

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CRIMSON KEY COMP 2018



What is the Crimson Key Society?

Crimson Key is a social service organization that serves as the face of Harvard. As ambassadors of the University, we give daily historical tours of Harvard Yard, run Freshman Week, publish a guidebook, and more, and have a *lot* of fun doing it all. We also spend time together planning fun outings, parties, and the like.

What is the Comp process like?

Key comp has two rounds. In the first round of comp, you'll submit a short application and sit for a 20-minute interview, at which you will present a 5 – 10 minute model tour stop. This gives us a chance to get to know both you and your style as a tour guide. Please go on a model Crimson Key tour during the week of February 12th to get a sense of what a stop is like. Interviewees without model tour stops are ineligible to move forward in the process. In the second round, compers prepare a full tour that they present to two different members of Key.

There's an application?

Yes! Our short application is available on our website: www.crimsonkeysociety.org/comp/. Applications are due **Friday, 2/9 from 9AM - 4PM in the Boylston Mezzanine Lounge** (upstairs from Ticknor lounge). Look for us in red sweatshirts! When you hand in your application, you'll

also sign up for your interview. If you cannot hand in the application in person on Friday, please email the Comp Director at crimsonkeycomp@gmail.com.

Do all applicants get interviews?

Yes! Crimson Key prides itself on its open comp process. If you submit an application, you automatically qualify for an interview. If your friends or roommates haven't made it to an info session yet, please encourage them to come to one! Comp is always more fun with a friend. Anyone who wants to comp but can't make it to an info session can email questions to our VP and Comp Director, Spencer Ma, at crimsonkeycomp@gmail.com.

How competitive is Comp?

We expect to admit approximately 30 new members this spring and we generally begin with upwards of 150 compers. But don't be discouraged, there's a lot of support throughout comp! We have a diverse range of members who will be more than willing to talk with you or help you along the way to prepare your tour or answer any questions that you have about comp.

What's the Comp timeline?

First round decisions will be made by the end of February. Second round decisions will be announced by the end of April.

Are there membership dues?

Yes. Dues are \$40 for the year. Don't let dues discourage you—if dues pose a financial burden to any members, financial aid is available, and Key is working to eliminate dues for everyone in the future.

What if I need help to prepare my tour stop?

Not a problem. We have you covered. The best resources to prepare for your interview tour stop are model tours and the Crimson Key guidebook, *Inside Harvard* (available at the COOP or Lamont). Go on a model Crimson Key tour during the week of February 12th to get a sense of what a stop is like. Second round compers will also get a comp mentor to help fine-tune their tours. We will also be holding office hours throughout the process to further help applicants with their tours. See www.crimsonkeysociety.org/comp/ for more information.

Other questions?

Email Spencer Ma, comp director, at any time at crimsonkeycomp@gmail.com.