RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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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:
03/31/2026 to 04/02/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$648.12	$674.84	$240.00	$0.00

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.

4/24/26
Date

Charlie Hobbs
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.

4/24/26
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
Lodging	$674.84	An error was made inputting the estimated lodging figures before the trip was approved and cannot be changed in the portal once approval for the trip was given. The estimated figures for transportation and lodging were accidentally reversed, so the pre-travel amount approved for Transportation was $676.00 when it should have been $633.32 and the pre-travel amount approved for lodging was $633.32 when it should have been $676.00. The hotel nightly rate was $271.00 per night + taxes = $674.84. This is the same amount that was estimated in the original pre-travel Primary Trip Sponsor Form which was uploaded in the portal before approval. My apologies for the error.
Transportation	$648.12	Airfares were different for each traveler because fares fluctuated based on what day the ticket was booked. However, the actual amount spent on transportation for each traveler was less than the original estimate of $633.32 (which was the figure estimated in the original, uploaded pre-travel Primary Trip Sponsor Form) except for one traveler and that figure is noted under their name.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

● Yes ○ No

Explanation: We had to make a minor, last minute change to the itinerary when we discovered Delta Airlines had moved the time of the departing BOS - DCA flight up by 20 minutes. Instead of leaving Logan at 6:05pm, we received an update at lunchtime on the day of travel to say the flight would be departing at 5:40pm. As a result of this news, we cut 30 minutes from the last session to facilitate getting to the airport on time. The last session 'Fitting it all together & Seminar Evaluation', therefore ran from 3:00 - 3:30pm (instead of 3:00 - 4:00pm).

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

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

Hobbs, Charlie (Budd)

From: Helen C Haislmaier <helenh@mit.edu>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 2:49 PM
To: Hobbs, Charlie (Budd)
Subject: Invitation to MIT Artificial Intelligence Seminar for Congressional Staff

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MIT Open Learning

Please find below an invitation from MIT to a seminar for senior Congressional staff on Artificial Intelligence.

The event will take place on the MIT Campus from March 31- April 2, 2026.

If the seminar is not relevant to your current position, we apologize for this error and hope you will forward it to the appropriate member of staff in your office. If you have any questions, please contact me at helenh@mit.edu or 202-744-5835.

Kind regards,
Helen

Helen Haislmaier
Program Coordinator/MIT Washington Office/Office of the President

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January 30, 2026

Dear Charlie,

I am writing to invite you to attend an MIT seminar for senior Congressional staff on the topic of Artificial Intelligence. The seminar, **"The Future of AI,"** will take place on the MIT campus in Cambridge, MA from March 31-April 2, 2026. 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.

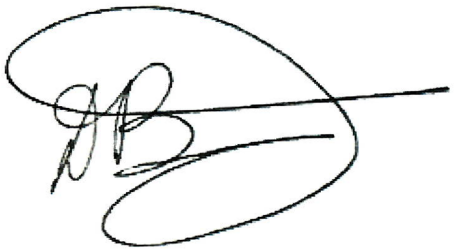
As you will see in the agenda below, the seminar will cover a range of topics related to AI and its uses, with talks by MIT faculty experts and plenty of time for Q&A. The seminar will also include a tour of MIT's Media Lab and the Plasma Science Fusion Center.

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, February 26 by clicking here. This will allow sufficient time for filing the necessary paperwork with your Ethics Committee by Monday, March 2nd. 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,



Dimitris Bertsimas
Vice Provost for Open Learning

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Senior Congressional Staff Seminar

THE FUTURE OF AI

March 31-April 2, 2026

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 31: Day 1

8:40 am	**Delta Flight 5687 from Washington Reagan National Airport**
10:25 am	**Staff arrive at Boston Logan airport**
10:40-11:15 am	**MIT bus from Boston Logan Airport to Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge**
11:15-11:45 am	**Check into Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge** 120 Broadway, Cambridge
11:45am-12:00 pm	**Bus from Residence Inn to Samberg Conference Center for registration**

