Community Innovation Fund Spring 2023 Application

To inspire creative approaches for how to elevate and celebrate the MIT Values, we invite anyone in the community to submit a proposal below to the next cycle of the Community Innovation Fund.

**Project Title**

**Requested Amount (Maximum amount: $10,000)**

**Short Description of the project (please concisely describe your project in about 50 words of less)**

I have attended a mandatory information session or met with MHH staff to discuss my proposal.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**About You**

Your First Name

Your Last Name
Kerberos ID

Preferred Email

Phone number

MIT Affiliation

Course and Year

Department/Lab/Center:

Student Organization:

SAO Account number or Cost Object
(if unsure, enter "n/a"):

Do you have support of your department/organization to carry out this project?

- Yes
- No
If you are planning a project in an MIT residence, have you received approval from your Head of House to complete the project?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Are you working with other members of the MIT community on this project?

- [ ] Yes (include who)
- [ ] Maybe (include who you hope to collaborate with)
- [ ] No

**Block 2**

Who is the target audience for these activities? Approximately how many MIT community members will your project impact?

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How do you plan to carry out your project?

(To help frame your answer, think about the specific resources, tasks, and activities you would need to reach your goal. Please be detailed enough to show that you have given some thought to what planning and preparation would be required for your project. Please also include a timeline for this work plan.)

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What makes your project innovative?
What MIT Value(s) does your project aim to address? (click all that apply)

☐ **Excellence and Curiosity**
  ◦ We strive for the highest standards of integrity, and intellectual and creative excellence. We seek new knowledge and practical impact, in service to the nation and the world.
  ◦ We prize originality, ingenuity, honesty, and boldness. We love discovery and exploration, invention and making. We delight in the full spectrum of human wisdom.
  ◦ Drawing strength from MIT’s distinctive roots, we believe in learning by doing, and we blur the boundaries between disciplines as we seek to solve hard problems. Embracing the unconventional, we welcome quirkiness, nerdiness, creative irreverence and play.
  ◦ We accept the risk of failing as a rung on the ladder of growth. With fearless curiosity, we question our assumptions, look outward, and learn from others.

☐ **Openness and Respect**
  ◦ We champion the open sharing of information and ideas.
  ◦ Because learning is nourished by a diversity of views, we cherish free expression, debate, and dialogue in pursuit of truth – and we commit to using these tools with respect for each other and our community.
  ◦ We strive to be transparent and worthy of each other’s trust – and we challenge ourselves to face difficult facts, speak plainly about failings in our systems, and work to overcome them.
  ◦ We take special care not to overlook bad behavior or disrespect on the grounds of great accomplishment, talent, or power.

☐ **Belonging and Community**
  ◦ We strive to make our community a humane and welcoming place where people from a diverse range of backgrounds can grow and thrive – and where we all feel that we belong.
  ◦ We know that attending to our own and each other’s wellbeing in mind, body, and spirit is essential. We believe that decency, kindness, respect, and compassion for each other as human beings are signs of strength.
  ◦ Valuing potential over pedigree, we know that talent and good ideas can come from anywhere – and we value one another’s contributions in every role.
  ◦ Together we possess uncommon strengths, and we shoulder the responsibility to use them with wisdom and care for humanity and the natural world.

Explain how your project is addressing the MIT value(s) you selected above:
Describe the changes or improvements you hope to see as a result of your project.

(To help frame your project objectives, please complete the following sentences: a) “If minimally successful, this project will result in X.” b) “If optimally successful, this project will result in Y.”)

How would you define and measure success for this project?

Is there additional information you would like the committee to consider?

Program Target Date:
February 2023
Budget (please upload a detailed copy of your budget and have the file saved as "your project title.budget")

Any additional materials (please have the file saved as "your project title.additional")

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