

Resources and logistical information for Admitted Students

Onboarding

You will be prompted to create an MIT Kerberos account and MIT email account once you accept your offer of admission. Further instructions about creating an account can be found online at ist.mit.edu/accounts.

The Office of Graduate Education Admissions link (<https://oge.mit.edu/graduate-admissions/admitted-student-resources/>) contains access to medical forms, as well as housing, financial and international student information you will be able to access with your MIT Kerberos ID. As you begin your planning, you'll find it useful to have your MIT ID number, which can be found on your admit letter. More information can be found under "Setting up & preparing for campus life" here: <https://oge.mit.edu/community-belonging/graduate-student-orientation/>.

The WHOI onboarding process, including access to Workday, our People Operations system, and email, will begin around May 1st for a summer term start and August 1st for a fall term start. Once you have communicated with your advisor and have a confirmed start date, please notify us by email at jp-info@mit.edu. Once we have your start date, the onboarding process at WHOI will begin.

MIT-WHOI Joint Program-Specific Transportation and Housing Logistics

Special transportation and videoconferencing equipment arranged by MIT and WHOI make it possible to attend classes at either institution. There is a bus that runs from MIT to WHOI on Tuesdays and Thursdays, primarily to accommodate first- and second-year students with labs at WHOI while they are taking classes at MIT. There is no direct bus from WHOI to MIT at this time, but eligible students can request reimbursement for travel expenses via a commercial bus or personal vehicle.

Additional information about student life and the parent institutions may be found on our website: www.mit.who.edu;

Transient housing policies are described at <https://mit.who.edu/academics/policies/housing/>,

Travel reimbursement policies are described at: <https://mit.who.edu/academics/policies/joint-program-intercampus-travel-reimbursement/>.

Tuition and Fees

Information regarding tuition and fees can be found here: <https://registrar.mit.edu/registration-academics/tuition-fees>.

- Please note, the Student Life Fee is paid personally by students unless they are supported by a fellowship that provides coverage.

Additional assistance regarding graduate financial aid can be found through Student Financial Services: <https://sfs.mit.edu/graduate-students/>

Compensation and Cost of Living

MIT and WHOI want to give applicants a realistic assessment of the costs associated with a graduate education. Living costs in the Cambridge and Greater Boston area are among the highest in the United States, and housing is very limited in and around Woods Hole. MIT and WHOI cannot assume financial responsibility for its students beyond any funding offered at the time of admission, or during a student's time in the Joint Program.

Many graduate students are eligible to receive one or more forms of financial assistance in the course of their degree programs. These may include appointments to the research or teaching staffs, employment as a resident tutor in an undergraduate residence, loans, or selection as a recipient of one of various internally funded competitive fellowships. More information on funding types can be found here:

<https://oge.mit.edu/gpp/funding-compensation/>

Examples of estimated expenses that graduate students can expect when attending MIT can be found here:

<https://oge.mit.edu/graduate-admissions/costs-funding/estimated-living-expenses-for-12-months/>.

More detailed information on the cost of living in the Cambridge and Greater Boston area can be explored on websites such as the [MIT Living Wage calculator](#) or the [Economic Policy Institute's Family Budget Calculator](#). When estimating your budget, please remember to include the impact of taxes. Federal and state taxes will differ for each individual but can total as much as 14–30% of a student's stipend or salary.

Health Fees / Student Health Plan

All MIT students are eligible for the MIT Student Medical Plan, which covers most services at MIT Medical in full. The cost of the plan is covered by payment of tuition, or if applicable, covered by an award or appointment.

Full-time students are also automatically enrolled in the MIT Student Health Insurance Plan (MIT SHIP), which provides comprehensive coverage and meets state health insurance requirements. Students may waive this coverage with comparable insurance. The plan starts on September 1st and runs through August 31st of the following year. Additional details can be found here: <https://medical.mit.edu/health-plans>.

Students can additionally choose to enroll in MIT's graduate student dental plan. Dental plan and other benefit information may be found here: <https://oge.mit.edu/finances-employment/graduate-student-benefits/>.

Important Dates

A full list of important Institute-wide dates can be found on the academic calendar: <https://registrar.mit.edu/calendar>. MIT-WHOI Joint Program-specific dates are listed below:

- **March 9-10:** Open House
- **April 15:** Decision Deadline (for students admitted by March 31)
- **Early June – mid-August:** Approximate dates of Summer Session (see summer letter for exact WHOI and MIT dates.)

Handbooks

- MIT-WHOI JP Discipline Handbooks: <https://mit.who.edu/academics/handbooks/>
- MIT's Code of Academic Integrity: <http://integrity.mit.edu/>
- MIT's Code of Conduct is detailed in the Mind and Handbook: <https://handbook.mit.edu/intro>
- MIT's Rules and Regulations of the faculty: <https://facultygovernance.mit.edu/faculty-rules-page>
- WHOI's Code of Conduct: <https://www.who.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Code-of-Conduct-Policy.pdf>

Community Resources

- MIT Values Statement: <https://www.mit.edu/values/>

- MIT's support resources: <https://idhr.mit.edu/> against bias, discrimination, harassment, and sexual and related misconduct.
- MIT Spouses and Partners Connect: <https://spouses.mit.edu>
- Office of Graduate Education (OGE): <https://oge.mit.edu>