12:00-1:15 pm	**Registration, welcome, introductions, and luncheon** **Samberg Conference Center**, 50 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA, 02142, 6th floor, Dining Rooms 5 & 6
12:15-12:30 pm	**Participants introduce themselves**
12:45-1:00 pm	**Welcome Remarks & Overview of AI at MIT** **Daniel Huttenlocher**, Dean, MIT Stephen A. Schwarzman College of Computing **Dimitris Bertsimas,** Vice Provost for Open Learning and Boeing Professor of Management *Welcome participants and provide an overview of the program*
1:10-2:30 pm	**Overview of AI** *The session will provide an overview of the basics of how AI works, how it is likely to develop, and issues AI raises for policymakers* **Yoon Kim**, Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
2:30-4:00 pm	**Foundation AI Models** *This session will review more deeply the current state of large language models and computer vision, and their strengths and limitations* **Moderator: Tom Giancola,** Policy Associate, MIT Washington Office **Vincent Sitzmann,** Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science **Dylan Hadfield-Menell**, Bonnie and Marty (1964) Tenenbaum Career Development Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
3:45-4:00 pm	**Break/walk to tour**
4:00-5:00 pm	**Tour of MIT Media Lab** *This tour will explore the MIT Media Lab's research in AI and robotics, human-machine interactions, and AI's impact in media and telecommunications.* **Jessica Rosenworcel,** Executive Director, MIT Media Lab
5:00-5:15 pm	**Walk to Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge**
6:00-8:15 pm	**Dinner with talk - AI and Ethics** **The Doc Egerton Room**, Ground Floor, Residence Inn **Brian Hedden**, Associate Dean for Social and Ethical Responsibilities (SERC), MIT Schwarzman College of Computing, and Professor of Philosophy *This discussion will provide an overview of ethical frameworks with which to analyze new and evolving applications of AI in society.*

Wednesday April 1: Day 2

7:30-8:45 am	**Breakfast at Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge**
8:45-9:00 am	**Walk to Ragon Institute of MGB, MIT, and Harvard** 600 Main Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139

9:00-10:30 am	**AI, Data, and Society– Select Policy Topics** *This session will explore the societal implications of the broad adoption of AI and its use of data.* **Moderator: Asu Ozdaglar**, MathWorks Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Department Head, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Deputy Dean of Academics, Schwarzman College of Computing **Daniel Huttenlocher**, Dean, MIT Schwarzman College of Computing; Henry Ellis Warren (1894) Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. **Chara Podimata**, Assistant Professor, MIT Sloan School of Management **Alessandro Acquisti**, T. Wilson Professor in Management and Professor of Information Technology, MIT Sloan School of Management
10:30-12:00 pm	**AI and the Economy** *This session will explore how AI is likely to change the economy, with a focus on economic behavior in finance and information.* **Moderator: TBC** **Andrew W. Lo**, Charles E. and Susan T. Harris Professor of Finance, and the Director of the Laboratory for Financial Engineering at the MIT Sloan School of Management.
12:00-1:15 pm	**Lunch with 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.* **Col. Scott Ruppel**, Department of the U.S. Air Force Director, Department of the Air Force-MIT Artificial Intelligence Accelerator **Daniela Rus,** Andrew (1956) and Erna Viterbi Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and Director of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL) at MIT.
1:15-1:30 pm	**Walk to Plasma Science & Fusion Center** 167 Albany St, Cambridge
1:30-2:30 pm	**AI and Fusion Energy Tour of Plasma Science & Fusion Center (PSFC)** *The MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center is an international leader in the development of fusion energy. This tour will explore how AI is being used to advance the field of fusion energy.* **Cristina Rea**, Principal Research Scientist and Head of Data Science Division, MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center ***Tour Instructions**:* • *Closed-toe shoes should be worn on the lab tour* • *During the tour, information on the hallway walls may be photographed.* • *In the lab, there are a few areas that cannot be photographed. Tour location staff will confirm these locations upon arrival.*
2:30-2:45 pm	**Walk to Schwarzman Building,** 50 Vassar St. Cambridge, MA, 02139
2:45-4:10 pm	**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.* **Moderator: Tom Giancola,** MIT Washington Office

