MIT Public Service Center April Announcements

Spring weather is on its way, honestly! The PSC wants to let you all know about our upcoming April opportunities. As a reminder, our opportunities are for undergraduates and graduates and in some cases staff are able to participate.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about how the PSC can help you with a service initiative please feel free to stop by the PSC in 4-104, email the appropriate contact listed below, or email psc@mit.edu. Thank you!

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4-231, 3-4pm
The MIT Global Education & Career Development and the MIT Public Service Center invite you to come hear from two panelists who have turned their passion for education into plans for consulting and public policy careers. Find out how these students followed their commitment to a cause toward further degrees and rewarding careers. The panel discussion will be followed by time for you to ask questions. Register on CareerBridge under Workshops, Career Fairs and Events. Contact Linden McEntire with questions at mcentire@mit.edu, 617-253-8065, www.myinterface.com/mit/student

Panelists:
Terence McDonough
MIT Sloan School of Management, ‘11
Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, ‘11

Joshua Dickson
Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, ‘12

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10-250, 3-4pm
Join Dr Rajiv Shah, USAID Administrator, for a conversation about "grand challenges" in international development, and the role of science and technology in tackling them. USAID, a U.S. Government agency, has provided economic and humanitarian assistance worldwide for almost 50 years. Under Dr Shah’s leadership USAID has launched its Grand Challenges for Development to focus global attention on specific development outcomes based on transformational, scalable, and sustainable change. The philosophy behind using Grand Challenges for Development is that defining the problem well and facilitating innovative approaches will encourage a wide array of solvers to focus their attention on developing sustainable, effective solutions. Moderated by Robert Stoner, Associate Director of the MIT Energy Initiative and co-presented by MIT150, the MIT Public Service Center, D-Lab, and the MIT Energy Initiative.
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Summer Community Service Work-Study Info Session
W35-199, 7-8pm. Dinner will be served.
Attend an information session for Community Service Work-Study: an opportunity for students with Federal work-study to give back to the community and earn a paycheck. Work here in Boston or anywhere around the country with a nonprofit or government agency this summer!

Questions and to RSVP, contact, MIT Public Service Center, Linden McEntire, mcentire@mit.edu, 617-253-8065. More information at: http://web.mit.edu/mitpsc/resources/work-study/index.html

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Grants preferred deadline
Public Service Center grants enable student service projects during the semester and summer. There is a rolling deadline, with a preferred deadline for summer travel of April 15! Grants cover travel and material expenses for public service projects locally, nationally, or internationally! Expedition Grants, supported by the Underclassmen Giving Campaign and the Alumni Association, enable continuing MIT students to travel to an unknown community and explore solutions to problems. Students have recently used Expedition Grants to start projects in New Orleans, Mexico, and Cameroon! Learn more at web.mit.edu/mitpsc/grants and https://giving.mit.edu/underclassmen-campaign/index.html

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CRD-PSC Diversity Grant – encouraged deadline
MIT’s Committee on Race and Diversity (CRD) and the Public Service Center (PSC) are teaming up to offer a special opportunity CRD-PSC Grant. This grant opportunity is for service projects connected to issues of diversity and inclusion, at MIT or in outside communities. Recipients will bring their experience back to campus this fall to share with the broader MIT community. Information about how to apply can be found at http://web.mit.edu/mitpsc/resources/grants/index.html

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IDEAS Competition and MIT Global Challenge Poster & Judging Session
7-9pm, Lobby 10
Mark your calendar! Get to know this year’s entering teams in person and see their prototypes at the Poster & Judging session April 25. Questions? Email Kate and Lars at globalchallenge@mit.edu
Looking ahead:
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IDEAS Competition and MIT Global Challenge Awards Ceremony
Kresge Auditorium
On May 2 the 2011 IDEAS Competition and MIT Global Challenge will award up $150,000 to a handful of these teams that represent the greatest innovation, feasibility, and potential for impact. On behalf of the MIT Public Service Center, MIT150, and the MIT Alumni Association we invite you to come celebrate the students, faculty, staff, and alumni who have shaped these ideas and brought these teams to the finish line. RSVP online today at: http://globalchallenge.mit.edu/about/awards-rsvp
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Summer Service with Alumni Mentors in Washington D.C.
Spend the summer in the nation’s capital! Plan a project in D.C. through one of the Public Service Center’s programs and get matched with a local alumni mentor and a cohort of other MIT students. For more information visit: http://web.mit.edu/mitpsc/showcase/opportunities/dc-mentors.html