The MIT Public Service Center (PSC) helps the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) achieve its mission of working wisely, creatively, and effectively for the betterment of humankind. Through our programs we provide encouragement, advice, logistical support, and funding to help students engage in meaningful and effective public service work in the local community, throughout the United States, and around the world.

PSC participants served in 21 different countries in 2013-2014.
PSC Fellowships and Internships
Tackle a great variety of human and environmental challenges in communities around the world! Participating students build their skills and reflect on their experiences to enhance classroom learning. Students can work individually or as part of a team on projects during winter break, summer, and the academic year.

MIT IDEAS Global Challenge
Through this annual innovation and social entrepreneurship competition, students form teams to work with a community partner to design and implement innovative projects that improve the quality of life in communities around the world.

Freshman Urban Program (FUP)
Help others while exploring your new neighborhood, learning about community challenges, and making friends at this week-long freshman pre-orientation program (FPOP).

Community Service Work-Study
Give back to the community and earn a paycheck during the semester, summer, or winter break! Students who qualify for Federal work-study are able to add to their work experience while assisting nonprofit organizations with finding creative solutions to the problems they face.

ReachOut
Help Cambridge children foster a love of reading and mathematics, through ReachOut, a semester-long tutoring program.

CityDays
Want to help your community, but you don’t have time for a long-term commitment? Participate in one of our CityDay service projects, held on several dates throughout the year.

Four Weeks for America
Want to inspire kids from small rural areas or big inner cities about science and math? Want to learn about educational change and policy? Spend January working with a Teach for America teacher in a classroom.

Alternative Spring Break
Want to spend your freshman spring break participating in service? Join a group of MIT students travelling to various locations around the country to serve a community, and contribute to the greater good for a week.

LEAP Grants
Need funding to carry out a service project, volunteer day, or philanthropy event? LEAP grants can also help you learn about service and social responsibility or build your skills to tackle a community challenge.