	Eric Evans, Professor of Practice, MIT Aeronautics and Astronautics; Director Emeritus (2006-2024), MIT Lincoln Laboratory **Gene R. Keselman**, Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management; Executive Director, MIT Mission Innovation Experimental (MIx); Managing Director, MIT Proto Ventures. **Sertac Karaman,** Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics; Director of the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems (LIDS)
4:10-4:25 pm	**Break**
4:25-5:30 pm	**Fireside chat- China Competition** *This fireside chat will feature a discussion covering a range of topic relevant to geopolitical competition between the U.S. and China, with a particular focus on AI development and adoption, semiconductors and trade.* **Moderator: David Rotman,** Editor at Large, MIT Technology Review **Yasheng Huang,** Professor of Global Economics and Management at the MIT Sloan School of Management
5:30-5:45 pm	**Walk to Residence Inn Cambridge**
6:15- 6:30 pm	**Walk to Samberg Center**
6:30-7:00 pm	**Reception**
7:00-8:30 pm	**Dinner and Talk - AI and Transportation** *This discussion will explore how AI is impacting mobility and transportation, with a focus on autonomous systems.* **Jinhua Zhao**, Class 1941 Professor of Cities and Transportation; Founder, MIT Mobility Initiative

Thursday, April 2: Day 3

7:45-8:45 am	**Continental breakfast in hotel dining room and check out.** ***(Bags should be packed and ready to go with you on the bus and can be left with the front desk.)***
9:00-10:15 am	**The Doc Egerton Room, Ground Floor, Residence Inn** 120 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142 **AI and Scientific Discovery** *This session will discuss how AI is being used in research and lab settings to advance scientific discovery and what factors are driving its adoption.* **Neil Thompson**, Principal Research Scientist, MIT CSAIL; Director, MIT FutureTech Project
10:15-10:30 am	**Walk to tour**
10:30-11:45 pm	**Tour- MIT Belcher Laboratory** *This session will explore how AI is being used to accelerate scientific*

	discovery in biomolecular materials. **Angela Belcher,** James Mason Crafts Professor of Biological Engineering and Materials Science
11:45-12:00 pm	**Walk/return to The Doc Egerton Room,** Ground Floor, Residence Inn
12:00-1:45 pm	**Lunch and session:** **AI and Industry** *This session will explore the different ways AI is being put to use, and could be put to use in industry, particularly in manufacturing* **Faez Ahmed,** Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering **Roberto Rigobon**, Professor Sloan School **Thomas Malone,** Patrick J. McGovern Professor, Management; Director for CCI
1:45-3:00 pm	**AI in K-12** *This session will explore how AI is being, and could be used in education, particularly K-12 education in the U.S.* **Daniella Dipaola**, Graduate Researcher, MIT Media Lab **Justin Reich**, Associate Professor of Digital Media, Comparative Media Studies and Writing Department; Director of the MIT Teaching Systems Lab.
3:00-4:00 pm	**Fitting it all together, discussion & seminar evaluation** *This session will review the entire program and provide participants a chance to ask questions about the full picture that has emerged, about what they have learned and what information pertinent to their jobs they would like to discuss.* **Moderator: Kathleen Kennedy**, Senior Director, MIT Horizon
4:00-4:45 pm	**Collect bags/board bus. Travel to Boston Logan Airport**
6:05-7:55 pm	**Delta Flight 5667 from Boston to Reagan National Airport**

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RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp
2/27/26

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.

Name of Traveler:
Charlie Hobbs

Employing Office/Committee:
BUDD, TED

Private Sponsor(s):
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Destination(s):
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Travel Dates:
03/31/2026 to 04/02/2026
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.

As Policy Advisor to Senator Budd, I handle his technology portfolio on the Senate Commerce Committee. This trip will give me the opportunity to hear from some of our nation's leading AI research minds and better equip be with the ability to advise Senator Budd on how to approach questions of AI regulation and promotion.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

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

2/27/26
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)

I Senator Ted Budd
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Charlie Hobbs
(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.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

2/27/26
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: 2026 MIT 'Future of AI' Seminar for Congressional Staff

Charlie Hobbs

Title:
Policy Advisor

Employing Office/Committee:
BUDD, TED

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address 2 (Optional)
3-207

Phone Number
202 744 5835

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
☑ Yes ○ No

Address
77 Massachusetts Avenue

City, State Zip
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 United States

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

History of Congressional Travel

MIT has hosted similar seminars on a wide range of public policy issues related to science and technology for over 25 years. The most recent 'in person' seminar for congressional staff was held on the MIT campus in April, 2025.

