

Subject: The Search for the next MIT President!

Dear Graduate Students,

For the first time in our history, there will be a graduate student member on the **MIT Presidential Search Committee!** This committee will be formed in order to lead the search for the next MIT President. We feel that it is very important to have a graduate student voice in the selection process, so we are reaching out to you to apply for this role.

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) will assist the MIT Corporation to administer the student selection process. The Corporation's five recent graduate members, the Chair of the MIT Corporation, and the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee will oversee choosing the student members.

Written applications to serve on the MIT Presidential Search Committee are [open from today until Tuesday, 5 April at 11:59 PM](#). Following the written application, shortlisted candidates will have a brief interview with the GSC Nominations Board and then if chosen, with select members of the Corporation's five recent graduate members, the Chair of the MIT Corporation, and the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. **Candidates must be available to interview on Friday 8 April and Saturday 9 April with recent graduate members of the Corporation** should the GSC Nominations Board move them forward in the process.

The Presidential Search Committee aims to convene a committee with a diverse set of backgrounds; student members will be selected based on the following **criteria**:

- Track record of service and involvement within the MIT community
- Deep understanding of MIT's wide range of opportunities, challenges, and strategic issues
- Capable of connecting and communicating with a wide range of stakeholders
- Able to maintain confidentiality throughout the search process
- Available to attend weekly meetings over many months, including 2-to-3-hour meetings every Monday, interview days on Saturdays, and trips to meet thought leaders in higher education
- Enrolled as a student through Fall 2022

We encourage all interested students to apply, and want to emphasize that the application [form](#) is intended for us to get a good understanding of your motivation to join the committee—the application answers need not be refined pieces of writing but should reflect your thoughts about the Institute.

Please reach out to gsc-vp@mit.edu in case of any questions!

Best Regards,
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