The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visiting Professors and Scholars Program enriches the intellectual life of MIT with the introduction of important new voices into MIT’s research and educational programs. Since the first appointments in 1995, over 160 scholars have shared their unique and powerful knowledge and experiences with our community. To learn more, visit mlkscholars.mit.edu.
Program Review

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visiting Professors and Scholars are full members of the MIT community during their appointments. They enhance their own scholarship through intellectual interactions with MIT peers, and they enrich the intellectual life of the campus with their participation in research and educational programs. Their deep engagement in the life of the Institute enhances both their research and other scholarly pursuits, and it makes a significant impact on the growth and awareness of undergraduate and graduate students through teaching.

MLK Scholar appointments are available in all of MIT's existing academic areas (architecture, engineering, humanities, management, and science) as well as medicine, law, public service, and other areas MIT does not traditionally specialize in. MLK Scholars often add special courses and subject offerings with students interested in pursuing such professions. While most MLK Scholars are from colleges and universities, appointments will also be considered from individuals from other public- and private-sector organizations.

Appointment Criteria

MLK Scholars are chosen for their contributions to their professions, and their potential contributions to the intellectual life of MIT. The program is open to individuals of any minority group, with an emphasis on the appointment of African Americans. Appointments are for no less than one academic term and no longer than two academic years and are made at the assistant, associate and full professor levels in any department housed in the schools of Science; Engineering; Architecture and Planning; Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences; the MIT Schwarzman College of Computing; and the Sloan School of Management. All nominations are made by members of the MIT faculty through their academic departments. Applications should include a nomination letter, a plan of engagement, and a curriculum vitae of the nominee.

mlkscholars.mit.edu