Educational Activities

MIT is a major non-profit research university with a mission focused on education and research in science, engineering and technology. It offers both undergraduate and graduate level degrees and has multiple departments working on cutting-edge technologies in a variety of subjects including Artificial Intelligence and its applications.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *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: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

MIT does receive foreign funds but we do not meet the definition of a foreign agent under the Foreign Agent Registration Act and are not required to register. No foreign funding is being used for this program.

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

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 on AI and transportation. The seminar will be held on MIT's campus (with the exception of using a hotel conference room) and utilizes MIT faculty, classrooms and laboratories. There will be tours of the MIT Media Lab, the Belcher Lab and the Plasma Science & Fusion Center, all showcasing the use of AI in these different 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 for Congressional staff on a wide range of public policy issues related to science and technology for over 25 years.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

1. The Alfred P Sloan Foundation

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

- [x] 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

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] 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

- [x] 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.

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- 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

Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
03/31/2026 @ 08:40 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
04/02/2026 @ 07:55 PM

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

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $676.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$550.00

Note
round trip, fully refundable coach tickets on Delta Airlines.

Ground Transportation	Coach	$56.00

Note
MIT bus to pick staff up from Boston Logan airport on 3/31/26 and take them to the Marriott Residence Inn, Cambridge and back to Logan Airport again on 4/2/26.

Ground Transportation	N/A	$70.00

Note
MIT will reimburse each staffer UP TO a total, maximum of $70 for round-trip taxis/Ubers to and from Reagan National Airport from/to their residence.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $633.32)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
03/31/2026	04/02/2026	Marriott Residence Inn, Cambridge	Cambridge	Massachusetts	United States	2	$316.66	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
The actual nightly rate is $291.00 which does not exceed the per diem rate. However, with taxes included, the final cost is above the per diem (but it includes breakfast).

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $240.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
03/31/2026	$0.00	$47.00	$35.00	$11.00	**$93.00**	Cambridge	Massachusetts	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
The opening day includes a formal working lunch and a working dinner at the hotel. We have no choice of caterer for the lunch location but we are using one of the cheapest caterers allowed at the Residence Inn for dinner.

04/01/2026	$0.00	$30.00	$79.50	$2.50	**$112.00**	Cambridge	Massachusetts	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
There is a formal working dinner the night of 4/1/26 where there is only one caterer/no cheaper options.

04/02/2026	$0.00	$30.00	$0.00	$5.00	**$35.00**	Cambridge	Massachusetts	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

There are no miscellaneous expenses.

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

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: 2026 MIT Future of AI Seminar for Congressional Staff

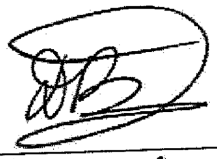
Travel Date(s): 3/31 - 4/2/2026

Travel Destination(s): Washington, DC - Cambridge, MA - Washington, DC

Sponsor: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Dimitris Bertsimas — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Vice Provost, Open Learning — *(title)*



(signature of sponsor representative)

2/9/2026 — *(date)*

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): March 31 - April 2, 2026

Destination(s): Washington, DC to Cambridge, MA 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)

Vice President/Program Director
(Title)

(Signature of grantmaking organization representative)

2/6/2026
(Date)

Prefi	First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization Name (Parent)	Email
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THE FUTURE OF AI
March 31-April 2, 2026

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 31: Day 1

Seminar location: MIT Samberg Center, 50 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02142
6th Floor, Dining Rooms 5 & 6

8:40 am	**Delta Flight 5687 from Washington Reagan National Airport**
10:25 am	**Staff arrive at Boston Logan airport**
10:40-11:15 am	**MIT Bus from Boston Logan Airport to Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge**
11:15 -11:45 am	**Check into Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge** 120 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142
11:45am - Noon	**Bus from Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge to Samberg Conference Center**
Noon – 1:15 pm	**Registration, welcome, introductions, and luncheon** **Samberg Conference Center**, 6th floor, Dining Rooms 5 & 6
12:15 – 12:30 pm	**Participants introduce themselves**
12:45 – 1:00 pm	**Welcome Remarks & Overview of AI at MIT** **Daniel Huttenlocher**, Dean, MIT Stephen A. Schwarzman College of Computing **Dimitris Bertsimas,** Vice Provost for Open Learning and Boeing Professor of Management *Welcome participants and provide an overview of the program*
1:00 – 1:10 pm	**Move from Dining Room 6 to Dining Room 5**
1:10 - 2:30 pm	**Overview of AI** *The session will provide an overview of the basics of how AI works, how it is likely to develop, and issues AI raises for policymakers* **Jacob Andreas,** Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

