The MIT Alumni Association (https://alum.mit.edu/home), founded by alumni in 1875, provides multiple ways for the Institute’s 136,079 former students to stay in touch with one another and maintain their connections to the Institute. In partnership with the volunteer alumni board, the Association staff helps alumni organize more than 1,200 events a year, communicate with one another, and raise funds for MIT.

In addition to programs such as regional clubs and reunions, the Association offers an opportunity for alumni to make a virtual Infinite Connection to the MIT community through its website (http://alum.mit.edu). Alumni are also using Email Forwarding for Life, the online alumni directory, alumni email lists, online mentoring services, events registration, and online Annual Fund giving. Social media channels such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and the Slice of MIT blog are also very popular. More than 15,889 alumni and friends volunteer their services for MIT each year, with many serving as class and club officers, educational counselors, and members of the MIT Corporation and its visiting committees. Other popular alumni programs include Faculty Forum Online, Alumni Travel Program, Tech Reunions, Alumni Leadership Conference, and Toast to IAP.

In fiscal year 2017, the Annual Fund reported $81.9 million in gifts, contributed by 44,031 alumni donors, students, parents, and friends.