

Visiting Student Research Opportunity (Starting August / September 2010)

The AgeLab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (<http://web.mit.edu/agelab/>) is the first multi-disciplinary research program sponsored by government and business to focus on understanding the behavior of the 45+ population in their multiple roles as decision-makers, consumers, patients, caregivers, advisors, and technology users. Our research cuts across fields as diverse as engineering, cognitive psychology, political science, medicine, computer science, economics, and gerontology to address complex problems in transportation, health care and financial services. Over the past few years the MIT AgeLab has hosted a number of visiting students from around the world. We are currently accepting applications for a select number of visiting student positions for the 2010-2011 academic year to work with AgeLab researchers on existing and new projects in transportation, human factors, and financial and health decision making.

Applicants must be working toward a PhD, Masters, or equivalent in cognitive psychology, human factors engineering, industrial engineering, computer science, gerontology, industrial design or a closely related field of study. Applicants must have proficiency in written and spoken English, demonstrate outstanding scholarly work, have industrial experience in professional internships or fellowship programs, and meet all of the requirements of the MIT visiting students program (<http://web.mit.edu/iso/>). Please note that the MIT AgeLab is committed to providing Visiting Students with the resources necessary to perform world class research but does not provide funding for visiting student salaries, travel or living expenses. Applicants are encouraged to seek external funding to cover living and travel expenses.

The application process has two phases. To be considered for a position, please send your resume and a brief cover letter that describes your research interests and why you think that your skills would be a good match for MIT AgeLab research to Dr. Bryan Reimer (reimer@mit.edu). Your letter should also indicate your preferred period of stay. Your resume should document both prior academic and professional experience. If your application is considered for a position, you will be asked to complete a series of interviews with AgeLab researchers and to supply contact information for references.