



Martin Family Society of Fellows for Sustainability

2017-18 Call for Nominations

Background

Each MIT faculty member is invited to nominate one outstanding student to become a member of the Martin Family Society of Fellows for Sustainability for 2017-2018. Nominees for the Martin Fellowship should be working in an area of environment and sustainability as indicated by his/her clearly articulated statement of interest, subjects taken, and proposed research area. Nominees should be advanced doctoral students studies, have completed their doctoral qualifying exam before submitting the fellowship application (i.e., before February 27, 2017), and be in residence at MIT during the Fellowship award period. Selected fellows are awarded two semesters of funding which must be expended within 2 years of receiving the Fellowship award.

Deadline

Complete nomination packets are due by email to the Office of the Dean of Graduate Education no later than 5:00 pm EST on Monday, February 27, 2017.

Submission

Nomination packets should be submitted to Scott Tirrell, Manager of Graduate Fellowships, ODGE at stirrell@mit.edu in two parts. **Part 1 may be submitted by the student candidate OR by the nominating faculty (or his/her assistant).** **Part 2 must be submitted by the nominating faculty or his/her assistant.**

Part 1: STUDENT CANDIDATE: Student OR nominating faculty should submit the following, in a single pdf, in the order given below:

1. A completed Martin Fellow Nomination cover sheet (*see next page of this call*).
2. The student's curriculum vitae.
3. A current, unofficial copy of the student's transcript. This can be obtained free of charge with photo ID from Student Financial Services, room 11-120. Note that the Martin Society seeks students with outstanding academic credentials; candidates should have a GPA of 4.5 or higher in their graduate courses.
4. A statement of interest from the student that is no longer than 4 pages with 12-point font. The statement should directly address the three questions below. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** the statement must be written with a multidisciplinary audience in mind. Reviewers will be from multiple disciplines, and non-specialists should be able to clearly understand your work and its implications for the environment and sustainability.
 - What is your research question? How do you plan to answer it (methods, workplan)? (2 pages maximum)
 - How will your project contribute to sustainability? (1 paragraph)
 - Why should we support you as a sustainability fellow: what is the history of your commitment to sustainability? and/or, what are your plans for future sustainability work? (1 paragraph)

Part 2: FACULTY ADVISOR: Nominating faculty (or his/her assistant) should submit the following as a pdf:

A signed letter of nomination on MIT letterhead that provides an appraisal of the student's qualifications and capabilities and indicates why he/she believes the student should be awarded a Martin Fellowship for Sustainability.

Selection Process

Martin Fellows are selected by a faculty committee representing all five MIT Schools. Approximately ten Fellows will be funded for 2017-2018. Award decisions are expected in April 2017.

2017-18 Martin Fellow Nomination Cover Sheet

STUDENT CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full name (Last, First, Middle Initial):	
Preferred first name:	
Preferred salutation:	Indicate [Ms.] or [Mr.]
MIT department:	
Email address:	
Cell phone number:	
Campus office address:	
Postal mailing address:	

FACULTY ADVISOR INFORMATION

Full name (Last, First):	
MIT department:	
Email address:	
Campus office address:	
Admin assistant name:	
Admin assistant email:	

CHECKLIST

<input type="checkbox"/>	Please indicate the date on which you completed your doctoral general/qualifying exams.	Date of completion [must be before 2/27/17]:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use this space to describe any details regarding your department's general/qualifying examination process that you believe the faculty review committee should be aware of.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please indicate your MIT graduate studies GPA.	Grad GPA:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please provide one or two keywords identifying the overall topic area of your doctoral research.	

Questions? Contact Hannah Loomis at hloomis@mit.edu.

Please include a completed cover sheet as the first page of the "student candidate" portion (Part 1) of the Martin Fellow Nomination pdf. Thank you!