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FALL 2020

ISO GRAD WELCOME

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020

10:00AM

ISO GRAD WELCOME: We will start at 10:03am ...While you're waiting...

*Rename yourself by clicking on the top right of your personal video screen.

- First name
- Where you are currently located?
- What time is it where you are located?
 - ▣ Example: Cambridge, MA 10:00am

Example: Dana, Cambridge. , 10am



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ISO staff

- Link to Team page: <https://iso.mit.edu/about-iso/team/>
- Your ISO Advisor: assigned by department
<https://iso.mit.edu/about-iso/student-advisors-by-program/>
- ISO Staff are here to support you, and continue to facilitate connections, even during these times of social distancing.



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External Affairs Board of the GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

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<https://gsc.mit.edu/committees/external/>

Advocating for MIT graduate students at all levels of government
&

Educating MIT graduate students about policy and politics

Mason Ng (masonng@mit.edu) – 3rd year (Astrophysics) – Development Chair

Hamid Doost Hosseini (hdoosth@mit.edu) – 3rd year (ChemE) – State and Local Chair

Subscribe to our newsletter: <https://tinyurl.com/gradvocacy>

Come to our orientation events:

- 1) 9/1 Tu 12.00pm EDT: Intro to MA State and Local Politics and Voting
- 2) 9/3 Th 11.00am EDT: Federal Politics: How it Works and Making an Impact

YOUR VOICES ARE NEEDED!



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MIT Spouses and Partners Connect



OUR MISSION

We support the personal, social, and professional growth of all spouses and partners of MIT community members who relocate to the Boston area. We provide consultations, programs, events, and other opportunities for our members to connect and support each other.



STAY IN TOUCH WITH US!

- Join our private [Facebook Group](#)
- Follow us on Instagram [@mspconnect](#)
- Email us at spousesandpartners@mit.edu
- [Subscribe](#) to our weekly email update



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MIT Spouses & Partners Connect

- Small groups created by members and weekly meetings hosted by staff
- Job search and career development support program: Career Connect
- Inexpensive, low-pressure opportunities to improve your English
- Volunteer opportunities to shape our activities
- Private consultations to help you find your way and create a fulfilling life in Boston





Language Conversation Exchange



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Connect with us for language and cultural exchange!



Ice@mit.edu



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ISO Website – Use as a resource

MIT International Students Office – <http://iso.mit.edu>

- Who is my ISO Advisor?
<http://iso.mit.edu/about/student-advisor.shtml>
- ISO Updates – Spring/Summer 2020
<http://iso.mit.edu/news/iso-updates-spring-2020/>
- Major Immigration Alerts & Updates
<http://iso.mit.edu/news-and-announcements/major-immigration-updates/>
- Visas and Travel
<http://iso.mit.edu/visas-and-travel/>
- Employment
<http://iso.mit.edu/employment/>

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Questions?

- ❑ For answers to general and commonly asked questions, please see the [ISO Knowledge Base](#) on the ISO website.
- ❑ Contact your ISO advisor by email or phone for specific and personal questions:
<http://iso.mit.edu/about/student-advisor.shtml>



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ISO “Life at MIT” webpage

Life at MIT – <https://iso.mit.edu/life-at-mit/>

- Transitioning to MIT (tips for connecting with cultural groups, weather/climate, food, and other practical matters)
 - Cultural Adjustment (includes common Americanisms & Idioms)
 - Programs & Events
 - Explore Cambridge & Boston
- ...and more



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Programs and Events

- ISO Events: <https://iso.mit.edu/life-at-mit/programs-and-events/>
- Zoom Noon Break – every other Thursday
 - ▣ Partnership with [Language Conversation Exchange \(LCE\)](#)
 - ▣ Navigating MIT Series
- MIT events for grad students and/or families
 - ▣ MIT Center for WorkLife and WellBeing [Webinar Series](#)
 - ▣ [MIT Spouses & Partners Connect](#)



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Staying informed

- Please read any emails sent to iso-broadcast. These are very important immigration updates & reminders.
- ISO Newsletters
 - ▣ Weekly e-notices about immigration reminders & events
 - ▣ International students automatically subscribed
- Social Media
 - ▣ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ISOatMIT/>
 - Weekly “Culture Thursday” posts with American idioms or slang
 - ▣ Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mit.iso/>



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