The Office of the Provost has broad responsibilities for a variety of University-wide activities including:

- Fostering interfaculty collaboration in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities;
- Improving Harvard’s performance in building a diverse pipeline of scholars and in developing scholars at all stages of the academic career ladder;
- Advancing University-wide approaches to compliance and research policy;
- Oversight and coordination of international activities;
- Support for University cultural and allied entities including the Harvard University Art Museum, the American Repertory Theatre, Villa I Tatti, Harvard University Library, Arnold Arboretum and Harvard University Press;
- Oversight of academic and administrative computing initiatives undertaken by the University’s Central Administration Information Technology group;
- Oversight of activities pertaining to intellectual property, technology transfer, research collaborations with industry, and trademark licensing; Support for the University Ombudsman Office.