Imperial-MIT International Research Opportunities Programme (IROP) Information Sheet

A summer exchange programme offered by Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Imperial College London. Under the framework of the programme, undergraduate students spend 8 weeks working on a research project under the supervision of faculty members or researchers of the host institution (MIT or Imperial).

Number of Placements
In total, 16 students from 8 College departments will complete placements at MIT this summer.

Official Placement Dates 2016
Placements at each host institution will be 8 weeks in duration.

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<th>Arrival date</th>
<th>Placement Begins</th>
<th>Departure Date</th>
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<td>Sunday 26 June</td>
<td>Monday 27 June</td>
<td>Saturday 20 August</td>
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In order to be eligible for the programme participants must be able to undertake the placement according to the dates above. No changes to these dates are permitted.

Bursary
Selected students will receive a bursary of £4,000 co-funded by Imperial International Relations Office and their academic department. The bursary is expected to cover all necessary costs of undertaking the placement (flight, accommodation, food, visa (if applicable), health insurance, local travel but students are responsible for funding extra costs such as social activities or further travel).

Budget Information
Approximate budget for outgoing Imperial students at MIT

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<th>USD – weekly (GBP in brackets)</th>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>$301 ($43/night) (£205)</td>
<td>$2,408 (£1,640)</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>$138 – estimate (£94)</td>
<td>$1,105 - estimate (£750)</td>
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<td>Flight return London-Boston</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$1,025-1,320 (£700-900)</td>
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<td>Visa (if applicable)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$340 (£230)</td>
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<td>Health insurance</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$522 (total stay) (£355)</td>
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<td>Contribution to costs of completing MIT medical form</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$220 (£150)</td>
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<td>Travel (halls of residence within walking distance of campus)</td>
<td>At students’ discretion $20 – estimate (£12)</td>
<td>$160 (£110)</td>
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Total (based on 8 weeks), including all travel

Between $5,785 – 6,080 (USD)
Between £3,940 – 4,140 (GBP)

Based on average costs using January 2016 exchange rates (subject to change according to exchange rates and personal preferences). Costs rounded up slightly when odd figure is given.
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The cost of a 2-month placement is expected to be approximately £4,000 (based on an estimated budget provided by MIT, as per above). Students will therefore receive a bursary from Imperial worth £4,000 will be co-funded by the International Relations Office and by their academic department. Bursaries will be administered by the International Relations Office.

**Accommodation at MIT**
MIT will assist students to arrange on-campus accommodation. Students will be responsible for the costs of the accommodation using the bursary funds.

**Imperial College Pre-Departure Briefing**
All Imperial College students who are participating in a summer IROP must attend a pre-departure briefing organised by the International Relations Office. Students will be informed of the date and location of this briefing after they are selected for the programme.

**MIT Orientation**
The MIT Global Education Office will arrange a one-day orientation for incoming students. The details and schedule will be provided to selected students in June.

**Visas**
All students who do not have a US passport will be required to apply for a US visa to complete the programme. More information regarding the visa application procedure will be supplied to participants by MIT. It is important to follow all instructions related to visa and immigration as failure to do so may have serious consequences.

**Flights**
Students arrange their own flight to the placement country and may choose their own travel date but must arrive in time to begin the placement according to the official placement dates. Students are advised not to book flights until the placement has been confirmed and any necessary visa has been obtained.

**Student Experiences on the Programme**
Read about the programme and the experiences of previous participants on this webpage: [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/global-opportunities/ug/summerresearchplacements/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/global-opportunities/ug/summerresearchplacements/)

**Any questions?**
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