

MIT Architecture
Getting Started for Newly Admitted Graduate Students
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Accepting Admission

Admitted students must complete and submit the online form provided in your letter of admittance, on or before Thursday, April 15, 2021 by 11:59 pm, to secure a place in the incoming class. This is all that is required to accept the offer of admission. No deposit is required, the MIT form is not necessary. If you have any questions, email arch@mit.edu.

Obtaining MIT Email and Web Certificate

Once you accept the offer of admission, you will receive an email from MIT Accounts to set up your MIT email.

1. Register for your Kerberos Account

Your Kerberos (or MIT account) is your online identity at MIT, and the key to accessing a wide variety of technology services and resources on campus. Once you set up your account, you will be able to access your MIT email, educational technology discounts, student records, computing clusters, printing services and much more

2. Get the Certificate as well as Duo two-factor authentication for your computers, laptops, and mobile devices. Certificates let you log on safely to MITnet and the Internet, and identifies you to various Institute websites.

You may also find information about setting up your account and obtaining certificates via MIT Information Systems and Technology (IS&T) "Get Started with IT" IS&T also offers detailed information on connecting to the MIT network, purchasing computers, data backup, discounts, and more. <https://ist.mit.edu/students>

On-Campus and Off-Campus Housing

If you would like on-campus graduate housing for the fall term, you must participate in the Graduate Housing Assignment Allocation Process. The application is available via the Graduate Housing website. You must enter your preferences by April 25. Please note you will need to have your MIT ID and Web Certificate to apply for housing. MIT also has an off-campus housing website; you will need your certificate to access it. Please direct questions regarding on-campus housing to the Graduate and Family Housing Office by email graduatehousing@mit.edu. Visit <https://studentlife.mit.edu/housing/graduate-family-housing> for information on housing options, costs, deadlines and more.

International Graduate Students

International students must complete a set of online forms to apply for the F-1 or J-1 visa category, and students may begin applying for a visa on April 15. These forms must be completed even if you have already submitted documents certifying sufficient funds with your initial application. The forms are available via the International Students Office web site here:

<https://iso.mit.edu/getting-started/>. Please direct questions to the ISO at iso-help@mit.edu or to Sylvia Hiestand, Architecture's ISO Advisor, at shiestan@mit.edu.

MIT Medical

MIT requires incoming students submit a medical history, have a complete physical examination, and document immunity against certain infectious diseases. Medical Report forms need to be submitted by July 23. The form will be updated soon for the 2021-22 academic year, and can be found at <https://medical.mit.edu/medical-report-form>.

All student must have health insurance that meets the requirements for the Massachusetts Qualified Student Health Insurance Plan (QSHIP). Students with J-1 visa under MIT visa sponsorship must have insurance that also meets United States Department of State regulations for themselves and their spouses and children who accompany them.

MIT Medical offers a single, centralized source for all your health care needs including comprehensive health insurance and care and treatment at our own medical centers. For more information about requirements and deadlines and to download the medical report forms, please visit the MIT Medical website <https://medical.mit.edu/my-mit/new-students>. Questions? Contact Student Health Plans by email at stuplan@med.mit.edu or by phone at 617-253-1322 (8:30 am to 5 pm EST).

Estimate of Expenses

Below is an outline of expenses that graduate students can expect. There are fixed expenses as well as variable expenses. All variable amounts are estimates and are based on a 9-month academic year from September through May. Actual expenses may vary. Additional information about graduate student expenses can be found in Management Your Budget section of the Student Financial Services web site <https://sfs.mit.edu/manage-your-money/budgeting/how-to-budget/>

Nine-Month Academic Year Expenses (2021-22)

Fixed Expenses

Tuition: \$55,550 (\$27,775/term)

Student Activity Fee: \$368 (\$184/term)

Student Medical Plan: \$0

Student Extended Health Insurance Plan: \$3,269 in AY21, new rate for AY22 to be announced (approx. 3% increase)

Variable Expenses

The International Students Office estimates the additional expenses at \$3,000 per month. Additional expenses include: Meals, housing, books and supplies, utilities that may not be included in rent (i.e., heat, water, gas, electricity, Internet, cable TV), local transportation, and personal expenses.

Financial Aid

Financial support for graduate students at MIT may take the form of research assistantships, teaching assistantships, fellowships, scholarships, grants and/or other forms of employment such as working as a resident tutor in an undergraduate residence. Financial aid packages from the Department of Architecture were included in the letter of admissions as well as financial aid information for M.Arch, SMArchS, and SMACT students.

The MIT student Financial Services Office (SFS) assists students in applying for aid. U.S. graduate students are eligible for federal loans and student employment under the Federal Work Study Program. International graduate students are eligible for student loans from private sources and should consult a SFS counselor before applying for one. The recommended deadline to receive an anticipated financial aid credit for your fall bill is June 1. Go to the SFS website for more information and the link to the Graduate Loan Application and the FAFSA form. <https://sfs.mit.edu/graduate-students/guide/loans/>

Graduate Orientation

Orientation events are organized by MIT's Graduate Student Council (GSC) and the Department of Architecture. Graduate orientation begins Sunday, August 29. The schedule of events will be posted on the Architecture Fall Preparation web site over the summer. Registration Day is September 7, and classes begin on Wednesday, September 8. Here is the link to the 2021-22 Registrar's academic calendar. <https://registrar.mit.edu/calendar/next>

English Evaluation Test (EET)

The Institute requires all entering international graduate students to take the EET if their primary language of instruction has not been English from the age of six through high school. The EET is scheduled on Tuesday, August 31, from 9 am to 12 noon. The exam identifies weaknesses in the academic English that may interfere with coursework, teaching and research at MIT.

A student does not need to take the EET if they have attended all schooling from the age of six in English. Many students from India, Malaysia, Singapore and other Asian countries, as well as African and Caribbean countries such as South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana and St. Lucia fall into this category.

International students who would normally be required to take the EET but have already done undergraduate or Master's degrees at MIT may waive the EET requirement. Contact Cynthia Stewart by email at stewart@mit.edu if you have any questions about taking the EET.

Pre-Registration and Registration

Incoming students register for classes on Registration Day, Tuesday, September 7, 2021. The registration process is online. Your Registration Officer will be confirmed during orientation week. New students are not eligible to pre-register and there won't be any problem registering for the classes in the fall.

Office of Graduate Education

The Office of Graduate Education (OGE) mission “is to provide Institute-wide support and to serve students, faculty, and staff to make graduate education at MIT empowering, exciting, holistic, and transformative.” Visit the OGE website for information student support and development, policies and procedures, student finances, grad diversity and the graduate community including graduate families. <https://oge.mit.edu>

Resources at MIT

MIT has a wealth of resources for students, and has created a single website to find them. Visit <https://resources.mit.edu>

Contact Information

Questions? Contact arch@mit.edu