



MIT Retiree Resource Guide

Association of MIT Retirees

The Association of MIT Retirees is a membership organization open to all Institute retirees, surviving spouses, and pensioners. The Association publishes a membership directory and arranges or sponsors social and educational activities, including one-day and longer trips, seminars, regional lunches, an annual lunch, and other social gatherings. The Association offers opportunities for retirees to get together, to have fun, and to stay in touch with each other and with the Institute. There is an annual fee of \$20 to be a member of the Association.

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Arts at MIT

The arts are widely practiced, performed and celebrated at MIT. Between 60 and 70 percent of incoming MIT freshmen have strong interests and involvement in the arts. Hundreds of exhibitions, performances and readings enliven the campus annually. For information on arts-related events, venues, programs and activities, the arts@mit web site, arts.mit.edu is the best place to start; it is overseen by the Office of the Arts.

Athletics

The Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center provides an extensive facility for swimming, tennis, squash, ice skating, jogging, weight training, sailing, rowing, etc. available to everyone in the community. Twelve month MIT Athletic memberships are \$488 for MIT retirees and \$767 per month for a family membership. and are good for a year from the date of purchase. The center also offers six month memberships - \$318 for individual and \$503 for family. The card includes sailing and rowing, but a swim test is required to use those facilities. An MIT ID Card is required to access the Zesiger facilities because of the card swipe access system. Physical education classes (e.g. aerobic exercise and dance), are also open to non-students on a space-available basis. (www.mitrecsports.com; Bldg. W35; 617-452-3690)

Community Services Office

The MIT Community Services Office (CSO) supports a variety of services designed to enhance MIT employees' quality of life. The CSO administers the MITAC (MIT Activities Committee) office and events; plans events that recognize career milestones such as the QCC induction ceremony and the annual MIT employees' Retirement Dinner; and provides logistical support for the Association of MIT Retirees. Additionally, the CSO conducts the annual Community Giving at MIT campaign and administers the William R. Dickson Fund for retired QCC members. Retirees are welcome to drop by the CSO office, during office hours Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm. (institute-events.mit.edu/community-services; Rm. E19-711; 617-253-7914; community-www@mit.edu)

Community Wellness at MIT Medical

Community Wellness at MIT Medical provides resources and designs programs to help all members of the MIT community learn about making healthy choices that will allow you to get the most out of your time at MIT. For more information about provided services, contact the office by phone, or browse their website below.

(medical.mit.edu/services/community-wellness; Rm. E23, 4th Floor; 617-253-1316)

Computing Help Desk

People consult the IS&T Help Desk in many ways: telephone, electronically, or by visiting the Atlas Service Center in E17-106. They have the collective expertise of both professional and student staff to help you with your computing needs. They can also help to find the correct services area when other computing expertise is necessary. For assistance with your computing needs, from desktops, to laptops, to printers, to mobile devices, stop by the office in Building E17 Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm, or contact the help desk using the information below.
(Bldg. E17; 617-253-1101; servicedesk@mit.edu)

edX

edX is an online learning destination that was founded in 2012 by Harvard University and MIT. It offers high quality online courses from some of the world's best universities and institutions to learners everywhere. No application is necessary to get access to some of the coolest courses available anywhere, and there is no fee to take a course! **Please note that edX does offer verified course completion certificates, and professional education courses that require a fee.** These certificates are only recommended if you are hoping to complete a course for professional reasons, or if you are interested in proving your newfound knowledge. **Folks who are just looking to learn can take any course in full (known as "auditing") without paying a single cent or providing payment information!** You can learn more about the opportunities edX offers at their website, listed below.
(www.edx.org; or search [Frequently Asked Questions](#))

Endicott House

"A magnificent estate located less than 12 miles from the city of Boston, Endicott House is no ordinary conference center. The award-winning facility is located in a secluded landscaped setting on 25 acres in the historic town of Dedham, MA. The stunning French Manor-style mansion features breathtaking vistas of the Blue Hills alongside beautifully preserved and maintained gardens." So says the Endicott House website, and we tend to agree. The Retirees Association has greatly enjoyed the numerous events that we have been able to hold on their grounds. The food is delicious, the staff is kind, and the vistas are beautiful. Endicott House is open to members of the community for events from conferences, to weddings, to their regular murder mystery nights!
(mitendicotthouse.org; 80 Haven Street Dedham, MA 02026; 617-253-5211; info@mitendicotthouse.org)

