

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Travel Dates:

4/16/25-4/18/25

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

n/a

Relationship to Traveler:

n/a

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
423.38	582.00	195.20	59.99 (Lyft to and from home & DCA)

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

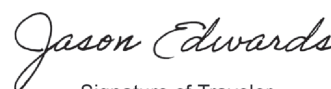
Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

5/6/25

Date

Jason Edwards

Printed Name of Traveler



Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

5/6/25

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Other Expenses	59.99, from 80.00	Actual costs were lower than maximum taxi costs between home and DCA
Transportation	423.38, from 442.60	Discrepancy in taxes/fees
Meals	195.20, from \$230.00	Actual costs were lower than estimated costs for available caterers

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation:

4/16--Cynthia Braezeal was not able to join for welcome/MIT introduction, Fariborz Maseeh was not able to join for MIT.nano tour

4/17--Bruce Walker added as intro speaker at the Ragon Institute, Marzyeh Ghassemi added as speaker on AI and Health panel, Erik Lin Greenberg replaced with Col. Tucker Hamilton on AI and National Security panel

4/18--Dan Huttenlocker and Asu Ozdaglar added for lunch panel

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation:

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved.

Date/Time Stamp

Name of Traveler:
Jason Edwards

Employing Office/Committee:
Senator Murray

Private Sponsor(s):
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Destination(s):
Cambridge, MA

Travel Dates:

April 16 - April 18

NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties. This trip is on the future of artificial intelligence. I cover technology and science policy for Senator Murray, including AI.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? **Name and Relationship to Traveler:**

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

3/12/25

Date

Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Senator Murray

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Jason Edwards

(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

3/12/25

Date

Patty Murray

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

April 9, 2025

Jason Edwards
Office of Senator Patty Murray
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Edwards:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting approval from the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) to accept an invitation you received to travel to the *Congressional Seminar on Artificial Intelligence*, on April 16-18, 2025, sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Provided that you adhere to the guidance set forth below, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from MIT in connection with this trip.

Background

Based on your communication with the Committee, the background in this matter is as follows.¹ You are employed as a policy advisor for the Office of Senator Patty Murray. MIT invited you to travel to the *Congressional Seminar on Artificial Intelligence*, on April 16-18, 2025. MIT certified to the Committee that it will pay the necessary expenses² related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, lobbying firm, agent of a foreign principal, or otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. Although MIT retains or employs a federally registered lobbyist or foreign agent, MIT has certified that it is an organization designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code³ and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.⁴

Discussion

Privately sponsored travel includes any gift of travel and travel-related expenses for travel outside the Senate duty station, including transportation, lodging, food and refreshments, and conference fees and materials, whether paid for directly, reimbursed, or provided directly, from a private individual or entity, in connection with a Member's, officer's, or employee's

¹ If this letter does not correctly recite the facts, contact the Committee immediately.

² The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 10-13.

³ 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

⁴ The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 15.

official Senate duties. Incorporating reforms from the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 (HLOGA), Pub. L. 110–81 (2007), Senate Rule 35.2 permits Members, officers, and employees to accept privately sponsored travel only with the prior written approval of the Committee.

The Committee's approval process is governed by the *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel (Travel Regulations)*. The *Travel Regulations* contain detailed requirements regarding who may sponsor travel; time limits for trips; and the type and amount of expenses that can be reimbursed.

Entities that do not retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent and all non-profit organizations designated as tax-exempt organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, regardless of whether they retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent, may sponsor domestic trips for up to three days. The three-day limitation means three 24-hour periods, calculated from the time of arrival in the trip location to the time of departure from the trip location. For such trips, neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany a Senate invitee at any point throughout the trip, other than in a *de minimis* way.⁵ This means that neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany Senate invitees at any point to and from the event, at the event itself, or at the location being visited.⁶

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately Sponsored Travel**.

Consistent with these standards and Committee precedent, MIT's factual representations, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from MIT in connection with this trip, provided that the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, and the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate (Office of Public Records).

⁵ The term "*de minimis*" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 6-8.

⁶ See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 6-10.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual⁷ on their financial disclosure report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$480 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their financial disclosure report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Hamilton Kopplin', written in a cursive style.

Shannon Hamilton Kopplin
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Employee Privately Sponsored Travel Checklist

⁷ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$150,160 for CY 2025) or is a political fund designee and is required to file financial disclosure reports.



February 12, 2025

Mr. Jason Edwards
Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Patty Murray
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Edwards,

I am writing to invite you to attend an MIT seminar for senior Congressional staff. The seminar, "The Future of AI," will take place on the MIT campus in Cambridge, MA from April 16-18, 2025. To allow for robust discussion, invitations are being extended only to senior Congressional staff who work on Artificial Intelligence-related policy areas.