2:30 – 4:00 pm	**Foundation AI Models** *This session will review more deeply the current state of large language models and computer vision, and their strengths and limitations* **Moderator: Tom Giancola,** Policy Associate, MIT Washington Office **Vincent Sitzmann**, Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science **Dylan Hadfield-Menell,** Bonnie and Marty (1964) Tenenbaum Career Development Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science **Yoon Kim,** Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
4:00 pm- 4:30 pm	**Training an AI-Ready Workforce** *This session will review efforts to develop curricula and infrastructure to advance training for the skills nececcasry for the work of the future* **Cynthia Breazeal,** MIT Dean for Digital Learning, Director of the MIT RAISE Initiative
4:30 - 4:45 pm	**Break/walk to tour**
4:45-5:30 pm	**Tour of MIT Media Lab** *This tour will explore the MIT Media Lab's research in AI and robotics, human-machine interactions, and AI's impact in media and telecommunications.* **Jessica Rosenworcel** -Executive Director, MIT Media Lab
5:30 – 5:45 pm	**Walk to Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge** Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge, 120 Broadway, Cambridge,
6:00-8:30 pm	**Dinner with talk - AI and Ethics** **The Doc Egerton Room,** Ground Floor, Residence Inn **Caspar Hare**, Professor of Philosophy in the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy at MIT *This discussion will provide an overview of ethical frameworks with which to analyze new and evolving applications of AI in society.*

Wednesday April 1: Day 2

Seminar Location -	**Ragon Institute, 600 Main Street, Cambridge, MA**
7:30-8:40 am	**Breakfast at Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge** Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Cambridge, 120 Broadway, Cambridge,

8:40-8:55 am	**Walk to Ragon Institute of MGB, MIT, and Harvard** 600 Main Street, Cambridge, MA 02139
9:00 - 10:30 am	**AI, Data, and Society– Select Policy Topics** *This session will explore the societal implications of the broad adoption of AI and its use of data.* **Moderator: Asu Ozdaglar**, MathWorks Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Department Head, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Deputy Dean of Academics, Schwarzman College of Computing **Daniel Huttenlocher**, Dean, MIT Schwarzman College of Computing; Henry Ellis Warren (1894) Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. **Chara Podimata**, Assistant Professor, MIT Sloan School of Management **Alessandro Acquisti**, T. Wilson Professor in Management and Professor of Information Technology, MIT Sloan School of Management
10:30 – 12:00 pm	**AI and the Economy** *This session will explore how AI is likely to change the economy, with a focus on economic behavior in finance and information.* **Moderator: Tom Giancola,** Policy Associate MIT Washington Office **Andrew W. Lo**, Charles E. and Susan T. Harris Professor of Finance, and the Director of the Laboratory for Financial Engineering at the MIT Sloan School of Management. **Lawrence Schmidt,** the Victor J. Menezes (1972) Career Development Professor of Finance at the MIT Sloan School of Management **Ben Armstrong,** Director, MIT Industrial Performance Center
12:00 – 1:15 pm	**Lunch with 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.* **Col. Scott Ruppel**, Department of the U.S. Air Force Director, Department of the Air Force-MIT Artificial Intelligence Accelerator **Daniela Rus,** Andrew (1956) and Erna Viterbi Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and Director of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL) at MIT.
1:15 – 1:30 pm:	**Walk to Plasma Science & Fusion Center** 167 Albany St, Cambridge, MA 02139
1:30 - 2:30 pm	**AI and Fusion Energy** **Tour of Plasma Science & Fusion Center (PSFC)**

The MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center is an international leader in the development of fusion energy. This tour will explore how AI is being used to advance the field of fusion energy.
Cristina Rea, Principal Research Scientist and Head of Data Science Division, MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center

