Who can come to MIT as a Visiting Student (VS) 

Eligibility

- Students who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at an institution in the US (other than MIT) or abroad
- Students must be enrolled in a degree program for the entire duration of the VS stay at MIT.

Length of Stay
- Minimum of 3 weeks and a maximum of 12 months

Restrictions
- No course participation allowed.
- No on or off campus employment allowed
- All research must be conducted ON MIT campus ONLY
- VS status is NOT available for:
  - Current MIT Degree Student
  - Current MIT Special Students
  - Students who have withdrawn or are on leave of absence
- Must be on J-1 (Non-degree) Student Visa, except for US citizen, Perm. Resident, Int’l from other US institution
- Substantial funds (51% or more) must come from Non-Personal source (Non-Personal funds could be government scholarship, home university funds, MIT funds, or private organization. It cannot be family funds.)

Costs

Faculty host must pay $1,000 processing fee per student out of a discretionary account. Research funds cannot be used for this purpose. In addition, there are student registration fees and student activity fees of $152 for the fall and spring terms.

$1,500 for fall term (September—January) plus $152. **Total $1,652**

$1,200 for the spring term (February---May) plus $152. **Total $1,352**

$900 for the summer term (June---August). **Total $900**

Timeline

All application documents should be submitted at least 75 to 90 days prior to the appointment start date. **Processing time for the DS-2019 form is 30 days after the VS completes the iMIT**