We will cover the cost of travel and hotel accommodations and are carefully following House and Senate Ethics Committee requirements. The necessary ethics approval forms will be provided to you should you apply to attend.

As you will see in the agenda below, the seminar will cover a range of topics related to AI and its uses, with talks by MIT faculty experts and plenty of time for Q&A. The seminar will also include a tour of MIT's nanotechnology/semiconductor lab and drone and robotics demonstrations.

The seminar, which is sponsored by MIT's Open Learning with a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, was organized by the MIT Washington Office and MIT Open Learning. If you would like to attend, please apply no later than close of business on Thursday, March 13 by [clicking here](#). This will allow sufficient time for filing the necessary paperwork with your Ethics Committee by Monday, March 17. Spaces are limited, so early application is strongly suggested.

If you have received this invitation in error and the seminar is not relevant to your portfolio, please feel free to forward it to a colleague who focuses on issues related to AI.

Helen Haislmaier in the MIT Washington Office will be happy to answer any questions, and she can be reached at (202) 744 5835 or at helenh@mit.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Breazeal".

Cynthia Breazeal

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Trip Name: MIT Artificial Intelligence seminar for Congressional Staff, 2025

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?☒ Yes☐ No**If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:**☐

Private Foundation

☒

Public Charity

Address:

77 Massachusetts Avenue

City, State, Zip:

Cambridge, MA 02139

Phone Number:

617 324 9105

Organization URL:<https://web.mit.edu/>

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

MIT has hosted similar seminars on a wide range of public policy issues related to science & technology for over 20 years. The most recent 'in person' seminar was held on the MIT campus in October 2023.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

MIT is a major non-profit research university with a mission focused on education & research in science, engineering and technology. It offers both undergraduate and graduate level degrees and has multiple departments working on cutting-edge technology, including artificial intelligence and it's applications.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):☐

I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

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I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):☒

I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

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I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):☒

I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

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I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

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I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This is an intensive educational seminar presented by MIT faculty with a dinner talk by an expert in artificial intelligence from industry. The entire seminar will be held on MIT's campus (except for hotel accommodations) and utilizes MIT faculty, classrooms and laboratories. There will be a tour of MIT.nano and demonstrations with robots and drones showcasing the use of AI in these areas.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

MIT is a major non-profit research university with a mission focused on education and research in science, engineering and technology. Congressional staff will be exposed to the latest research and thinking about artificial intelligence and its applications. MIT has hosted similar seminars on a wide range of public policy issues related to science and technology for over 20 years.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

Members of the MIT Washington Office, along with campus faculty who focus on AI issues, were wholly responsible for organizing the agenda and logistics for the seminar but funding was received from The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. No-one from the Sloan Foundation played any part in the planning or will play any part in the execution of the seminar.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

1. The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
- 2.
- 3.

With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- ☐ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ☒ The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ☒ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ☐ No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, the trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip.

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees list

- ☒ A list of all Senate invitees is attached to this form (required).
- ☒ Members and staff from the House of Representatives will also receive invitations.

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:
April 16, 2025. 8:30am



Trip End Date/Time:
April 18, 2025. 7:00pm

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 442.60 Accompanying Family Member: \$ N/A)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Fully refundable JetBlue Flights + booking fees	Economy	\$396.60
Bus to/from airport & hotel		\$ 46.00
Details (optional)		

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee): \$582.00

Family Member: \$

N/A

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
4/16/25	4/18/25	Marriott Residence Inn	Cambridge	MA	USA
Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		
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Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		

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Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 230.00 Accompanying Family Member: \$ N/A)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
4/16/25	0 - incl. in hotel room	\$33.00	\$40.00	\$13.00	\$86.00	Cambridge, MA	MA	USA	NO
4/17/25	0 - incl. in hotel room	24.50	73.00	10.00	\$107.50	Cambridge, MA	MA	USA	Yes
4/18/25	0 - incl. ub hotel room	24.50	n/a	12.00	36.50	Cambridge, MA	MA	USA	NO

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

There is a formal working dinner with speaker on the evening of 4/17/25 where there is no option to choose a cheaper caterer but we have picked the cheapest meal option available.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 80.00 Accompanying Family Member: \$ n/a)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
cabs to/from home and Reagan National Airport OR parking at Reagan.	80.00	MIT will cover UP TO \$80 p.p.

