ranking*	University/College
#12	Cornell University (Ivy League)
#13	Brown University (Ivy League)
#15	University of California - Berkeley
#17	University of California - Los Angeles
#32	University of California - Davis
#32	University of California - Irvine
#32	New York University (NYU)
#36	Boston College
#41	Ohio State University
#42	University of Maryland
#42	Boston University
#46	Northeastern University

Ranking*	University/College
#51	Virginia Tech
#59	Pennsylvania State University
#59	Stony Brook University
#59	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
#64	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
#64	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
#75	Syracuse University
#80	Drexel University
#84	University of Illinois Chicago
#88	University California - Santa Cruz
#88	Rochester Institute of Technology
#97	Fordham University

Progressions to Top 200 Global Ranked Universities in 2026

Ranking*	University/College
#16	Cornell University (Ivy League)
#20	University of California - Berkeley
#22	University of Melbourne, Australia
#35	University of Edinburgh, Scotland
#37	King's College London, UK
#49	University of California - Los Angeles

Ranking*	University/College
#58	New York University (NYU)
#66	Brown University
#92	Pennsylvania State University
#94	Boston University
#137	University of California - Davis
#172	Arizona State University

Progressions to Top 100 Ranked National Liberal Arts Colleges in 2026

Ranking*	University/College
#2	Amherst College
#45	Furman University
#82	Stonehill College

Progressions to Top 25 Global Ranked Art Schools in 2026

Ranking*	University/College
#2	University of Arts London
#4	Rhode Island School of Design
#15	Savannah College of Art & Design
#18	School of Visual Arts
#23	California Institute of the Arts

“I’m really thankful for my experience at CATS. Having the opportunity to simultaneously play hockey at a high-level and partake in rigorous academics were important factors to me, and CATS Academy Boston was able to provide me with that throughout my three-year journey. In doing so, I stepped outside my comfort zone, leaving home and familiar faces behind, but gained lifelong friendships with peers from around the world.”

Zachary from America | Class of 2026
Progressed to Boston College
(#36 Best National University Ranking 2026)

Acceptances to Top 100 Ranked National Universities in 2026

Through the guidance of our dedicated college counselors and their own hard work and commitment, our students have received acceptances to an impressive number of the top ranking universities and colleges in the United States.

Ranking*	University/College
#29	University of California - San Diego
#32	Georgia Institute of Technology
#32	University of California - Irvine
#32	University of California - Davis
#36	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
#42	Boston University
#42	University of Washington - Seattle
#42	Rutgers University - New Brunswick
#46	Northeastern University
#46	University of Rochester
#51	Texas A & M University
#59	Pennsylvania State University
#59	Stony Brook University
#59	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
#64	Michigan State University
#64	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
#64	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
#69	Brandeis University
#69	University of Connecticut
#69	University of Pittsburgh
#73	Binghamton University
#75	University at Buffalo
#75	Syracuse University
#75	University of California - Riverside

Ranking*	University/College
#75	Clemson University
#80	Drexel University
#80	Stevens Institute of Technology
#80	New Jersey Institute of Technology
#84	University of Illinois Chicago
#84	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
#88	Rochester Institute of Technology
#88	American University
#88	University of Delaware
#97	Florida International University
#97	University of Colorado Boulder
#97	Fordham University

Acceptances to the Top 100 Ranked National Liberal Arts Colleges in 2026

Ranking*	University/College
#44	Union College
#58	St. Lawrence University - New York
#58	Whitman College
#76	Earlham College
#84	St. John's College
#96	Saint Anselm College

Acceptances to Top 15 Global Ranked Art Schools in 2025

Ranking*	University/College
#2	University of the Arts London
#3	The New School
#4	Rhode Island School of Design
#5	Pratt Institute
#11	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
#15	Savannah College of Art and Design

Acceptances to Top Art Schools in 2025

University/College
Maryland Institute College of Art
School of Visual Arts
California Institute of the Arts
Ringling College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Istituto Marangoni
California College of the Arts



“I have most enjoyed the supportive and creative learning environment at CATS, especially in my art classes where I was encouraged to explore my ideas and improve my technical skills. I felt well supported by both my teachers and counselor. They provided helpful feedback, guidance, and encouragement throughout my academic, artistic development, and application.”

