

Partner with MIT through MISTI

MISTI internship hosts and partners have a variety of opportunities to build lasting connections with members of the MIT community. Companies and labs that host MIT interns enjoy the fresh perspective, ideas, and enthusiasm our students bring. We've also developed a number of other ways you can partner with MIT and/or sponsor MISTI programs.

Host an MIT student

MISTI host companies and labs provide MIT students with pivotal personal and professional experiences. How it works:

- Working closely with our host partners, MISTI program managers recruit MIT students and match them with a host and project.
- Projects are designed to align the skills and interests of the student with the needs of the host.
- MISTI prepares the students and arranges all logistics.
- Internships can last three to 12 months and occur throughout the year, though most are three-month summer internships.
- When possible, hosts provide a stipend to cover internship costs.

MISTI Corporate Consortium

MISTI Corporate Consortium members have access to a deeper MIT partnership. Every corporate partner relationship is customized to meet the specific, intersecting needs of the organization and MIT. Sponsor benefits include:

- Tailored access to globally-aware MIT student talent
- Individualized recruiting for internships and full-time positions
- Customized outreach and recruitment events on campus
- Exclusive access to resume book of top MIT student profiles
- Workshops and seminars with MIT faculty and researchers
- Other benefits customized to meet the needs of the partner

Support MISTI

Your support makes MISTI possible. Contact MISTI or visit MIT's giving page to learn more: giving.mit.edu.

Expendable Contribution

A \$10,000 gift would enable us to fund at least 1 student.

A \$100,000 gift would enable us to fund 10 students.

A major gift commitment of \$500,000 over five years would fund at least 10 students per year.

Endowment

A \$250,000 endowment would fully fund at least one MIT student in perpetuity.

A \$1M endowment would ensure a cluster of students in perpetuity. These funded internships could be focused on specific fields (i.e. energy, water and the environment).

A transformational endowment of \$5M would support training, teaching, internships and on-campus programming. This level of support would secure the capacity to run a country-specific program in perpetuity.

MISTI

MIT INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES (MISTI)

MISTI works with MIT students, faculty, and international partners and sponsors to build strong intercultural connections, advance crucial research with global implications, and help MIT students develop into world leaders capable of shaping the future.

MISTI supports MIT's educational mission by creating hands-on, international learning experiences for MIT students that are related to their course of study. The program bolsters the Institute's research mission by promoting collaborations between MIT faculty members and their counterparts abroad, and advances MIT's outreach efforts through partnerships with foreign companies, universities and research institutions, especially those that serve as hosts for MISTI students and faculty.

Founded in 1994, MISTI has placed more than 6,000 MIT undergrads and graduate students with internship, teaching and research opportunities around the world. MISTI's faculty program, the Global Seed Fund (GSF), enables participating teams to collaborate with international peers, either at MIT or abroad, with the aim of developing and launching joint research projects.

MISTI is comprised of 19 programs in the following locations: Africa, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, Spain and Switzerland. MISTI is a program in MIT's School for Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (SHASS).



Student programs

Internships

MISTI’s award-winning international internship program provides a one-of-a-kind, world-class experience for MIT students: the opportunity to gain real-life work experience in leading companies and labs around the world. Each year MISTI matches hundreds of MIT students with professional internship, teaching and research opportunities in over nineteen locations. Students prepare for their experiences abroad through MIT language and culture courses and intensive preparation sessions developed by MISTI’s managers. Internship projects are tailored to align with the students’ skills and the needs of the host institution. The program is open to all MIT students —both undergraduate and graduate — and is cost-neutral for the student.

“THE RESEARCH I CONDUCTED THROUGH MISTI FORMED THE FOUNDATION OF MY MASTER’S THESIS ON THE DISSEMINATION OF LIFE-IMPROVING TECHNOLOGIES, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE FRAMEWORKS FOR ESSMART.”

-Diana Jue, MIT Materials Science and Engineering, 2009
Founded Essmart, a distribution system that brings life-improving technologies to people in India

Teaching

MISTI’s groundbreaking experiential teaching programs give MIT students the opportunity to learn through teaching. Through **MISTI Global Teaching Labs**, students teach STEM subjects and entrepreneurship at high schools and universities across the globe. Since 2009 over 300 students have traveled abroad to teach over MIT’s Independent Activities Period (IAP) in January.

