

ADMISSIONS

International Graduate Admissions

Graduate student applicants who are citizens of countries other than the United States must have received a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical institute of acceptable standing. The academic record and all credentials must indicate the ability of the candidate to complete the approved program of graduate study and research. Applicants are evaluated by the academic departments. Admission is granted on a competitive basis. Competence in written and spoken English is expected.

MIT's offer of admission may be withdrawn or rescinded if it is determined that an applicant accepted the simultaneous offer of admission of another college or university.

English Language Proficiency Test Requirements

All applicants whose first language is not English, including those currently enrolled in US institutions, must present evidence of their ability to carry on their studies in English.

Qualifying applicants must take the International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic), the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT), Cambridge English Test (Advanced or Proficiency test), or the Duolingo English Test (DET); refer to department information for specific testing requirements, which vary.

International applicants will be exempted from submitting these test scores if their primary language spoken in the home is English or they attended an accredited institution of higher education for 3–4 years in specific countries where English is the language of instruction (<https://oge.mit.edu/graduate-admissions/applications/international-applicants>) and attained an undergraduate (or equivalent) degree from that institution within the past five years. Applicants should be prepared to provide verification of the institution's language of instruction. Applicants who do not meet the criteria for automatic exemption may be granted a departmental waiver, otherwise they will be required to submit valid test scores to complete their application.

Please see Graduate Admissions (<https://oge.mit.edu/graduate-admissions/applications/international-applicants>) for more information about considerations for international applicants.