



Looking for funding for a service project? The PKG Center has many potential resources for you, but we are not the only show in town. This document highlights some MIT internal resources that students have used to fund service projects and selected external opportunities that are primarily for budding social entrepreneurs. Please check the websites for details and current information – things may have changed since we compiled this!

Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center Resources

LEAP Grants

<http://web.mit.edu/mitpsc/whatwedo/grants/index.html>

LEAP Grants support MIT students' public service activities. LEAP Grant funding can help you carry out a service project such as a volunteer day or philanthropy event. LEAP Grants can also help you learn about service and social responsibility or build your skills to tackle a community challenge.

LEAP Grants are not intended to provide comprehensive support. They typically cover one type of expense such as materials, transportation, or conference registrations. LEAP Grants may also cover a combination of expenses at a modest level.

Award amount: Typically between \$50 and \$1,000, depending on the nature of the service project.

Deadline: The fall 2015 and IAP 2016 deadlines for submission are the following dates at noon: September 14, October, November 2, and November 30

Fellowships

<http://web.mit.edu/mitpsc/whatwedo/internshipsandfellowships/index.html>

The Fellowships program supports MIT students working on capacity-building service projects around the world. Fellows and Interns work with community-focused organizations such as non-profits, government offices, international aid agencies, schools, grassroots groups, student-initiated service enterprises and even for-profit businesses if the business is using a social-entrepreneurship model to address the needs of an under-served community. Students in these programs receive a stipend for their work, which typically goes towards living and travel expenses.

Award amount: Varies

Deadline: Applications for IAP 2016 Fellowships are due Friday, October 23rd, at noon. Applications for semester-time Fellowships and Internships can be submitted at any time.

IDEAS Global Challenge

<http://web.mit.edu/mitpsc/whatwedo/ideas-competition/index.html>

MIT IDEAS Global Challenge, a program of the Public Service Center, is an annual invention and entrepreneurship competition that awards up to \$10,000 per team for innovative service projects that positively impact underserved communities. Through IDEAS - which stands for Innovation,

Development, Enterprise, Action, and Service - teams of MIT students and their collaborators work with a community partner to design and implement innovative projects that improve the quality of life in communities around the world. Since its founding in 2001, IDEAS has awarded nearly \$500,000 to more than 90 teams to make their ideas a reality.

Award amount: up to \$10,000 per team

Deadline: There are a few different times for submissions. Please check program website.

Community Service Work Study

<http://web.mit.edu/mitpsc/whatwedo/work-study/>

Community Service Work-Study is an opportunity for MIT students to earn a paycheck while giving back to the community. Students who qualify for Federal work-study are able to add to their work experience, hone their skills, and explore a career while assisting nonprofit organizations with finding creative solutions to the problems they face.

Award amount: Check program website.

Deadline: Applications for IAP Community Service Work-Study positions will be accepted until December 23, 2015.

Internal MIT Resources

\$10,000-15,000 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize

<http://lemelson.mit.edu/studentprize>

The prestigious Lemelson-MIT Student Prize serves as a catalyst to help today's young inventors rise into tomorrow's technological and entrepreneurial leaders. It is awarded annually to an inventive graduate student or team of undergraduate students focusing on healthcare and consumer technologies. Publicity around the award can lead to invaluable exposure to science, business, and investment communities. Past winners and finalists include Amy Smith, who invented low-tech devices that address problems in developing countries; Nathan Ball, who invented life-saving technologies such as a device for rapid vertical mobility; and Aviva Presser for her work with microbial fuel cell technology. The Lemelson-MIT Program recognizes outstanding inventors, encourages sustainable new solutions to real-world problems, and enables and inspires young people to pursue creative lives and careers through invention.

Award amount: \$10,000 (undergraduate teams) or \$15,000 (graduate students)

Deadline: October 13, 2015

\$100k Competition

<http://mit100k.org/>

The MIT \$100K Entrepreneurship Competition is designed to encourage students and researchers in the MIT community to act on their talent, ideas and energy to produce tomorrow's leading firms. Now in its 25th year, the Competition has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and business startup services to outstanding teams of student entrepreneurs who submitted business plans for new ventures showing significant business potential in areas ranging from cutting edge technology to

social, economic and environmental development. The MIT \$100K has specific tracks to pitch, accelerate and launch innovative ideas through, including developing markets, energy, life science, mobile, products & services, and web/IT.

Award amount: Up to \$100,000

Deadline: Applications due December 3, 2015 at Midnight

Aga Khan Travel Grants

<https://akpia.mit.edu/travel-grants/>

The Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at MIT awards summer and IAP travel grants to all graduate students and to undergraduate students who are preparing an Optional Senior Thesis in the MIT School of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Applicants should be in the thesis preparation stage of their program. Topics must be primarily focused on some part of the Islamic world or an Islamic community. Comparative research that includes some part of the Islamic world is also welcome. Theses requiring research in an archive or collection with holdings related to the Islamic world, past or present, are also eligible.