Additional Details (optional)

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: 2025 AI Seminar for Congressional Staff

Travel Date(s): April 16-18, 2025

Travel Destination(s): Cambridge, MA and back to Washington, DC

Sponsor: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cynthia Breazel

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Dean of MIT Digital Learning

(title)



(signature of sponsor representative)

2/21/2025

(date)



**Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Senior Congressional Staff Seminar on AI**

THE FUTURE OF AI
April 16-18, 2025

AGENDA

Wednesday, April 16: Day 1	
9:00 am	JetBlue Flight 1154 from Washington, D.C. to Boston
10:30 am	Staff arrive at Boston Logan airport
10:30-11:00 am	Ground transportation from Boston Logan Airport to Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge (MIT buses)
11:00 -11:30 am	Check into Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge 120 Broadway, Cambridge
11:30-11:45 am	Bus from Residence Inn to Samberg Conference Center for registration
11:45-12:15 pm	Registration and luncheon served
12:15-12:30 pm	Participants introduce themselves
12:45-1:00 pm	Welcome to MIT <i>Welcome participants on behalf of MIT and provide an overview of the program.</i> Ian Waitz, Vice President for Research
1:00-2:15 pm	Overview of AI <i>This session will provide an overview of the basics of how AI works, how it is likely to develop, and issues AI raises for policymakers.</i> Antonio Torralba, Delta Electronics Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
2:15-3:45 pm	Foundation AI Models <i>This session will review the current state of large language models and computer vision, and their strengths and limitations.</i> Dylan Hadfield-Menell, Bonnie and Marty (1964) Tenenbaum Career Development Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science



	Yoon Kim, NBX Career Development Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Phillip Isola, Class of 1948 Career Development Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
3:45-4:00 pm	Walk to 60 Vassar Street, Cambridge for tour
4:00-5:15 pm	Tour of MIT.nano <i>The tour will introduce MIT's state-of-the-art facility for semiconductor design and its connections to the development and use of AI.</i> Vladimir Bulović, Director of MIT.nano Fariborz Maseeh, (1990) Professor of Emerging Technology, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
5:15-5:30 pm	Walk to Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge
6:00-8:30 pm	Working Dinner with panel on AI and Transportation <i>This session will explore AI's potential to change transportation technology and systems.</i> Awad Abdelhalim, Assistant Director of Research, MIT Transit Lab and JTL Urban Mobility Lab Cathy Wu, Thomas D. and Virginia W. Cabot Career Development Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering



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Thursday, April 17: Day 2

7:30-8:45 am Breakfast at Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge

8:45-9:00 am Walk to Ragon Institute: 600 Main St., Cambridge

9:00-9:05 am Welcome from **Bruce D. Walker**, MD, Director, Ragon Institute and Professor of the Practice of Medicine at MIT

AI and Health

This session will explore how AI is changing, and can change health care and biomedical research.

9:05-10:30 am

Regina Barzilay, School of Engineering Distinguished Professor of AI & Health

Dimitris Bertsimas, Vice Provost for Open Learning; and Boeing Professor of Operations Research

Marzyeh Ghassemi, Herman L.F. von Helmholtz Career Development Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

AI and National Security

This session will explore the implications of AI for U.S. national security, including how AI may increase threats to the U.S. and how the U.S. could use AI to enhance its security.

10:30-12:00 pm

Sertac Karaman, Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics; Director of the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems

Gene Keselman, Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management; Executive Director of MIT Mission Innovation X

Col. Tucker “Cinco” Hamilton (retired), Former Chief of AI Test and Operations, U.S. Department of the Air Force

Lunch presentation -- Air Force AI Accelerator

This session will describe work the Air Force is doing with MIT and Lincoln Laboratory to apply AI to Air Force operations.

12:00-1:30 pm

Daniela Rus, Andrew and Erna Viterbi Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Director of MIT Computer Science and AI Laboratory (CSAIL)

Colonel Scott Ruppel, Department of the U.S. Air Force Director, DAF-MIT Artificial Intelligence Accelerator

