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
ISO staff

- Link to Team page: [https://iso.mit.edu/about-iso/team/](https://iso.mit.edu/about-iso/team/)


- 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

Mason Ng (masonng@mit.edu) – 3rd year (Astrophysics) – Development Chair
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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!
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
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
Connect with us for language and cultural exchange!

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ISO Website – Use as a resource


- **Who is my ISO Advisor?**
  [http://iso.mit.edu/about/student-advisor.shtml](http://iso.mit.edu/about/student-advisor.shtml)

- **ISO Updates – Spring/Summer 2020**

- **Major Immigration Alerts & Updates**

- **Visas and Travel**

- **Employment**
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](http://iso.mit.edu/about/student-advisor.shtml)
ISO “Life at MIT” webpage


- 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
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
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/](https://www.facebook.com/ISOatMIT/)
    - Weekly “Culture Thursday” posts with American idioms or slang
  - Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/mit.iso/](https://www.instagram.com/mit.iso/)