Four to five grants are awarded yearly. Award recipients must complete their travel either in the Summer or IAP. Depending on their travel completion, they must present their research at an AKPIA sponsored event during the following academic year. A final report on the research will also be required.

Award amount: The maximum for each grant is \$3,000. The AKPIA award may be combined with other sources of funding if necessary. AKPIA reserves the right to prorate its award when combined with another grant or fellowship.

Deadline: February 29, 2016

CAMIT (Council for the Arts at MIT) Grants

<http://arts.mit.edu/opportunities/grants/>

The Grants Committee supports projects that offer MIT community members opportunities to create, participate in, and learn about the arts. Students who are currently receiving academic credit from MIT, currently employed MIT staff and faculty are eligible to apply for Grants Program funding; applicants may submit proposals individually or on behalf of a group or organization. A grants committee, composed of CAMIT members, evaluates these competitive applications and recommends funding. Applicants are encouraged to discuss projects with a staff member before submitting an application; first-time applicants are REQUIRED to meet with CAMIT staff to discuss the project.

Award amount: Awards range from hundreds to thousands of dollars.

Deadlines: *Check Website Three Different sets of application deadlines*

For 2015-2016 School Year

First Round (event cannot take place or project cannot be started before November 11, 2015)

Application Deadline— Friday, September 25, 2015

Interview & Committee Review – Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Second Round (event cannot take place or project cannot be started before March 23, 2016)
Application Deadline— Friday, February 12, 2016
Interview & Committee Review – Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Third Round (event cannot take place or project cannot be started before May 22, 2016)
Application Deadline— Friday, April 8, 2016
Interview & Committee Review – Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Funded projects must be completed within six months after the release of funds.

Carroll L. Wilson Award

<https://gecd.mit.edu/go-abroad/distinguished-fellowships/carroll-l-wilson>

The new focus of the Carroll L. Wilson Award is to provide an opportunity for one or more recent MIT undergraduates to pursue a challenging international activity that would have excited the interest and enthusiasm of Carroll Wilson. His broad-ranging interests are described in a February/March 1985 Technology Review article and in the Institute archives.

Award amount: \$25,000 base award

Deadline: March 5, 2015

Graduate Student Life Grants

<http://odge.mit.edu/community/gslg/>

The Graduate Student Life Grants program is a request-for-proposal process inviting graduate students, spouses, faculty, or staff to submit creative, community building ideas for possible funding. The Grants provide a unique opportunity to enhance graduate student life at the Institute with experiences outside the classroom and lab.

Award Amount: Varies

Deadline: The proposal deadline for the 2015-2016 academic year is Friday, October 16, 2015.

Grants for Educational Innovation

<http://due.mit.edu/initiatives/grants-educational-innovation>

In today's increasingly fast-moving, complex, and competitive world, the need for flexibility and creativity in teaching and learning is crucial. DUE manages the distribution of two curriculum development funds which have been key in providing resources to MIT faculty to initiate innovative educational projects that enrich student learning:

- [The d'Arbelloff Fund for Excellence in Education](#) supports innovation in teaching and curriculum design that enhances and potentially transforms the educational experience of MIT's undergraduate students
- [The Alumni Class Funds](#) provides seed money for new, "high risk" initiatives that encourage creative curriculum and teaching changes, improve the quality of teaching, and enrich the learning experience, including the imaginative use of technology and applications.

Awards Amounts: Varies

Deadlines: Check program website

The Kelly-Douglas IAP and Summer Traveling Fellowships

<http://web.mit.edu/kdfund/fellowship/>

An important dimension of the Kelly-Douglas Fund is the support for and encouragement of undergraduate education in the humanities, arts and social sciences. We believe that travel outside MIT to pursue an independent project in an HASS field, or to collaborate in a humanitarian project, can have a powerful and lasting effect on students. To this end, a portion of the Fund is reserved for Traveling Fellowships for MIT pursuing an endeavor of their own devising either during IAP or the Summer.

Award amount: The maximum level of support offered by the Fund is \$1,500. However, since the Board seeks to assist as many students as possible, grants are often for smaller amounts.

Deadlines: For IAP 2016: November 11, 2015. For Summer 2016: Check program website

ODGE Fellowships

<http://web.mit.edu/odge/finances/fellowships/odgefellowships.html>

The ODGE administers a number of endowed fellowships through an annual competition in March, many of which have unique restrictions. All nominations (both for new awards and for renewal requests) must be submitted by the departmental graduate office on behalf of the student. A complete listing of fellowships are on the website.

