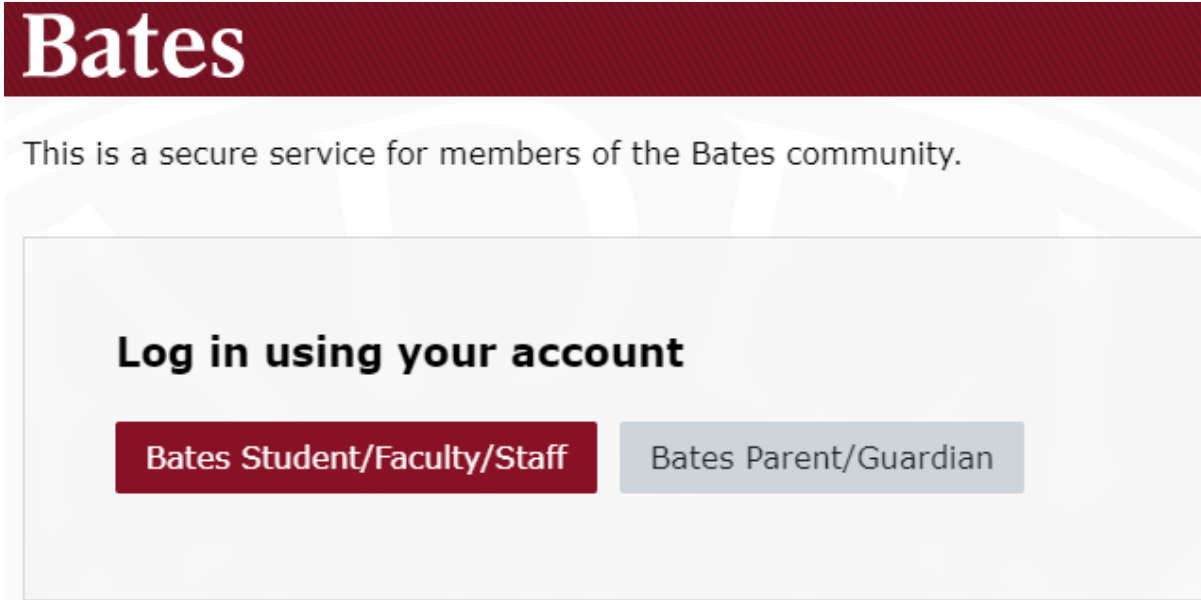


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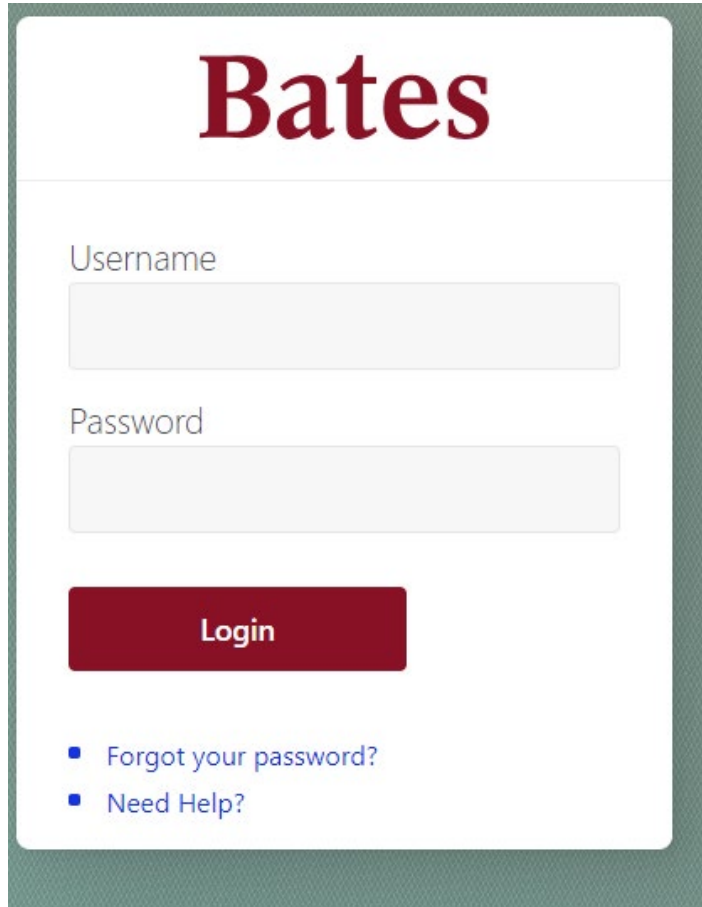
Login Tutorial

Navigate to the Garnet Gateway by typing in
bates.edu/g in your web browser



Click on Bates Student/Faculty/Staff

Type in your Username and Password

The image shows a login form for 'Bates'. At the top, the word 'Bates' is written in a large, bold, dark red serif font. Below this, the word 'Username' is in a small, grey sans-serif font, followed by a light grey rectangular input field. Below that, the word 'Password' is in the same small, grey sans-serif font, followed by another light grey rectangular input field. Under the password field is a dark red rectangular button with the word 'Login' in white sans-serif font. At the bottom left, there are two links: 'Forgot your password?' and 'Need Help?', both in a small blue sans-serif font and preceded by a small blue square icon.