Furniture Exchange

Volunteers from the MIT Women's League operate the Furniture Exchange (FX), with proceeds benefiting MIT scholarship funds. It sells used furniture and household accessories at low prices to students and others who are in the area for a short time and don't want to spend lots of money on furnishings. It accepts tax-deductible donations and buys used furniture and estates in good condition. The FX is always in need of volunteers for a couple of hours each week. It is located at 350 Brookline St., Cambridge where parking is available. Its regular hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-4pm and the first Saturday of each month, 10am-1pm.
(web.mit.edu/womensleague/fx; Bldg. WW15-182; 617-253-4293; fx@mit.edu)

Hobby Shop

The Hobby Shop is a large, well-equipped metal and woodworking facility open to the community. The fee for retirees is \$60/term or \$150/year (any three consecutive terms). This fee can be paid by cash, check or TechCash (**The Hobby Shop cannot accept debit or credit cards**). Safety orientation is required of new members and director Hayami Arakawa offers both hands-on instruction and design advice. Their hours vary, and are posted on their main webpage.
(hobbyshop.mit.edu; Rm. W31-031; 617-253-4343)

ID Cards

To use MIT facilities, retirees need an MIT picture ID card that is available from Card Services. ID cards are required to borrow materials from the MIT Libraries, to use the Athletics Facilities, and to access buildings that are locked after

hours. To obtain an MIT Retiree ID Card, your name needs to appear in the Human Resources records as a retiree. To obtain your status, please contact Human Resources at 617-253-4251. Afterwards, please visit the MIT Atlas Service Center with one form of photo ID (driver's license, passport, etc.). The Atlas Service Center is open from 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday. (web.mit.edu/securityops/card; Rm. E17-106; 617-253-3475; mitcard@mit.edu)

Information Center

The veteran staff in the Events and Information Center knows answers to almost any question about MIT and provides campus maps and other publications to visitors and the MIT community. (institute-events.mit.edu/information-center; Rm. 7-121; 617-253-4795)

Information Systems Training

IS&T Training Services offers dozens of free and fee-bearing short courses each term, ranging from basics to sophisticated programs for both Mac and Windows users. (When classes are full, active employees have priority.) (ist.mit.edu/training; 617-253-7685; istrain-reg@mit.edu)

Libraries

Retirees with IDs continue to have borrowing privileges in the Libraries. The MIT Library system consists of five large libraries: Rotch (architecture and planning, Rm. 7-304); Barker (engineering, Rm. 10-500); Humanities and Science (Bldg. 14), and Dewey (social sciences and management, Rm. E53-100), and several branches serving the needs of specific departments. Access to the Libraries' electronic services and resources are also available on the web at libraries.mit.edu. Guides to the Libraries and schedules are available at all locations.

List Gallery

"The List Visual Arts Center is a creative laboratory that provides artists with a space to freely experiment and push existing boundaries." This contemporary art museum presents a series of special exhibitions in its galleries and at special sites across campus. It also maintains the permanent collection of art for MIT, seeking to grow its collection through new commissions. You can visit the List Visual Arts Center in the Weisner Building (E15) throughout the week! The Arts Center is open Thursday from 12-8pm, and Tuesday-Sunday from 12-6pm. (listart.mit.edu; 20 Ames St. Cambridge, MA; 617-253-4680; listinfo@mit.edu)

MIT150

MIT has kept an archive of our Sesquicentennial Celebration, where the Institute opened its doors to the surrounding neighborhood and community from across the globe from January to June of 2011. Together, they celebrated the 150th birthday of the Institute with exhibitions, art installations, and exhilarating events. You can see all of them at the archive website below! (mit150.mit.edu)

MIT 2016

Five years later, from February to June of 2016, MIT commemorated a century at the Cambridge Campus with a recreation of 1916's "Moving Day" festivities. In addition to the grand ceremonies in May, our campus hosted another Open House and numerous symposia. Relive the celebration that at least one staff member is calling "The Greatest Centennial Celebration in MIT's Entire History (Thus Far)!" (mit2016.mit.edu)