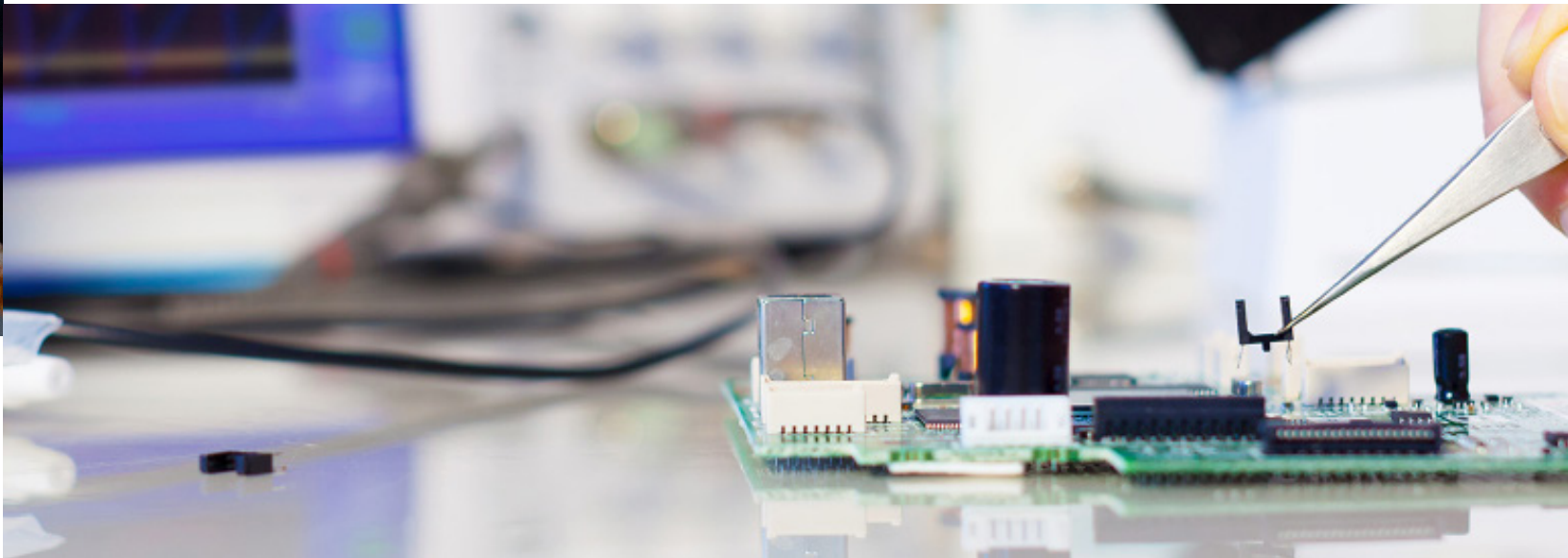
MISTI offers three additional teaching programs for MIT undergrads and graduate students.

- **Global Startup Labs:** Student teams teach mobile app development and incubate technologies among budding university student entrepreneurs around the world.
- **MIT-CETI:** This MIT student-initiated and-managed program prepares MIT students to introduce academic, cross cultural, and professional content at universities in China.
- **MIT-MEET:** Students teach technology, business and leadership to Israeli and Palestinian high school students in Jerusalem.

Faculty funds

MISTI Global Seed Funds

The MISTI Global Seed Funds grant program supports early-stage collaborations between MIT researchers and their counterparts around the globe. Many of the funded projects lead to publications, additional grant awards, and the development of valuable long-term relationships between international researchers and MIT faculty and students. Tangible outcomes reported by grantees, including papers published, grants obtained, and new career paths for students, point to seed funds as a practical, cost-effective way to spur international research collaboration from the ground up.



MISTIGSF comprises a general fund for projects in any country and several country funds with their own requirements. MISTI also manages the MIT-Imperial College London Seed Fund, created through a partnership between the MIT Office of the Provost and Imperial College London in 2015. Since 2008, MISTI GSF program has awarded over \$11.7 million to 563 projects. Winning teams use grant funds to cover international travel, meeting and workshop costs. Faculty are encouraged to include MIT students in their projects.

Currently MISTI offers country-specific funds in Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico and Peru.

"THE IDEAS INITIALLY PROPOSED FOR THIS MIT-FRANCE PROJECT HAVE SINCE EVOLVED INTO A LARGE SCALE PROJECT THAT WAS FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION."

- Pedro Reis
Gilbert W. Winslow CD Associate Professor,
MIT Civil and Environmental Engineering

"WE WERE RECENTLY AWARDED \$2,340,000 BY THE NIH TO PURSUE THE PROJECT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE ABSENCE OF MISTI SEED FUND SUPPORT."

- Matthew D. Shoulders
Assistant Professor, MIT Chemistry