

MIT Fuse 2022 Application

Thank you for your interest in taking part in MIT Fuse 2022 in January during IAP.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS: 11:59pm, Sunday November 21st

PLEASE NOTE: This is a lengthy application and you can not pause and save. Please see a pdf copy of all the questions and collect the answers in advance, then come back and finish your application.

For details, please visit <http://entrepreneurship.mit.edu/mit-fuse/>.

If you have any questions, please email mitfuse@mit.edu

Your team must have at least one co-founder who is an MIT student or post-doc enrolled in a degree granting program for the 2021-2022 academic year.

YOUR STARTUP

- What is the name of your venture?
(you can change it at any time so no need to spend tons of time on an answer if you don't have a formal name yet)
- How many team members do you have? (min 1, max 5)
- How long has the team known each other and how did you meet?
Tell us briefly some details of your superhero origin story. For those applying as a solopreneur, please tell us when you came up with the idea you plan to work on during fuse.
- Elevator pitch:
250 characters or fewer
- What industry do you consider yourself?
- What's the problem you're trying to solve and why is it big and important?
- Describe why your team is uniquely qualified to solve this problem.
- What traction does your team already have? What has your team done to date to validate your idea?
- What is your ONE goal for taking part in Fuse this January?

- The following types of teams have historically found success by working on their venture over IAP in January. Which one do you consider yourself? (select only one)
 - Solo founder working on a company
 - Solo founder working on a company with the goal of attracting co-founders
 - Team that recently formed, want to validate our idea
 - Team that recently formed, want to explore a few ideas
 - Team that has been working together for at least 3 months (or longer), using Fuse to accelerate venture
 - Other

- If you were *not* chosen for MIT Fuse, would you like to be considered for StartMIT instead? (<https://entrepreneurship.mit.edu/startmit/>)

- 60 second video ... Don't upload or attach the file to this form. Upload it to a video platform such as YouTube or Vimeo or the cloud and enter the URL for the video here.
 - We don't need anything fancy. We just want to see who you are, what your personalities are like, and give you a first chance to *tell us* your team's story in a quick pitch.

- How did you hear about MIT Fuse? Please check all that apply:
 - Email blast
 - Personal contact via MIT faculty or staff
 - Mentioned in a class you are taking
 - Word of mouth from a fellow student
 - Poster or screen on campus
 - Other

Your Team Roster

The following questions will need to be answered for every member of the team that you will be including as part of this application.

- Name

- Email address

- If you are a current MIT student, what degree are you pursuing?
 - Bachelor's
 - Master's
 - Doctorate
 - Post-doc

- If you are a current MIT student, what is your expected graduation year?

- If you are a current MIT student, what course are you?
- If you are a current MIT student and pursuing a dual degree or double major, please enter it here.
- If you are NOT a current MIT student, what is your current academic status?
 - Let us know if you are currently enrolled at another school, what degree and major you are studying, and expected graduation year. If you are post-college, provide the same info above for what you studied, where, and when.
- Which best describes your gender identity?
 - Female
 - Male
 - Trans female / trans woman
 - Trans male / trans man
 - Genderqueer / gender non-conforming / gender fluid
 - Unsure / questioning
 - Prefer not to answer
 - Other
- How would you best describe yourself?
 - Hispanic / LatinX / Spanish origin
 - Black or African-American
 - American Indian or Alaskan Native
 - Asian
 - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - White
 - Multiracial
 - Prefer not to answer
 - Other
- Last chance ... is there anything else you want to share with us?