



METEOR Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What are the citizenship requirements for this program?

A. An applicant must be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident (green card holder) or DACA recipient.

Q. Up to how many years after graduation from a PhD program can an applicant still be eligible to apply to this postdoctoral fellowship program?

A. Up to 5 years.

Q. By when must an applicant's PhD degree be completed?

A. In general, by September 1, 2023. Consideration will be given for candidates who will complete their degrees later, provided it is no later than the end of 2023.

Q. Are MIT PhD students and postdocs eligible to apply?

A. Yes

Q. What areas of research experience are required?

A. Research areas must have synergy with those of CSAIL researchers, but these are quite broad and frequently interdisciplinary. Examples include but are not limited to engineering, physics, math, legal issues, public policy, comparative media studies, ethics, and more.

Q. Is an applicant required to indicate a CSAIL research mentor with whom they would like to be matched?

A. This is entirely optional. There is a section on the application where one can note this.

Q. What is the funding amount per fellow?

A. Compensation will be competitive with comparable MIT postdoctoral fellowship programs.

Q. Fellowships are for one year, with the possibility of renewal for a second year. What are the criteria for renewal for a second year?

A. Renewals are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. We expect the vast majority of requests for renewals will be granted.

Q. Will fellows in this program be expected to perform more DEI-related service than is typical for other postdoctoral fellows at MIT?

A. No. We expect all members of CSAIL to be thoughtful about how DEI meshes with their research and community, but the overarching goal of the program is to enable exceptional researchers to do exceptional research.