

Office of the Provost

The provost shares responsibility with the president, the chancellor, and the academic deans for the supervision of MIT's educational and research programs. The academic offices within the Institute that report directly to the provost include the deans of the schools and the vice president for research in the context of her responsibility for oversight of the interdisciplinary centers, laboratories, and programs. The provost also coordinates certain educational activities that do not fall under the jurisdiction of any one school, such as interdepartmental collaboration among faculty sponsored jointly by different departments. The oversight of initiatives in information technology in education is organized through Academic Computing, the Educational Technology Council and Academic Media Production Services. The provost, working with the executive vice president, also has responsibility for coordinating the budgeting of the Institute.

During the past year, Susan Hockfield was appointed as MIT's 16th president, Frank Wilczek won the Nobel Prize, the departments of Mechanical Engineering and Ocean Engineering merged, Professor Robert Desimone joined the MIT faculty to lead the McGovern Institute (in a new facility to open shortly), a new faculty housing program was launched, and the Energy Research Council was established to spearhead efforts to address the world's mounting energy problems.

Reports from areas reporting to the Office of the Provost follow.