Master of Science in Real Estate Development
Instructions for Applicants:

Please read the following information carefully prior to completing the MIT online graduate application. The online application will become available on September 1st.

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 5th FOR ADMISSION THE FOLLOWING FALL.**

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Additional application materials, such as official transcripts, can be sent to:

MIT/ MSRED Admissions
Attn: Admissions Coordinator
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Building 9-343
Cambridge, MA 02139

**ADMISSION DECISIONS ARE NORMALLY MAILED BY EARLY APRIL. WE DO NOT HAVE ROLLING ADMISSIONS.**

**REAPPLICANTS:** If your original application is one year old or less, supply the following items:

- New on-line Graduate Application form
- Updated statement of objectives
- Resume – Either attached to on-line graduate application form or emailed [mit-msred_admissions@mit.edu](mailto:mit-msred_admissions@mit.edu)
- Additional letters of recommendation are suggested but not required
- Letter requesting your previous file to be reactivated
  (Please send via email to [mit-msred_admissions@mit.edu](mailto:mit-msred_admissions@mit.edu))
HOW TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE GRADUATE APPLICATION FORM

Please submit only ONE copy of the application and materials

Pages 1-4: Application Information, Personal Information, Citizenship and Ethnicity, Contact Information

Supply requested information.

Page 2: Evaluations Section

Of your three letters of recommendation, it is preferred that two should be from people who know you in a professional capacity, and one should be from a former professor or teacher. At the end of these instructions is a special sheet for you to copy and provide to each of your references. Please make sure to send in letters of recommendation for the MIT Center for Real Estate’s MSRED program only and not another program.

**Online system:** Recommenders will receive an email from MIT Graduate Admissions explaining how to complete the online evaluation form. Please make sure to inform your recommender that this email will be coming so that it is not misplaced.

**Please note:** Once you have filled out and submitted the online evaluation section it cannot be changed.

You can check the status of your letters of recommendation by reviewing your application account activity:

1. Online application homepage
2. Locate the “With Your Account” section
3. Choose “Review Your Activity”

Each of your recommenders will be listed under the online letters of recommendation section. Until the status reads “completed” no letters have been submitted. You can also send reminders to your recommenders from this section.

Page 5: Educational History and Entrance Tests (GMAT and TOEFL/IELTS)

Indicate date and score of your GMAT. We will only accept GMAT scores. Applications are not complete until the Center for Real Estate has received an official copy of your scores from ETS. Our code is X5X-W6-19.

**GMAT** scores must be current. If your GMAT score is more than 5 years old on or before the January 5th application deadline it must be retaken. Official GMAT scores should be sent by ETS via our code number, X5X-W6-19. If GMAT is taken multiple times, **only the most recent score will be accepted. GMAT IS** REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS, NO MATTER THE ACADEMIC OR
PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND.

GMAT SCORE MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 5th OR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE.

TOEFL/IELTS
Indicate date and score of your TOEFL or IELTS test. Either IELTS (our preferred option) or TOEFL is required of all non-native English speakers. Test scores must be from within the past two years.

- IELTS
  Minimum score preferred: 7.5

  You must request your official test scores be sent directly from the test center where you take the exam. There are no institutional codes. You should request the test scores be sent to:

  Graduate Admissions Office, 99-999
  Massachusetts Institute of Technology
  77 Massachusetts Avenue
  Cambridge, MA 02139

- TOEFL
  Test Format Options:
    Computer based - A score of 250 or better is preferred
    Internet based - A score of 100 or better is preferred
    Paper based - A score of 600 or better is preferred
  School code is 3504
  Use department code 99

  Last day for TOEFL score submission requests for arrival by admissions deadline: December 31.

TOEFL/IELTS SCORE MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 5th OR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE.

Page 7: Statement of Objectives

Prepare a Statement of Objectives, which describes your employment history since graduation, your career objectives, and your rationale for applying to the Real Estate program. This is the one area where applicants have an opportunity to tie everything together and “make your case”. Please keep length to 1 – 2 pages.

Page 8: Comments

In the comments section, please indicate how you learned about the Master of Science in Real Estate Development program.
ADDITIONAL REQUIRED MATERIALS NOT COVERED BY THE ONLINE APPLICATION

1. **Official Transcript(s):** are to be submitted in **sealed and signed envelopes** by school(s); otherwise they will not be considered official copies.

2. **Resumes:** can either be attached to the online application or be submitted via email to: [mit-msred_admissions@mit.edu](mailto:mit-msred_admissions@mit.edu)

***Please do not submit portfolios or additional supplemental materials, etc.***

The Master of Science in Real Estate Development is an interdisciplinary program that draws its teaching faculty from the departments of Architecture, Urban Studies and Planning, Civil Engineering, and the Sloan School of Management. A committee drawn from the teaching faculty administers the program. The School of Architecture and Planning formally awards the degree on the recommendation of the faculty. Although the program is interdisciplinary, MIT requires that each student be affiliated with a department in the School upon registration.

Visit our website for up-to-date information on the MSRED program including information on Open Houses, Regional Events, and visiting the Center: [http://web.mit.edu/cre](http://web.mit.edu/cre)
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE PREPARING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation for an applicant to the Master of Science in Real Estate Development (MSRED) program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Admission to the program is highly competitive, and the curriculum rigorous and demanding. The program integrates training in real estate finance, economics, law, management, construction, and design. We seek candidates of superior intellect, achievement, and motivation. In our experience, our best students are those who possess keen minds, a savvy understanding of how to get things done, and a healthy appetite for hard work.

In preparing your letter, please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant. **We are especially interested in your candid appraisal of the applicant’s intellectual capabilities, personality, character, management ability, and professional promise.** Please feel free to share with us any anecdotes that you believe best illustrate the applicant’s strengths or weaknesses. This helps our Admissions Committee get a better understanding of the applicant’s abilities.

We recognize that to write a good letter can be a difficult task, and we appreciate your time and efforts. Once the applicant has completed the recommender section of the graduate application form you will receive an email from MIT Graduate Admissions with instructions on how to fill out the online recommendation form. The online form gives you the option of uploading a letter; please be sure all attachments are submitted successfully before closing out of the form. You will receive a confirmation if the submission was successful.

Thank you again for your efforts on behalf of this applicant.

The MSRED Admissions Committee