Award amount: Tuition + Student health insurance plan + stipend per month (Check program website for details)

Deadline: Early March 2016

PON Summer Fellowships

<http://www.pon.harvard.edu/category/students/pon-summer-fellowships/>

PON offers fellowship grants to students at Harvard University, MIT, Tufts University and other Boston-area schools who are doing internships or undertaking summer research projects in negotiation and dispute resolution in partnership with public, non-profit or academic organizations. The Summer Fellowship Program's emphasis is on advancing the links between scholarship and practice in negotiation and dispute resolution by supporting students interested in exploring career paths, either professional or academic, in this field. Through this program, PON hopes to prepare students to assume leadership positions in the field of negotiation and dispute resolution, to forge new links between our academic community and worldwide organizations involved in the practice of negotiation and dispute resolution, and to encourage students to reach for opportunities that would otherwise not be available to them due to financial constraints.

Award amount: maximum grant is \$3500

Deadline: March 21, 2016

Peter J. Eloranta Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships

<http://web.mit.edu/eloranta/>

The Peter J. Eloranta Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships are awarded each spring to MIT undergraduates who have submitted proposals to conduct novel research or further develop innovative ideas, devices, prototypes, etc. The Eloranta Summer Fellowship Committee makes the award based on its review of submitted proposals. In making awards, the selection committee looks for proposals with a WOW quality: Well-written, Original, and Workable. Each individual fellowship is \$6,000 and may be used to cover project materials and services costs, travel, and/or living expenses.

Award amount: Check program website

Deadline: April 1, 2016

Legatum Fellowships

<http://legatum.mit.edu/fellowship>

The Legatum Center seeks entrepreneurs who aspire to have a lasting and positive economic impact on low-income countries by developing their own entrepreneurial ideas and building their own local enterprises. The Center's approach is intensely practical. Recognizing that even the best innovations can be rendered useless if not distributed effectively, we work closely with our Fellows to design not just innovative products and services, but also workable, affordable, and sustainable business distribution methods.

Award amount: The scholarship amount awarded to each new Fellow is determined by several factors, including the number of new Fellows and the pool of funding available for that academic year. In general, funds awarded have ranged from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for the length of the Fellowship.

Deadline: April 15, 2016

Tau Beta Pi Service and Engineering Fellowships

<http://web.mit.edu/tbp/www/fellowships.shtml>

TBP is looking to sponsor students wishing to pursue a service engineering project during IAP 2016. The purpose of this program is to support students who seek to apply their engineering and technological understanding to better society, both domestic and abroad. Successful fellows should be prepared to guide a student-led project that can leave behind lasting, sustainable benefits for a community. The work may be arranged with non-governmental or inter-governmental organizations and other community-conscious groups. Students of all disciplines are welcome.

Award amount: Check program website

Deadline: November 6, 2015

UROP/International Research Opportunities (IROP)

<http://web.mit.edu/UROP/>

<http://web.mit.edu/UROP/basicinfo/irop/index.html>

UROP offers the chance to work on cutting edge research—whether you join established research projects or pursue your own ideas. As UROPers, undergraduates participate in each phase of standard research activity: developing research plans, writing proposals, conducting research, analyzing data and presenting research results in oral and written form. UROP projects take place during the academic year, as well as over the summer, and research can be done in any academic

department or interdisciplinary laboratory. Projects can last for an entire semester, and many continue for a year or more.

IROP is designed for MIT undergraduates who want to conduct faculty mentored research in an international setting. These overseas research opportunities provide many of the same benefits offered through conventional study abroad experiences - including the chance to connect with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds who share similar intellectual goals. In addition, IROP experiences help students enhance communication and leadership skills and refine collaborative and decision-making skills, while increasing understanding and awareness of ethical issues.

Award amount: Check program website

Deadline: several deadlines depending on funding and time of project; please see link: <http://web.mit.edu/UROP/basicinfo/deadlines.html>

Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming Class of 2010 Summer Housing Grants
http://web.mit.edu/uaap/summer_grants.html

The purpose of this fund to provide MIT students who are participating in an unpaid or underpaid internship/volunteer opportunity over the summer with a small grant of up to \$1,000 to subsidize summer housing expenses.

When establishing the Fund, the Class of 2010 intended to provide some support to students who elect to participate in a summer internship or volunteer experience without regard to wages.

The student may not be participating in a summer work-study sponsored position, or a summer UROP for pay.

Amount: up to \$1,000

Deadline: The Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming (UAAP) will begin accepting online grant applications for Summer 2016 in February. Check program website for updates.

MIT OpenCourseWare
<http://ocw.mit.edu>

21W.011 Writing and Rhetoric: Rhetoric and Contemporary Issues
Fall 2015

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