Flora from China | Class of 2026
Progressed to Rhode Island School of Design (#4 in QS World University Rankings for Art & Design)

Acceptances to Top 200 Global Ranked Universities in 2026

Ranking*	University/College
#32	University of Toronto, Canada
#58	New York University (NYU)
#74	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
#80	University of Glasgow, Scotland
#81	University of California - San Diego
#92	University of Washington
#92	Pennsylvania State University

Ranking*	University/College
#94	Boston University
#137	University of California - Davis
#142	Georgia Institute of Technology
#169	Texas A & M University
#172	Arizona State University
#182	Michigan State University

“The biggest help was my college counselor. He helped me from starting from absolutely nowhere and not having any idea of what I want to do to picking a major and then looking at different colleges.”

Yam from Hong Kong | Class of 2024
Progressed to New York University (#32 in US News Best National Universities Ranking 2026)

Also received an acceptance to the University of Toronto



“CATS Academy has been the key part to me getting into schools. When I first came here in the Fall, I didn’t know about the application process to colleges. Now that I have been to CATS, I have become a young adult and leader of a community. Overall, CATS was my most important year of schooling when it came to getting into colleges.”

Logan from America | Class of 2025
Progressed to University of Rhode Island

Also received acceptances to Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), Suffolk University, Kent State University, Milwaukee School of Engineering



Acceptances to Top 100 National Ranked Universities 2020 - 2025

Ranking	University/College
#2	MIT - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
#4	Stanford University
#6	Johns Hopkins University (Peabody Institute)
#7	University of Pennsylvania (IVY LEAGUE)
#12	Cornell University (IVY LEAGUE)
#13	Brown University (IVY LEAGUE)
#15	University of California - Berkeley
#17	University of California - Los Angeles
#17	Vanderbilt University
#20	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
#20	Carnegie Mellon University
#24	Georgetown University
#24	Emory University
#26	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
#28	University of Southern California
#29	University of California - San Diego
#30	University of Texas at Austin
#30	University of Florida
#32	New York University (NYU)
#32	University of California - Davis
#32	University of California - Irvine
#32	Georgia Institute of Technology
#36	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
#36	Boston College
#36	Tufts University
#36	University of Wisconsin - Madison
#40	University of California - Santa Barbara
#41	Ohio State University

Ranking	University/College
#42	Rutgers University - New Brunswick
#42	Boston University
#42	University of Maryland - College Park
#42	University of Washington
#46	Northeastern University
#46	University of Rochester
#46	Purdue University
#46	Lehigh University
#51	Wake Forest University
#51	Virginia Tech
#51	Texas A & M University
#51	Case Western Reserve University
#51	Florida State University
#51	William & Mary
#57	University of California - Merced
#57	Villanova University
#59	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
#59	Pennsylvania State University
#59	Stony Brook University - SUNY
#59	Santa Clara University
#59	George Washington University
#64	Michigan State University
#64	North Carolina State University
#64	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
#64	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
#64	University of Miami
#69	Brandeis University
#69	Tulane University of Louisiana

Ranking	University/College
#69	University of Connecticut
#69	University of Pittsburgh
#73	Binghamton University
#73	Indiana University - Bloomington
#75	Clemson University
#75	Syracuse University
#75	University at Buffalo
#75	University of California - Riverside
#75	Rutgers University - Newark
#80	New Jersey Institute of Technology
#80	Stevens Institute of Technology
#80	Drexel University
#84	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
#84	University of Illinois - Chicago
#84	Pepperdine University
#88	University of California - Santa Cruz
#88	Baylor University
#88	University of Delaware
#88	Marquette University
#88	Southern Methodist University
#88	University of South Florida
#88	American University
#88	Howard University
#88	Rochester Institute of Technology
#97	Fordham University
#97	Florida International University
#97	Rutgers University - Camden
#97	Texas Christian University
#97	University of Colorado Boulder

*According to US News Best National Universities Ranking 2026



“I wanted to attend an Ivy league school and CATS Academy Boston has made it possible. I have been constantly supported by my college counselors”

Karolina from Ukraine | Class of 2023

Progressed to Brown University (Ivy League and #13 in US News Best Universities Ranking 2026)

Received a total of 6 acceptances, including:
Colorado State University - Fort Collins,
George Mason University, Hofstra University,
Johnson & Wales University - Providence,
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

“With the CATS Academy STEAM Program, you don’t just learn from Powerpoints and lectures; you get to build robots and compose electronic circuits which is great. This has been a great program for me because I get to try everything which has helped me see which part of engineering I would like to pursue in college.”

