

# President Reif's July 7 Email + FAQ

**“We will offer each student, whether remote or on-campus, a paid undergraduate research, teaching or service opportunity, with a stipend up to \$1,900.”**

**Q:** *Will students be expected to work as part of their financial aid award this year?*

**A:** Yes, but recognizing that securing employment opportunities could be more difficult, MIT has developed remote research, public service, and teaching experiences that will provide every undergraduate student a guaranteed paid opportunity next year. These experiential learning opportunities will be available to every undergraduate student, whether remote or in person, through programs such as UROP, UTOP, MISTI, PKG, Open Learning, or Sandbox.

# What Kinds of Opportunities Will Be Eligible for Funding?

Institute funding is available to support student opportunities that meet most of the following criteria:

1. **Hands-on Approach:** opportunity to apply learning in real-world context
2. **Rigorous Academic Content/Focus:** student learning at the forefront with clear learning outcomes connected to academic and/or professional goals
3. **Dedicated and Expert Guidance/Supervision:** faculty, grad students, partner agency staff, etc.
4. **Meaningful Intensity and Duration:** at least 80 hours and up to 140 hours (Fall +/-or IAP)
5. **Reflection and Evaluation:** critical reflection incorporated into the project; plan to measure learning/impact

Special consideration for opportunities focused on:

- a) **first-year students** (cohort-based and year-long programs); and/or
- b) **social change** (e.g., COVID response, racial justice, climate change).

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## **Request for Proposals**

1. Describe opportunities and how they meets the criteria above
2. Estimate # of opportunities created/students served
3. Budget request: please show amount leveraged from other internal or external funds
  - a. **Direct student support**
  - b. **Other costs: program capacity, supplies and equipment**
  - c. **Leveraged funds**
4. Estimate (if possible) of expected spring opportunities

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## **Timeline**

- RFP released on Monday, July 13
- Proposals due by 5pm on Wednesday, July 22
- Committee Review: July 22-29
- Fall/IAP funding decisions announced no later than July 30

*Future funding cycles for Spring 2021 and DIY student proposals*

# Other Issues

- **Student Payment and Reporting/Tracking**
  - Tracking which students have used their “guarantee”
  - Wage vs stipend; paid centrally vs at department level
  - Remote International Student Appointments Process
- **Teaching Assistant Positions**
- **Programming to Build Awareness, Skills, and Community**
  - Teaching and Learning
  - Innovation and Entrepreneurship
  - Social Impact/Public Service
  - Research
- **Outreach and Communications**