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Office of the Vice Chancellor

Dear Colleagues,

In order to address enrollment and employment authorization compliance for MIT international students pursuing summer internships, the International Students Office and the Registrar's Office have been working collaboratively with other Institute stakeholders to create an "Internship Subject Only" Summer tuition category to ease the financial impact of summer internship subject enrollment.

This tuition category has been approved by the administration and will go into effect this Summer 2018 term.

New Policies

1) We are establishing an "Internship Subject Only" tuition fee charge for the Summer term to make pursuit of these internship/experiential learning subjects more affordable to students.

- Tuition Cost for Summer term, for a student only enrolled in an internship subject, will be equal to the [designated "Per Unit Charge" for Summer enrollment](#).
- Based on current year figures the charges would be as follows (please bear in mind that tuition for next summer - Summer 2018 - is likely to increase).

Internship Subject Units	Tuition Charge
1	\$520
2	\$1,040
3	\$1,560
4-12 units	\$2,080 (maximum charge)

- If a student is enrolled in ANY subject other than the internship subject in the Summer term, the student will no longer be eligible for the internship only tuition assessment and will be charged the appropriate tuition for the term based on their enrollment.

2) For students enrolling only in an internship subject, where they are pursuing a non-paid internship or experience, a request for a Waiver of tuition fee charges for that subject can be made to the Office of Undergraduate Education (undergraduate students) to Elizabeth Cogliano Young or to the Office of Graduate Education (graduate students) to Patricia Glidden.

Background

U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulations and guidance require an international student to be enrolled in an internship/experiential learning subject at the same time they are pursuing the activity in order obtain the appropriate visa status employment authorization (e.g. F-1 Curricular Practical Training). In certain academic programs in the past, students enrolled in a Fall semester subject to earn academic credit in the Fall term for an internship pursued in the Summer term. In these cases, F-1 Curricular Practical Training could no longer be utilized as an employment authorization option.

Fall enrollment for a Summer internship also created difficulties for students who wanted to enroll in the Fall semester for another internship subject but would not be allowed to enroll in two (2) internship subjects concurrently. Further concerns were raised by students and academic programs regarding the high summer tuition charge for an internship subject where there was limited access to financial aid or

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summer internship/experiential learning opportunities, addressing the summer tuition cost became a priority.

An additional factor necessitating these changes has been the growing requirement of certain employers requiring proof of active student enrollment (both international and domestic students) in an internship subject course in summer to be eligible for their summer corporate internship programs. Establishing a set "Internship Subject Only" tuition category is essential for our academic programs and our students to facilitate these opportunities.

We want to thank all of the graduate and undergraduate department administrators, as well as other Institute staff and faculty, who have provided feedback throughout the process.

If any questions arise, feel free to contact [Peter Hayes](#) (617-258-6406), Associate Registrar, and [David C. Elwell](#) (617-253-3795), Associate Dean and Director of the MIT International Students Office, by phone or email.

Finally, please share this with those in your department who should be aware of this information.

Sincerely,
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