

UROP at MIT



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The **Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)** is MIT's standard-bearer in experiential learning, offering students challenging, transformative experiences in research. UROP happens everywhere at MIT: from science, engineering, architecture, and management to the humanities, arts, and social sciences.

Through UROP, students partner with MIT faculty at the forefront of research, and faculty tap into the enthusiasm and ingenuity undergraduates bring to the research enterprise. UROP remains MIT's most popular avenue for practical learning, with most students participating at least once, and more than half our faculty active as mentors.



Increasing UROP donor support means granting more funding requests.

Philanthropy makes UROP possible

UROP costs more than \$13M each year, and giving is critical to our ability to support students doing pivotal research. Almost two-thirds of UROP central budget comes from donor support, with the balance coming from faculty and general MIT resources.

Rising to the challenge

UROP pay is a critical means of student financial support, especially in the summer when earning income is essential. Each year, approximately 25% of students who seek UROP Office funding cannot be supported due to a limited budget. While some MIT initiatives have made inroads, UROP remains unable to meet all funding requests.



Giving opportunities

Endowment contributions help ensure support for UROP in perpetuity. New funds may be named after the donor or in honor of a particular individual. Based on donor wishes, proceeds from funds and gifts may be distributed to students conducting certain types of research (pending UROP Office approval).

Staying connected

The UROP Office ensures that donors feel engaged and informed about the impact of their giving. Staff work with donor relationship managers to identify appropriate annual reporting approaches based on gift size and donor interests. When opportunities arise, the UROP Office helps facilitate communication between donors and UROP fund recipients (e.g., presentations, meetings, etc.).

Program staff can provide information on how UROP operates, its impact on students, and the many ways in which giving helps UROP.

Giving Level	4% Income Yield	Over One Academic Term Supports	Over One Summer Supports
\$250,000	\$10,000	5 Students	1 Student
\$500,000	\$20,000	10 Students	3 Students
\$1,000,000	\$40,000	20 Students	6 Students

* For gifts under \$250,000, options to contribute to established UROP funds are available.

For more information on supporting UROP

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