



MIT EECS

EECS Policy for Internships

The departmental policy for conducting an internship (either away from campus or remotely while residing on campus) allows internships during the summer session or IAP session only. Internships (full time or part time) are not allowed in the fall or spring semesters.

During the summer session, graduate students are not required to be registered and hence can participate in an internship. International graduate students will receive work authorization (via curricular practical training or CPT) by enrolling in 6.9940 (one unit) or 6.9950 (one unit) to complete the professional perspective requirement. There will be a one-unit tuition charge for the summer enrollment. When engaging in a summer internship, financial support via a research assistantship is not allowed; the employer is expected to provide compensation.

An extension of a summer internship is allowed for two weeks only. Requests for such an extension must be submitted to the EECS Graduate Office by Aug. 5th for consideration (otherwise the extension is not granted). For a graduate student, financial support for the fall semester begins on September 1. Therefore, when an extension is granted, the appointment period will begin on September 16th. (International graduate students will be allowed to receive CPT during the two-week internship extension.) The fall-term appointment type will be a teaching assistantship (TA), research assistantship (RA) or fellowship¹. The supervisor of the appointment must approve the delay in the start of work beginning on September 16. An appointment that begins on September 16 results in a tuition balance² of \$5,544.44; this balance will be the responsibility of the graduate student (and the first stipend payment (Sept 1-15) will be forfeited). The graduate student will meet with their graduate counselor during the two-week registration period to complete their fall semester enrollment.

¹ It is the responsibility of the graduate student to confirm with the sponsor of a fellowship if work is allowed while also receiving fellowship support.

² The tuition balance will change each year as MIT tuition changes.