

MITdesignX 2026

Application for the 2026 MITdesignX accelerator

MITdesignX is open to current students, faculty and research staff at MIT and their co-founders (either at MIT or beyond). The main applicant must be affiliated with MIT in order to submit the application.

Please also note that applicants can only apply with ONE team.

Please provide brief, clear and descriptive answers to the following questions about your proposal

What is the name of your team/startup/idea?

Describe the need, problem or opportunity your proposal is addressing

Why is it important to address this need, problem or opportunity?

Describe the solution you are proposing

Describe your potential users or customers

How are your users or customers currently dealing with the need or problem you identified?

What social or environmental impact will your solution provide?

How is your proposed solution different from other solutions designed to fulfill the need, problem or opportunity you identified?

Please provide 1-3 words that best describe the category or field of your venture/initiative. e.g., "transportation", "materials", "public health", etc...

Your team

How many co-founders are in your team

First Name

Last Name

Email

Select your school affiliation

Department

Linked Profile (optional)

Degree program and year

Enter any relevant experience this member has for this proposal

Please enter your team website (if applicable)

Has your team already established a company?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

Will your team be able to attend both the IAP and Spring courses in Full? This is required, although some exceptions are made for teammates who have international team members

- ☐ yes, all teammates will attend the entire program
- ☐ yes, at least 2 teammates will attend the entire program
- ☐ no, we cannot commit to more than 1 teammate attending
- ☐ Other, please specify

We encourage participation in multiple programs at MIT. Have you participated (or are currently in) another innovation or entrepreneurship program with this proposal? Please mark as appropriate.

- ☐ Sandbox
- ☐ deltaV
- ☐ Creative Arts
- ☐ 100K
- ☐ Harvard I-Lab
- ☐ Fuse
- ☐ Other, please specify

Please attach a Pitch Deck (PDF or PPT only) - optional

Attach

Finally, why are you interested in MITdesignX?

What are your expectations from the program?

What will your team bring to the program cohort?

How did you discover MITdesignX ?

- ☐ MITdesignX website
- ☐ Info sessions
- ☐ E-mails
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Posters
- ☐ Infinite Screen announcements
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Class presentations
- ☐ Other, please specify