Bates

Username

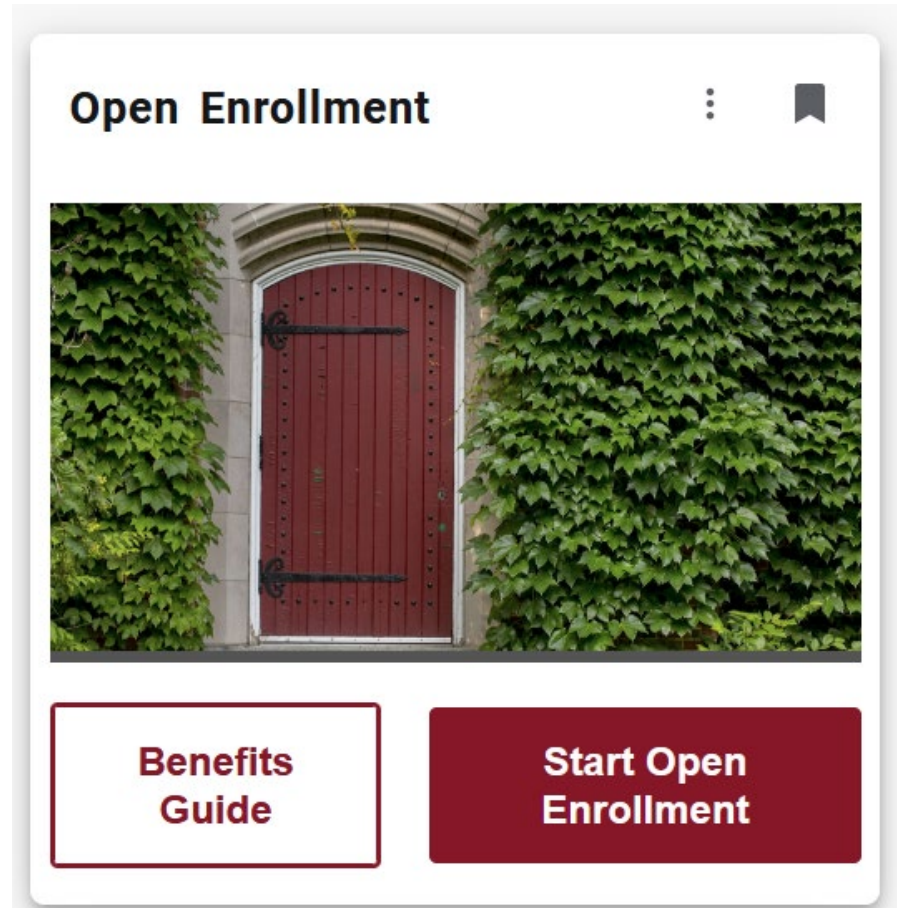
Password

Login

- [Forgot your password?](#)
- [Need Help?](#)

This is the same login as your Bates email

Open Enrollment Card



- With the New Garnet Gateway, Open Enrollment has it's own card
- The card gives you a link to the Digital Benefits Guide
- When you're ready, click "Start Open Enrollment" to begin

Getting Started

- Open Enrollment has a new look! Before you start making your elections, please take sometime to:
 - Review the Helpful Links on the home page
 - Review your current elections under the Benefits Status
 - Review the content on each Open Enrollment Group Page before making your elections

- Helpful Links
 - [Alex - Bates Virtual Benefits Counselor](#)
 - [Benefits Guide](#)
 - Visit the [website](#) for updated information on plans, rates, and what's changing for 2025.

Open Enrollment Group



Your current election(s) will be continued into the new plan year unless you make changes. To make a change, please follow the steps below:

- Click on your current election
- Click "Stop Benefit"
- Click on your new Medical Plan choice and select your level of coverage
- Click "Save and Continue"

Benefits Status

- Aetna Medical Plan - HDHP (Includes Hospital Indemnity Plan and HSA) will be terminated.

- No choices made in this group.

- Aetna Dental Plan - Standard will be continued into the new year.
- Aetna Voluntary Vision Plan will be continued into the new year.

Need Help?

- If you get stuck while making your elections, you can:
 - Use the Helpful Links located on each page
 - Review the ALEX Tool, Benefits Guide Book, and Plan Summaries
 - Connect with Aetna or our Benefits Advocate Teams
 - Reach out to benefits@bates.edu