Sikanananya from Thailand | Class of 2023

Progressed to University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
(#20 in US News Best Universities Ranking 2026)

Also received acceptances to Boston University,
University of California - San Diego, Purdue
University, Tufts University



Acceptances to Top 100 Ranked Liberal Arts Universities/Colleges 2020 - 2025

Ranking	University/College	Ranking	University/College
#7	Claremont McKenna College	#58	Oberlin College
#10	Carleton College	#58	St. Lawrence University
#13	Barnard College	#65	Lawrence University
#13	Middlebury College	#65	Virginia Military Institute
#22	Colgate University	#70	Gustavus Adolphus College
#22	University of Richmond	#70	Muhlenberg College
#24	Colby College	#73	Hobart and William Smith Colleges
#30	Bucknell University	#75	Lake Forest College
#34	Denison University	#76	Wheaton College - Massachusetts
#35	Franklin & Marshall College	#76	Knox College
#37	Soka University of America	#76	The College of Wooster
#37	Trinity College	#82	Stonehill College
#37	Spelman College	#84	Austin College
#37	Trinity University	#84	Drew University
#45	Kenyon College	#84	Washington & Jefferson College
#45	Furman University	#92	Juniata College
#45	Dickinson College	#92	Whittier College
#50	St Olaf College	#96	Saint Anselm College
#55	Centre College	#96	Lewis & Clark College
#58	DePauw University	#96	Augustana College
#58	Whitman College	#96	Susquehanna University
#58	Gettysburg College		



“CSVPA Visual Arts program helps students pursue the arts on a hobby and professional level. I came to CATS for visual arts because it will give me an opportunity to pursue filmmaking and receive guidance from teachers who have been artists for a very long time.”

Nikita from Russia | Class of 2023

Progressed to Emerson College

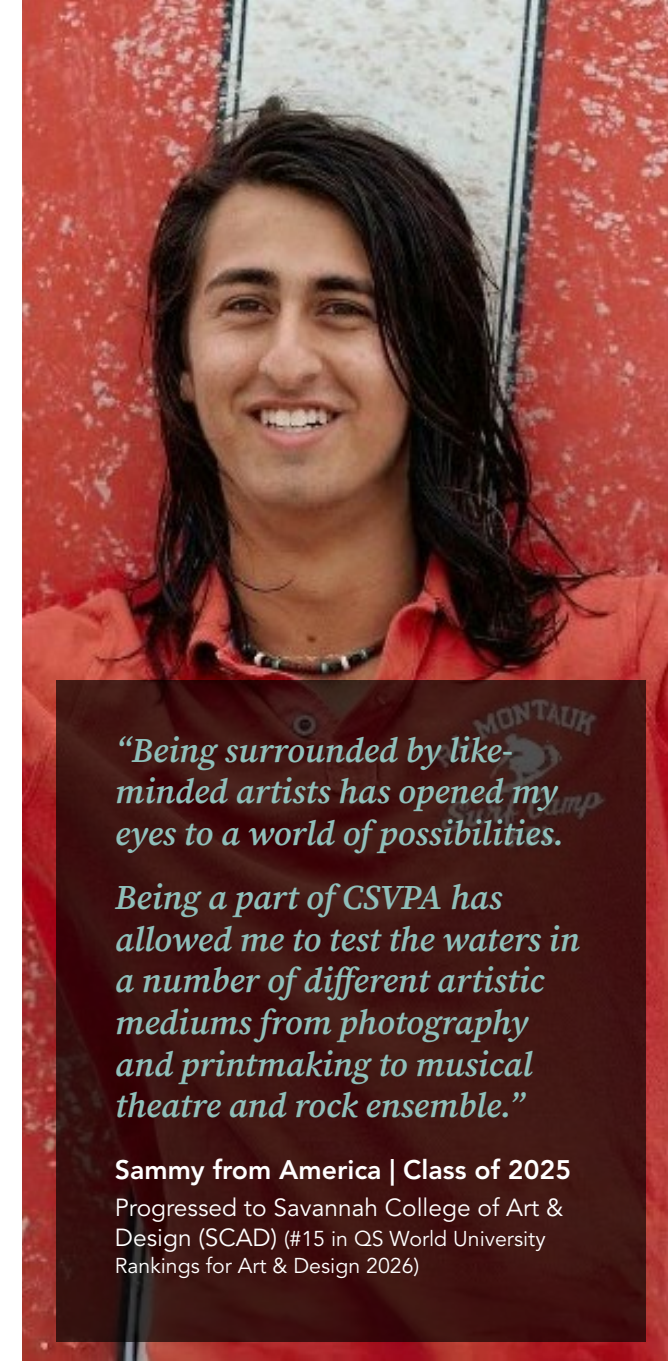
Also received acceptances to Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Pace University, Columbia College Chicago

