MIT OFFICE OF INNOVATION

The MIT Office of Innovation HQ (iHQ) (https://innovation.mit.edu) is a team of unceasingly inquisitive, data-obsessed problem solvers—a mix of academics, business professionals, military, alumni, and community-builders—charged to develop and strengthen the innovation and entrepreneurial community on campus and beyond. The iHQ builds the innovation infrastructure that stewards the entire process of innovation—from idea through impact—by connecting, enabling, and inspiring MIT’s most innovative people, programs, places, and partnerships.

The iHQ combines opportunities for hands-on innovation and entrepreneurship education, building a dynamic innovation infrastructure across campus, and fostering a connected community of innovation science researchers focused on global relevance and impact by:

• Stewarding the operations of MIT InnovationHQ (https://ihq.mit.edu), the home of MIT’s thriving community of innovators and entrepreneurs.
• Serving as a connector across a wide range of student groups, programs, and campus centers dedicated to innovation and entrepreneurship.
• Supporting the Institute’s most successful innovation and entrepreneurship programs to reach more students and external partners.
• Identifying growth opportunities in the landscape through the creation of new educational programs, research efforts, and physical infrastructure that will position MIT to thrive for years to come.

The iHQ administers the interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship and Innovation Minor (http://innovation.mit.edu/education-practice/eiminor). The minor is designed to prepare MIT undergraduates to serve as leaders in the innovation economy with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to develop, scale, and deliver breakthrough solutions to real-world problems.

It also leads several efforts to strengthen the Institute’s ability to provide students with hands-on opportunities to learn about making, prototyping, and manufacturing. These activities are delivered through Project Manus (http://inovation.mit.edu/infrastructure-%e2%80%a8-community/mobius), the MIT Hong Kong Innovation Node (http://innovation.mit.edu/infrastructure-%e2%80%a8-community/hong-kong-innovation-node), and new campus innovation hubs for co-working and collaboration.