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 is available here: https://gradapply.mit.edu/cre

To get started, you must first create a user account and password. This will allow you to start an application and save it multiple times prior to submission. Please record your username and password; we cannot retrieve them for you.

The following information is critical to the preparation and successful submission of your application.

Most of your application requirements can be completed or submitted online; however, official transcripts, TOEFL/IELTS scores, and GMAT/GRE scores must also be sent by mail in addition to your digital submissions.

All application materials must be received by January 15th for admission the following fall.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLINE APPLICATION SITE CLOSES AT 11:59 PM US EST ON JANUARY 15TH. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AFTER THIS TIME.

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
Samuel Tak Lee Building 9-343
Cambridge, MA 02139

Admission decisions are mailed by early March. We do not have rolling admissions.
HOW TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE GRADUATE APPLICATION FORM

Please submit only ONE copy of the application and materials.

Application Information, Personal Information, Citizenship and Ethnicity, Contact Information

Supply requested information.

Recommendations 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 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.

As part of the online application, you will be asked to supply the names and contact information for three evaluators. We will not accept more than the three required letters of recommendation. You can request these letters from your recommenders at any time during the application process. We recommend that you do this as early as possible.

Steps:
1. Enter the requested information about your recommenders and save it.
2. Visit “Letter Status” to request letters from your recommenders.
3. Follow the instructions given to send a request to each evaluator. You control when your recommender receives the prompt and are responsible for making sure they have copies of these instructions. You can also edit recommender information (if they have not submitted a letter) and track letters by visiting the Letter Status page. If at all possible all recommendations should be completed using the online method.

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.

Educational History and Entrance Tests (GMAT/GRE and TOEFL/IELTS)

Indicate date and score of your GMAT/GRE. Applications are not complete until the Center for Real Estate has received an official copy of your scores from ETS. Scores must be received by the January 15th deadline. Applicants must also submit a scanned copy along with their online application.

GMAT scores must be current. If your GMAT score is more than five (5) years old on or before the January 15th 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.
GRE scores must be current. If your GRE score is more than five (5) years old on or before January 15th deadline, it must be retaken. Official GRE scores should be sent by ETS via our code number: 3514, Department code: 4409. Applicants must also submit a scanned copy along with their online application if the GRE is taken.

**GMAT/GRE IS REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS, NO MATTER THE ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND.**

**TOEFL/IELTS**
Indicate date and score of your TOEFL or IELTS test. Either IELTS or TOEFL is required of all non-native English speakers. Test scores must be from within the past **two years**. Applications are not complete until an official copy has been received by the Center from the ETS. Applicants must also submit a scanned copy along with their online application.

- **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
  Last day for IELTS score submission request for arrival by admissions deadline: **December 31st**.

- **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 3514 Use department code 99
  Last day for TOEFL score submission requests for arrival by admissions deadline: **December 31st**.

**TOEFL/IELTS SCORES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15th OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE.**
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, either single or double-spaced.

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. You must also submit a scanned copy along with your online application. Uploaded copies can be a scan of your official transcript or an unofficial grade report.
   - If you participated in a study abroad experience and your coursework/credits are indicated on your home institution’s official transcript, you do not need to list this or send an official transcript from that program
   - If you attend a community college or university, did not receive a degree there, and transferred credits to another institution from which you received a degree and are submitting an official transcript from that institution, you do not need to list the community college/university or provide an official transcript

   Transcripts not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation. If a college or university does not issue transcripts, a certified letter must be provided. It should list courses, grades, degree(s), and date received.

2. **Resumes:** can either be attached to the online application or be submitted via email to: 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://mitcre.mit.edu](http://mitcre.mit.edu)
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 writing a good letter can be a difficult task, and we appreciate your time and effort. Once the applicant has completed the recommender section of the graduate application form with the names and email addresses of their chosen recommenders, 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 message if the submission was successful.

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

The MSRED Admissions Committee