

Announcing a new program for undergrads. Please disseminate. Thank you!

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Dear Deans,

The MIT Climate and Sustainability Consortium (MCSC) is in the process of launching our Climate and Sustainability Scholars program. I am writing to gather faculty interest in supervising an advanced UROP for the 2022-23 academic year as a part of the Climate and Sustainability Scholars Program, and I hope you can help in getting the word out. Briefly, the <u>MCSC Scholars program</u> is modeled after the <u>SuperUROP</u> program where more in depth, year-long UROPs are paired with a 6-unit class each semester to support the communication and domain content. Development of this new program has been a wonderful team effort, but I would like to call special attention to the tremendous efforts of Professors Elsa Olivetti and Desiree Plata.

The MCSC will be pitching this new program to Juniors and Seniors that we accept into the program for the fall. These students have a year-long research experience on a climate/sustainability topics with a faculty advisor and work toward producing publication worthy results. Students are fully funded by MCSC for the academic year for these projects. Students enroll in the subject Climate.UAR (currently listed as 1.UAR/3.UAR/12.UAR/15.UAR, with cross listing in progress with 5, 10, and 22) for weekly meetings with all Climate and Sustainability Scholars across the Institute (the PIs don't need to attend those!).

I ask that you please forward this opportunity within your Schools and the College.

Faculty should write to mcsc@mit.edu by April 30th if they are interested in

supervising a student for the coming academic year. We will begin pairing the students with projects in early May after we review applications and notify the selected cohort.

We are eager to collaborate with you on this and engage all dimensions of campus in undergraduate efforts on climate and sustainability!

Best,

Jeff