MIT Activities Committee (MITAC)

The MIT Activities Committee serves the MIT Community by offering discounted tickets to local cultural and recreational events and sponsors excursions and special activities throughout the year (sporting events, theatre, music, family/children's events, exhibitions, day and weekend trips & more). It emails a monthly flyer and event listing as well. MITAC is open Tuesday-Friday, 11:00am

to 4:00pm at the Stata Center on Campus and Thursday and Friday, 11:00am to 4:00pm at Lincoln Lab A-109 (please note an active Lincoln Lab ID is needed to enter the facility). An MIT ID is required for all purchases. You can now make ticket purchases online for later pickup at the desk! Learn how by [clicking here](#). (mitac.mit.edu; Cambridge: 617-253-7990; Lincoln: 781-981-6130; mitac-office@mit.edu)

MIT AgeLab

The AgeLab was created in 1999 to invent new ideas and creatively translate technologies into practical solutions that improve people's health and enable them to "do things" throughout their lifespan. Equal to the need for new ideas and new technologies is the belief that the innovations in how products are designed, services are delivered, or policies are implemented are of critical importance to our quality of life tomorrow. For more information about MIT AgeLab, or to get involved, visit their website or contact their offices using the information below.

(agelab.mit.edu; 1 Main St., Rm. E90-9078C; 617-253-0753; agelabinfo@mit.edu)

MIT Alumni Travel Program

Open to all retirees of the Institute.

(alum.mit.edu/travel; 800-992-6749; compass@mit.edu)

MIT-Harvard COOP

The Coop is "one of America's largest campus stores; stocked with almost everything you'll need on or off campus. Best of all, the annual membership fee is still only \$1.00 as it was in 1882." While MIT has two COOP locations on campus, membership at the COOP gets you discounts and rebates at all COOP locations, including those in Harvard Square, and at the Harvard Business School and Law School. We won't judge which location you shop at. ...Much.

(store.thecoop.com; 3 Cambridge Center, Kendall Square, 617-499-3200; MIT Student Center, Bldg. W20, 617-499-3240; info@thecoop.com)

MIT Events Calendar

A list of official goings-on at MIT can be found at: calendar.mit.edu.

MIT Federal Credit Union

Retirees have worked hard to build the nest egg that will help them enjoy life for many years to come, and they want to keep that nest egg safely earning money. The last thing they want is to pay excessive bank expenses. The Credit Union offers Savings accounts, Share Plus (Money Market) accounts, Share Certificates, Share Draft (checking) accounts, ATM and Debit Cards, Visa Credit Cards as well as First Mortgages, Home Equity Loans/Lines, Personal loans and Automobile loans at favorable rates. Electronic services such as e-Branch (home banking), e-Statements, Bill Payment, Loan Express, MIT Touch Tone Teller, ACH and Direct Deposit are offered to make financial business transactions more convenient.

MIT retirees and their family/household members are eligible to enjoy the benefits of membership. Employees who were not members at the time of retirement are also eligible to join.

700 Tech Square, Bldg. NE48	Tech Sq. Office Hours 8:30am - 4:00pm (M-F)
MIT Lincoln Lab Branch	Lincoln Office Hours 8:30am - 4:00pm (M-F)
244 Wood St., Lexington, A-100	
Website: www.mitfcu.org	Email: mitfcu@mit.edu
Phone: 617-253-2845	

84 Mass Ave, Student Center
Student Ctr. Office Hours 9:00am - 4:30pm
(Thursday 9:00am - 5:30pm)

MIT Medical

MIT Medical is a multi-specialty group practice and a licensed, accredited hospital. It offers regular appointments in Cambridge and Lexington weekdays

8:30am-5pm, and many services in Cambridge also offer evening appointments on certain days until 7pm. Urgent medical and mental health care (617-253-1311) is available at all times. For more information about services, please visit medical.mit.edu.