Tour Instructions:
- *Closed-toe shoes should be worn on the lab tour.*
- *During the tour, information on the hallway walls may be photographed.*
- *In the lab, there are a few areas that cannot be photographed. Tour location staff will confirm these locations upon arrival.*

2:30 – 2:45 pm: **Walk to Schwarzman Building,** 50 Vassar St. Cambridge, MA, 02139

2:45 – 4:10 pm **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.
Moderator: Tom Giancola, MIT Washington Office
Eric Evans, Professor of Practice, MIT Aeronautics and Astronautics; Director Emeritus (2006-2024), MIT Lincoln Laboratory
Gene R. Keselman, Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management; Executive Director, MIT Mission Innovation Experimental (MIx); Managing Director, MIT Proto Ventures.
Dennis Ross, Group Leader, AI Technology and Systems, MIT Lincoln Laboratory

4:10 - 4:25pm **Break**

4:25 - 5:30 pm **Fireside Chat - China Competition**
This fireside chat will feature a discussion covering a range of topics relevant to geopolitical competition between the U.S. and China, with a particular focus on AI development and adoption, semiconductors, and trade.
Moderator: David Rotman, Editor at Large, MIT Technology Review
Yasheng Huang, Professor of Global Economics and Management at the MIT Sloan School of Management

5:30 - 5:45 pm **Walk to Residence Inn Cambridge**

6:15 - 6:30pm **Walk to Samberg Center**

6:30 - 7:00pm **Reception**

7:00 – 8:45 pm	**Dinner and Talk - AI and Transportation** *This discussion will explore how AI is impacting mobility and transportation, with a focus on autonomous systems.* **Jinhua Zhao**, Class 1941 Professor of Cities and Transportation; Founder, MIT Mobility Initiative

Thursday, April 2: Day 3

Seminar Location: **The Doc Egerton Room, Ground Floor, Residence Inn**

7:45 – 8:45 am	**Continental breakfast at hotel/check out.** *(Bags should be packed and ready to go with you on the bus and can be left with the front desk.)*
9:00 – 10:15 am	**AI and Scientific Discovery** *This session will discuss how AI is being used in research and lab settings to advance scientific discovery and what factors are driving its adoption.* **Neil Thompson**, Principal Research Scientist, MIT CSAIL; Director, MIT FutureTech Project **Marzyeh Ghassemi**, Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science **James Collins,** Termeer Professor of Medical Engineering & Science and Professor of Biological Engineering at MIT
10:15am- 10:30 am	**Walk to tour**
10:30 – 11:45 am	**Tour- MIT Belcher Laboratory** *This session will explore how AI is being used to accelerate scientific discovery in biomolecular materials.* **Angela Belcher,** James Mason Crafts Professor of Biological Engineering and Materials Science
11:45 – Noon	**Walk to The Doc Egerton Room,** Ground Floor, Residence Inn
Noon – 1:45 pm	**Lunch and session:** **AI and Industry** *This session will explore the different ways AI is being put to use, and could be put to use in industry, particularly in manufacturing* **Faez Ahmed,** Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering **Roberto Rigobon**, Professor Sloan School **Thomas Malone,** Patrick J. McGovern Professor, Management; Director for CCI

1:45 – 3:00 pm	**AI in K-12** *This session will explore how AI is being, and could be used in education, particularly K-12 education in the U.S.* **Tom Giancola**, Policy Associate, MIT Washington Office **Daniella Dipaola**, Graduate Researcher, MIT Media Lab **Justin Reich**, Associate Professor of Digital Media, Comparative Media Studies and Writing Department; Director of the MIT Teaching Systems Lab.
3:00 – 4:00 pm	**Fitting it all together, discussion & seminar evaluation** *This session will review the entire program and provide participants a chance to ask questions about the full picture that has emerged, about what they have learned and what information, pertinent to their jobs, they would like to discuss.* **Moderator: Kathleen Kennedy**, Senior Director, MIT Horizon
4:00 – 4:45 pm	**Collect bags/board bus. Travel to Boston Logan Airport**
6:05 – 7:55 pm	**Delta Flight 5667 from Boston to Reagan National Airport, Washington, DC.**