1:30-1:45 pm Break



1:45-3:00 pm	AI and Cybersecurity <i>This session will explore how AI both creates new vulnerabilities in cybersecurity and can help strengthen cybersecurity.</i> Dennis Ross, Group Leader of the Artificial Intelligence Technology and Systems Group at MIT Lincoln Laboratory Una-May O'Reilly, Founder and Principal Research Scientist of the AnyScale Learning for All (ALFA) group, CSAIL
3:00-4:15 pm	AI and Energy <i>This session will explore how AI is increasing energy demands and how that might be addressed, as well as how AI could be used to help manage energy systems.</i> Priya Donti, Silverman (1968) Family Career Development Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Vijay Gadepally, Senior Scientist, MIT Lincoln Laboratory; and Visiting Scientist, MIT Connection Science
4:15-4:30 pm	Break
4:30-5:45 pm	AI and Industry <i>This session will explore the different ways AI is being put to use, and could be put to use in industry, particularly in manufacturing.</i> Tim Kraska, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science John Hart, Department Head, Mechanical Engineering; Director, Laboratory for Manufacturing and Productivity and Director, MIT Center for Additive and Digital Advanced Production Technologies Ben Armstrong, Executive Director, Industrial Performance Center
5:45 – 6:00 pm	Walk to hotel
6:15 pm	Walk to Samberg Center from Residence Inn
6:30-8:45 pm	Dinner with Speaker: Securing U.S. AI Dominance: A Strategic Imperative (Samberg Conference Center, 7th F, Salon M) Hossein Rahnama, Visiting Associate Professor at the MIT Media Lab <i>The speaker will discuss the dominant position of the U.S. in AI, the comparative position of other nations, and how to maintain U.S. dominance. The talk, with slides, will also describe how China built DeepSeek and what we can learn from that.</i>



**Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Friday, April 18: Day 3

7:45-8:45 am Continental breakfast at hotel/check out (Bags can be left at the hotel)
Morning session to be held in the Doc Egerton room at The Residence Inn

AI and the Economy/Workforce

This session will explore how AI is likely to change the economy, with a focus on possible job impacts in the U.S.

9:00-10:30 am **David Autor**, Daniel (1972) and Gail Rubinfeld Professor, Department of Economics
David Deming, MIT Visiting Scholar; and Isabelle and Scott Black Professor of Political Economy, Harvard Kennedy School
John Horton, Richard S. Leghorn (1939) Career Development Professor, MIT Sloan School of Management

10:30-10:45 am Break

AI and Education

This session will explore how AI is currently being used, and could be used in the future, in K-12 education in the U.S.

10:45-12:00 pm **Cynthia Breazeal**, MIT Dean for Digital Learning; and Professor of Media Arts and Sciences
Eric Klopfer, Professor and Director, Scheller Teacher Education Program and The MIT Education Arcade
Jeff Riley, Former Commissioner of Education, State of Massachusetts

12:00-12:15 pm Break

Box Lunch with discussion -- Fitting it all together, discussion & seminar evaluation

This session will review the themes and issues raised during the seminar and provide participants a chance to ask questions about what they have learned and what information, pertinent to their jobs, they would like to discuss.

12:15-2:00 pm **Moderator: David Goldston, Director, MIT Washington Office**



Dan Huttenlocher, Dean, MIT Schwarzman College of Computing and Henry Ellis Warren Professor of Computing, and AI & Decision-Making

Asu Ozdaglar, Deputy Dean of the MIT Schwarzman College of Computing; Mathworks Professor and Department Head, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

2:00-2:15 pm

Walk to Tour/Demo Robotics and Drones

Tour/demo Robotics & Drones

Robotics: 51 Vassar Street, Cambridge

Drones: Building 31 at 70 Vassar Street, Cambridge

2:15-3:45pm

This session will offer technology demonstrations of AI-powered autonomous drone and robotics systems.

Sertac Karaman, Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics; and Director of the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems

John Marangola, Researcher, CSAIL

3:45-4:00 pm

Walk back to the hotel to collect bags and board a bus to the airport.

4:00-4:45 pm

Travel by bus to Boston Logan Airport

6:11-7:59 pm

JetBlue Flight 2255 from Boston to Washington, DC

Grantmaking Organization Certification Form

Instructions: If a sponsor receives funds from a grantmaking organization, the sponsor must disclose this on the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and the grantmaking organization must complete the *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form*. The completed *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form* must be submitted to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics by the trip sponsor at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date.

Grantmaking Organization: The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

Private Sponsor: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Trip Name: Artificial Intelligence seminar for congressional staff,

Travel Date(s): April 16 - 18, 2025

Destination(s): Washington, DC to Boston and back to Washington, DC

In compliance with the *Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel*, I certify the following:

- ☒ The grantmaking organization is a § 501(c)(3) organization.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization is not a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or foreign agent, nor an entity that retains or employs a lobbyist or foreign agent.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization provides funds under an established grant program, or in a manner that is otherwise consistent with the mission and practices of the organization.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization is not involved, directly or indirectly, in organizing and conducting the trip. This includes selecting participants for a trip.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization does not directly pay or reimburse travel expenses for any Senate Member, officer, or employee.

Doron Weber

(Printed name of grantmaking organization representative)



(Signature of grantmaking organization representative)

Vice President/Program Director

(Title)

2/11/2025

(Date)