Dear Students,

With the deadline for UROP direct funding applications right around the corner (this Thursday, May 7th), we wanted to provide some additional information and guidance on UROP opportunities. While decisions about campus access in late summer (July and August) are still pending, remote UROPs are an excellent option for many students this summer.

As we previously announced, UROPs are available for credit (with tuition waiver), for pay, or on a volunteer basis. More information about these options is below.

**UROP FOR CREDIT**

- You can do a credit UROP at no cost, thanks to a one-time-only tuition waiver for summer 2020 UROPs. (This waiver does not extend to other classes.)

- You may earn a maximum of 18 units of UROP credit. The academic department awarding your UROP credit may set a lower cap on the amount of units you may earn, but no department will offer more than 18 units of UROP credit.

- Grading is at the department's discretion. Some departments will offer letter grades (A/B/C/D/F) for UROP credit; others will use P/D/F grading. Your UROP supervisor or the department's Undergraduate Administrator can advise on how grading for your for-credit UROP will work.

- If emergency academic regulations are declared for the summer, it is possible that alternate grades (PE/NE) might be mandated.

- The application deadline for credit-bearing UROPs is Thursday, July 9.

**UROP FOR PAY**

- The application deadline for summer direct funding from the UROP Office is Thursday, May 7.

- Some faculty supervisors may provide funding for UROP students; the deadline for supervisor-funded applications is Thursday, July 9.

PROJECT SCOPE: Whether you plan to do a remote summer UROP for credit or for pay, it is always a good idea to consider the scope and responsibilities of your project, and
make sure they align with the assigned credit units or approved funding levels. Talk with your UROP supervisor or reach out to the UROP Office for guidance if you have questions.

QUESTIONS and MORE INFORMATION: The UROP website offers comprehensive information for students seeking a UROP, and we also offer remote advising (through office hours and appointments). Students that have a question about UROP this summer should contact us at urop@mit.edu.

A final reminder that, while UROP is a terrific summer option, it’s not the only one. Check out the new MIT Summer Opportunities and Resources website for a diverse, searchable, and growing selection of academically rigorous and professionally relevant opportunities to keep you engaged. And we’re always interested to hear your thoughts, questions, and ideas, so please share them here.

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