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## The History of Harvard University

### **Abstract**

Founded in 1636 by vote of the Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and named for its first donor, the Reverend John Harvard, who left his personal library and half his estate (about 800£) to the new institution, Harvard College was born into the Puritan tradition. The University today is still governed under its original charter granted by the Colony in 1650. This, with amendments and John Adams' further definition in the fifth chapter of the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780, is the authority under which Harvard operates.

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