(Cambridge Bldg. E23, 617-253-4481 (voice), 617-258-0656 (TTY); Lexington Bldg. V-110, 781-981-7080 (voice), 781-981-6600 (TTY))

MIT Museum

The MIT Museum invites you to explore invention, ideas, and innovation. Through interactive exhibitions, public programs, experimental projects and its renown collections, the MIT Museum showcases the fascinating world of MIT, and inspires people of all ages about the possibilities and opportunities offered by science and technology. For more information on visiting the MIT Museum, visit their website or contact their offices using the information below. (web.mit.edu/museum; Bldg. N51, 265 Mass. Ave.; 617-253-5927; museuminfo@mit.edu)

MIT News

Follow the latest and greatest news out of the MIT Community at news.mit.edu.

MIT Press Bookstore

The MIT Press Bookstore is one of the only retail bookstores owned and operated by a university press. Located near campus, they are the bookselling arm of the MIT Press, the nonprofit publishing program of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

They stock most of the books and journals published by the MIT Press as well as a curated selection of other publishers' books in related fields, including art and architecture, computer science, cognition, neuroscience, and linguistics. They also offer a nice selection of calendars, cards, and notebooks. (mitpressbookstore.mit.edu; 301 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; 617-253-5249)

MIT Spouses and Partners

MIT Spouses & Partners is a social and professional network. MIT staff and volunteers provide support and resources to the significant others of MIT students, staff, and faculty. For more information, visit their website or contact the Spouses & Partners office using the info below.

(spouses.mit.edu; Rm. E23-473; 617-253-1614; spousesandpartners@mit.edu)

MIT Work-Life Center

Offering a broad range of services to assist with child-care arrangements and other family and work/life concerns, the Work-Life Center is available to grandparents as well as parents and other family members. It maintains a lending library and databases of child-care and child-rearing resources and can assist in directing volunteers who would like to work with children and families. The Center also sponsors many seminars on work/family and work/life related issues.

(hrweb.mit.edu/worklife; Rm. NE49-5000; 617-253-1592; worklife@mit.edu)

Online Directory

Listings for faculty, staff, students and organizations are available on the web at search.mit.edu.

Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center

The MIT Public Service Center runs several community service outreach programs and events. It also maintains listings of volunteer opportunities ranging from one-time-only projects to ongoing commitments at more than 100 local service agencies.

(studentlife.mit.edu/pkgcenter; Rm. W20-549; 617-253-0742)

Quarter Century Club (QCC)

Open to staff and faculty having completed 25 years of service with the Institute, the MIT Quarter Century Club is chartered with furthering the well being of its membership through cultural and social events. With over 3,600 members, the QCC sponsors several annual events, including a summer picnic and holiday gathering. The QCC also administers the William R. Dickson Fund, which provides grants for educational and wellness pursuits to retired members of the QCC.

(web.mit.edu/qcc; Rm. E19-711; 617-253-7914; qcc-reply@mit.edu)

Student Art Association

Despite its name, the facilities of the Student Art Association are open to all members of the community. Students take precedence in the classes SAA offers (usually in the evenings) in areas of drawing, painting, printmaking, photography and ceramics. Classes have varying fees. Use of studio space is also available at varying fees, and users must assist in studio maintenance.

(saa.mit.edu; Rm. W20-424; 617-253-7019)

Tech Talk

MIT Tech Talk, the institute's official newspaper, ceased publication in September 2009. For news from the MIT Community, you can visit [The Tech](#) (MIT's Oldest and Largest Student-Run Newspaper) or [MIT News](#) (MIT's Official News Publication Organization).

William R. Dickson Education Fund

The Dickson Fund awards retired QCC members with grants of up to \$1,000 for study at accredited programs. The maximum cumulative grant award is \$1,000 per individual for one or more courses and can only be used for tuition costs at accredited programs.

(web.mit.edu/qcc/dickson.html)

Women's League

All women in the MIT community are invited to become members of the MIT Women's League and to participate in the League's activities. These include social events, lectures and seminars on timely world and health issues, the Furniture Exchange (see listing above), and interest groups (needlework, gardening, chorus, dance, etc.) that meet regularly during the academic year.

(web.mit.edu/womensleague; Rm. 10-342; 617-253-3656; wleague@mit.edu)

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