

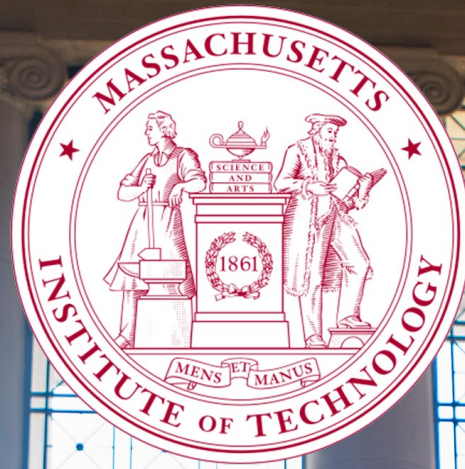


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MIT-Czech Republic Seed Fund
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- New MIT-Czech Republic Seed Fund is generously supported for the next three years by IOCB Tech, a technology transfer office and subsidiary company of IOCB (the Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry CAS).
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GLOBAL SEED FUNDS

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Goal:

Promote and support early-stage collaborations between researchers at MIT & in the Czech Republic, to lead to long-term relationships and joint research projects

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WHO CAN APPLY?

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- MIT and Czech researcher apply together, via joint online application
- Open to all researchers affiliated with Czech universities or non-profit research institutes (no companies)
- Typical research teams include faculty & post-docs, and often graduate and even undergraduate students
- MIT applicant must have Principle Investigator/ PI status (usually post-doc and above)



WHAT DOES IT FUND?

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- Maximum award is \$25,000
- Funds only for travel and meetings – no salaries or materials
- Maximum stay is two months; often more shorter visits (e.g. two two-week visits)
- All travel complete within 20 months
- Short final report due upon completion

A hand holding a magnifying glass over a globe with 'MIT' written on it. The globe is orange and white, and the letters 'MIT' are written in orange. The hand is holding the magnifying glass over the globe, and the background is a blurred image of a computer screen.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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Priority is given to projects that:

- Can make an important contribution to the field
- New or are entering a new phase
- Include a balanced exchange between participating teams
- Demonstrate complementarity between participating teams
- Involve undergraduate and/or graduate students in a meaningful way
- **Are likely sustainable beyond the grant period**

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FINDING A COLLABORATOR

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- MIT faculty know MISTI Seed Funds program well: over 70% (!) have applied
- Finding researchers at MIT:
 - <https://web.mit.edu/research/>
- Recommendation: contact MIT researcher directly via email
- Having trouble connecting with a faculty member? Reach out to me:
Justin Leahey, jleahey@mit.edu

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TIMELINE

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- Online application portal opened on Sept 13 (<https://mistigsf.myreviewroom.com/>)
- Applications due on **Dec 13, 2021**
- Jan 2022: Blinded scientific review of all eligible applications by selected MIT faculty
- Feb-Mar: MIT-CEE Seed Fund Advisory Board meets, selects winners
- April: Notification to awardees
- May 1, 2022: Funds distributed and travel can begin

A petri dish with the letters 'MIT' written on it in a reddish-orange marker. The dish is being held by a gloved hand. In the background, a piece of laboratory equipment with a digital display is visible.

Q & A

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Happy to answer any questions!