Interphase EDGE (IP) (http://ome.mit.edu/programs-services/interphase-edge-empowering-discovery-gateway-excellence) is a two-year scholar-enrichment program sponsored by the Office of Minority Education (http://ome.mit.edu) that includes an eight-week on-campus summer session before students’ first year at MIT, as well as programming during the academic year. The focus of the summer program is to give scholars an introduction to the MIT experience by exposing them to the rigors of a full subject load and to life on campus.

This summer, Interphase EDGE is broadening its reach through a pilot offshoot initiative called Interphase EDGEx (IPx). This expansion to the program, with a primarily-remote summer experience, allows us to offer an additional twenty scholars a hybrid environment as an entry point to MIT. IPx scholars will interact with their on-campus peers throughout the remote portion of the summer program and arrive at MIT to join the IP scholars for the last two weeks of the summer session.

In addition, the Interphase EDGE/x curriculum is uniquely designed to impart pivotal concepts that will increase long-term academic success. The program is designed not only to give students an “edge” on their MIT experience but also to catalyze their successes beyond MIT. During the summer and academic year, scholars will participate in a range of personal and educational development seminars and activities designed to ensure their smooth transition to college life.

Throughout the academic year, scholars will continue to build upon the relationships created during the summer by attending biweekly meetings with Interphase EDGE/x advisors and monthly professional and academic enhancement events, including programs that expose them to various career pathways.