



MIT Recreation Ambassadors Purpose/Charge, Composition, and General Operation

Purpose/Charge

The Recreation Ambassador program welcomes enthusiastic, knowledgeable and socially savvy community members who share MIT Recreation's mission of enhancing the lives of the MIT Community. Our ambassadors are passionate about inspiring our community to find balance, manage stress, and enhance their overall well-being through participation in recreational activities as part of the MIT Community.

Although this group is not a policy-making body, our ambassadors help MIT Recreation and key stakeholders from the DAPER Administration develop and maintain an understanding of the people we serve, and how to best meet their needs. They are students, faculty, staff, alumnus, friends, and family, whose ideas, perceptions, needs, and desires facilitate improvement and growth.

Composition

The committee is made up of 10-12 community members who participate in MIT Recreation programs and services. We aim to include representatives from the following campus communities:

- 2 Undergraduate students (appointed by the Undergrad Association in early Fall)
- 2 Graduate students
- 3 faculty/staff members
- 2 MIT alumni members
- Remaining seats may be filled by a combination of members from different membership categories and the MIT Recreation community at large (Students, Faculty/Staff, Alumni, Affiliates, Friends of MIT, Draper Lab, Whitehead, etc.)

Application Process

Those interested in becoming an MIT Recreation Ambassador are encouraged to complete the [Ambassador Interest Form](#). Nominations are welcome, and nominees will be asked to complete an interest form as well (NOTE: Please have the nominee specify who nominated them)

*Interest forms should be submitted by August 15th of each year (unless otherwise specified)

*Undergraduates only: Undergrads will work with the UA office to express their interest in serving as an MIT Recreation Ambassador. A UA representative nominates two undergrads per year and sends along their nominations to Recreation.

Ambassador Benefits

During their term of service, Ambassadors are encouraged to try our programs and services and are eligible to take advantage of the benefits outlined below.

Once per semester:

Choose one program or service to try (preferably something new) from the following programs/services: **InBody Assessments, Personal Training, Golf, Squash, Ice Skate, Nutrition and Private Swim Lessons.**

- The program or service chosen will be **complimentary**
- Recreation Ambassadors will be asked to provide a testimonial of the program/service OR help us create social media content about their experience. MIT Recreation will provide the appropriate tags if this option is chosen.

During term of service:

Above and beyond the complimentary program or service offered provided once a semester, all MIT Recreation Ambassadors are eligible for a **25% discount** for the following: **InBody Assessments, Personal Training, Golf,**

MIT RECREATION

Squash, Ice Skate, Nutrition and Private Swim Lessons. These opportunities will be scheduled pending instructor/trainer availability.

All MIT Recreation Ambassadors are eligible for a **10% discount** on **Branded Merchandise clothing** items that are available for purchase at the Zesiger Center main desk's Pro Shop.

Ambassadors will have the opportunity to provide feedback on new or existing programs and services through first-hand experience.

Please note that to be eligible for these benefits, Ambassadors must comply with the outlined standards and expectations below.

To take advantage of these benefits, please contact Stephanie Smith at skloos@mit.edu OR Ali Lamothe at ablaisde@mit.edu.

Standards and Expectations

- **Representation + Service:**
 - Ambassadors will serve for a period of two years as a positive representative of DAPER's Recreation Program, embodying its [shared purpose, values and behaviors](#).
 - Extensions will be considered based on past participation & engagement in the program.
- **Meetings + Presence:**
 - Meetings will be held twice per semester on a day and time established by the group, for a period not to exceed one hour.
 - An agenda will be sent to all Ambassadors at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.
 - Additional agenda items from the floor should be sent to the [Business Manager](#) at least one week before the next scheduled meeting.
 - Attendance at the meetings is strongly encouraged, though ultimately voluntary, but members should contact the [Business Manager](#) if they are unable to attend so the meeting can start and finish on time.
 - While we encourage Ambassadors to attend meetings in person, a hybrid option will always be made available. If you choose to join virtually, an equal level of participation in Recreation Ambassador meetings is expected of members present in the hybrid environment.
 - MIT Recreation Central Management Team or other MIT Recreation or DAPER staff are welcome to sit in on meetings and may be asked to provide presentations or answer questions from Ambassadors.
 - Any member may request an ad hoc meeting. MIT Recreation Ambassadors will then vote by e-mail to hold a special meeting or defer the issue to the next scheduled Ambassador Meeting.
- **Engagement:** Ambassadors are encouraged to engage with community members to gather feedback and share their own experiences using Recreation's programs and services.
- **Social Media Guidelines:**
 - Ambassadors should follow MIT Recreation across all social media platforms: Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mitrecreation/>, Twitter/X: <https://x.com/MITRecreation>, TikTok: https://www.tiktok.com/@mit_recreation
 - We encourage Ambassadors to maintain an active and engaging presence on social media by re-sharing content MIT Recreation puts out (examples include updates, success stories and upcoming events)
 - We ask that when posting to social media and tagging MIT Recreation, that Ambassadors are mindful of our [Photography, Video and Cell Phone policy](#). We will share best practices so you can engage safely with our social media platforms.

Annual Calendar Timeline

- July/August: Debrief previous year; exit survey for ambassadors rolling off

MIT RECREATION

- August: Request nominations, promote through newsletter and social media, collect interest forms from current members
 - Send UA updated interest form questions and purpose/charge for nominations.
- September 15th: Interest forms due for the following academic year
- September 30th: Confirm final membership
- Fall semester: 2 meetings
 - Meeting 1: outline committee structure, charge, operations and relevant discussion topics, tour, presentation, etc.
 - Meeting 2: TBD
- Spring semester: 2 meetings
 - Meeting 3: TBD
 - Meeting 4: Last meeting of the year includes dinner and reflection/celebration and feedback for next year (equipment, hours of operation, services, etc.)