The MIT Portugal Program (MPP) was launched in 2006 by the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology, and Higher Education as a large-scale international collaboration bringing together MIT and six leading universities, industry, and government in Portugal. The aim of this partnership is the development of unique education and research programs through the field of Engineering Systems, targeting key areas with high potential economic and social impact in Portugal.

MIT Portugal has developed four PhD and three master’s programs in Bioengineering Systems, Sustainable Energy Systems, Transportation Systems, and Engineering Design and Advanced Manufacturing, as well as joint research projects focused in integrative test-bed research in Portugal involving faculty, students, and industry from both sides of the Atlantic.

MPP initiatives include faculty and students from MIT departments in all five schools at the Institute. MIT faculty regularly teach PhD or master’s courses in Portugal, either in person or via videoconference. MIT students working with these MIT faculty make research trips to Portugal to enhance collaborative relationships on joint projects and serve as research (and occasionally teaching) assistants to these faculty members. In addition, MPP has developed internship opportunities for MIT students to conduct research related to their work at Portuguese companies.

MIT Portugal offers opportunities for MIT students in graduate research collaboration and postdoctoral research as well as sponsored lectures and public colloquia on engineering systems.

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