

Facts

for prospective students

motto

“Mens et Manus”
(Mind and Hand)

mascot

The beaver – nature’s
original engineer

colors

Cardinal red
and silver gray

mission

To advance knowledge and educate students in science, technology, and other areas of scholarship that will best serve the nation and the world in the 21st century

culture

MIT is made up of smart, ambitious, and hardworking people who work together to build a better world. MIT students are famous for their hacks—playful pranks they pull on campus that showcase their ingenuity.

community

The MIT community is incredibly diverse; 47% of the undergraduate student body represents U.S. minority groups, 46% of our students are female, and nearly one-fifth of our students are the first in their family to attend college.

history

MIT was founded in 1861 by William Barton Rogers, a geologist, who served as the Institute’s first president. In 1916, MIT moved from Boston to its current home in Cambridge.

Who you will find here

Students

4,547

undergraduate students

6,919 graduate students

Geography

New England **12%**
Mid-Atlantic **20%**
South & Puerto Rico **15%**
Midwest & Plains **12%**
Southwest & Mountain **12%**
West Coast, Alaska & Hawaii **21%**
Abroad **9%**

Faculty

1,047

full-time faculty

10

Nobel Laureates

2

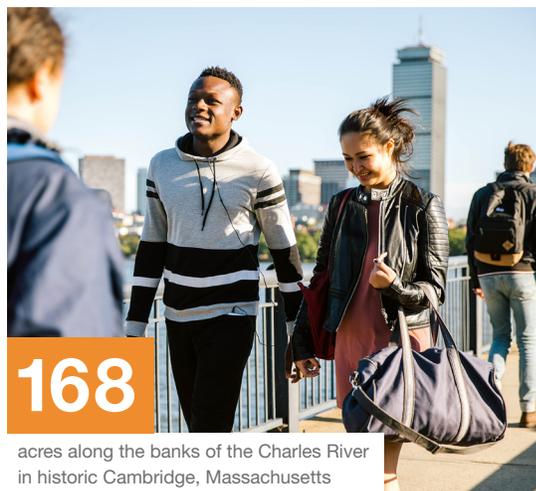
Pulitzer Prize winners

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MacArthur Fellows

Where you will live

Housing is 100% guaranteed from first year through senior year, and all residence halls have live-in faculty Heads of House. For MIT students, their residence halls are part entertainment center, part brain trust, part support system, and central to their experience.



168

acres along the banks of the Charles River in historic Cambridge, Massachusetts

10

residence halls

4

have dedicated makerspaces

1

has a giant ball pit

What you will study

MIT students apply to MIT for general admission and select a major at the end of their first year with the help of their advisor. MIT offers the SB degree in the following fields:

Aerospace Engineering	French
American Studies	German
Ancient & Medieval Studies	History
Anthropology	Latin American & Latino/a Studies
Archaeology & Materials	Linguistics
Architecture	Literature
Art & Design	Management
Asian & Asian Diaspora Studies	Materials Science & Engineering
Biological Engineering	Mathematics
Biology	Mathematics with Computer Science
Brain & Cognitive Sciences	Mathematical Economics
Business Analytics	Mechanical Engineering
Chemical-Biological Engineering	Mechanical & Ocean Engineering
Chemical Engineering	Music
Chemistry	Nuclear Science & Engineering
Chemistry & Biology	Philosophy
Civil & Environmental Engineering	Physics
Comparative Media Studies	Planning
Computer Science, Economics & Data Science	Political Science
Computer Science & Engineering	Russian & Eurasian Studies
Computer Science & Molecular Biology	Science, Technology & Society
Earth, Atmospheric & Planetary Sciences	Spanish
Economics	Theater Arts
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	Urban Science & Planning with Computer Science
Electrical Science & Engineering	Women’s & Gender Studies
Finance	Writing

Advanced coursework

We don’t require that applicants take advanced courses beyond what is commonly available in high school—we just want to see that students have challenged themselves in their academic areas of interest.

If you’ve taken AP, IB, or similar advanced coursework, the credit you may earn at MIT can vary depending on the subject. Specifics can be found on our website. If you’re confident that you’ve already covered a subject, most introductory subjects offer an exam you can take to obtain credit.

Research and internships

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) offers undergraduates the chance to work on cutting edge research—whether joining established research projects or pursuing their own ideas. Research can be done in any academic department or interdisciplinary laboratory, and no previous experience is required.

MIT also offers opportunities for internships and research work abroad. MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI) provides intensive professional internships in companies, research laboratories, and universities around the globe.



91%

of undergraduates complete at least one research experience through UROP before they graduate, and most do four or more.

Where MIT will take you

Approximately **54%** of graduates go directly to employment, but **74%** eventually go to graduate school, including **14%** to medical school, **6%** to law school, and **14%** to business school. The average starting salary is **\$88,381**.

30,000+

companies founded, creating 4.6+ million jobs

87%

of graduating seniors completed internships while at MIT

53%

of students participate in an international experience

What you will do for fun

500+

student organizations including:

- 73 ethnic/cultural associations
- 60 academic organizations
- 46 music, theater, visual arts, writing, and dance groups
- 30 service groups
- 29 student government groups
- 23 religious organizations
- 17 activism groups
- 6 media organizations
- 1 laboratory for chocolate science

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varsity sports

MIT Engineers compete mainly against Division III New England colleges and Ivy League schools, but also routinely participate in regional and national tournaments and championships.

- 271 Academic All-Americans
- 30+ club teams
- 30 Olympians

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physical education classes required for the MIT Pirate Certificate: pistol, archery, sailing, and fencing

Important dates

Application deadlines	Early Action	Regular Action
Submit completed application	November 1	January 1
Last month to take standardized tests for application	November	December
Financial aid application deadline	February 15	February 15
Admissions decision notifications	Mid-December	Mid-March
Deadline for enrollment decision of admitted students	May 1	May 1

How financial aid works

Financial aid at MIT is entirely need-based and has no bearing on admissions decisions. MIT will meet the full amount of your family's demonstrated need.

89%

of undergraduates receive some type of financial aid

72%

of undergraduate students graduate debt-free

\$45,524

average MIT need-based scholarship

\$119.7M

awarded in need-based scholarships in 2017–2018

What it costs

(before financial aid)

Tuition & Fees	\$51,832
Typical Room & Board	\$15,510
Books & Personal	\$2,898
Total	\$70,240

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