*According to QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026: Art & Design

Acceptances to Top Art Universities/ Colleges 2020 - 2025

Ranking	University/College
#2	University of the Arts London, UK
#3	The New School
#4	Rhode Island School of Design
#5	Pratt Institute
#11	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
#12	Art Center College of Design
#15	Savannah College of Art and Design
#18	School of Visual Arts
#23	California Institute of the Arts

University/College
Academy of Art University
Architectural Association School of Architecture, UK
Arts University Bournemouth, UK
Berklee College of Music
California College of the Arts
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM)
Fashion Institute of Technology
Istituto Marangoni, Florence
Istituto Marangoni, London
Los Angeles College of Music
Maine College of Art & Design
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Musicians Institute
Otis College of Art and Design
Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University
Ringling College of Art and Design
University of North Carolina School of the Arts



“Being surrounded by like-minded artists has opened my eyes to a world of possibilities.

Being a part of CSVPA has allowed me to test the waters in a number of different artistic mediums from photography and printmaking to musical theatre and rock ensemble.”

Sammy from America | Class of 2025

Progressed to Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) (#15 in QS World University Rankings for Art & Design 2026)

Acceptances to Top 200 Global Universities 2020 - 2025

Ranking	University/College
#1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
#2	Stanford University
#10	National University of Singapore
#15	University of Pennsylvania
#16	Cornell University
#19	University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney), Australia
#20	University of California - Berkeley
#22	Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, Switzerland
#24	Johns Hopkins University (Peabody Institute)
#28	University of Sydney, Australia
#29	Australian National University, Australia
#30	McGill University, Canada
#31	Monash University, Australia
#32	University of Toronto, Canada
#33	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
#37	King's College London, UK
#35	University of Edinburgh, UK
#40	University of Manchester, UK
#45	University of British Columbia, Canada
#49	University of California - Los Angeles
#51	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
#55	Carnegie Mellon University
#58	New York University (NYU)
#60	University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Ranking	University/College
#66	Brown University
#72	University of Texas at Austin
#73	Sorbonne University, Paris
#74	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
#80	University of Glasgow, UK
#81	University of California - San Diego
#85	Durham University, UK
#92	University of Washington - Seattle
#92	Pennsylvania State University
#94	Boston University
#100	Purdue University
#113	University of Waterloo
#119	Leiden University, Netherlands
#131	University of Wisconsin - Madison
#136	University of Exeter, UK
#137	University of California - Davis
#142	Georgia Institute of Technology
#149	Newcastle University, UK
#153	University of Southern California
#158	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
#169	Texas A & M University
#173	University of California - Santa Barbara
#174	McMaster University, Canada
#179	Queen's University Kingston, Canada
#182	Michigan State University
#188	Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico

Applying to CATS

Online

Visit www.catsacademyboston.com and follow the application instructions on the online form. Applying online provides instant confirmation that we have received your application, instant upload of documents and a response from our Admissions Team within two working days – we recommend this option for the fastest application.

We look forward to welcoming to CATS Academy Boston.



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