2022 Jeffrey L. Pressman Awards
Deadline for Submission: February 18, 2022
Submit application to Katherine Hoss, hoss@mit.edu

The Department of Political Science announces the Summer 2022 Jeffrey L. Pressman Awards for research, travel or internship in US government, politics, law or education. All members of MIT undergraduate classes 2023, 2024, and 2025 are eligible to apply.

Several stipends (maximum $7000 each) will be awarded to MIT undergraduates for use during the summer to undertake a special project or internship in US government, politics, or policy. The project should focus on some legal, political, institutional, or policy issue.

Application guidelines for research or special project applicants:

Proposal (3-5 Pages)

1. Describe your project.
   a. Why are you interested in this topic?
   b. What is your background in this area?
   c. How do you propose to complete the research?
   d. What will this project contribute to your education?
   e. What will you contribute to the field by completing this research?

2. Include a preliminary budget
3. Letter of recommendation from 1 MIT faculty member (or UROP supervisor or senior administrator at MIT).
4. A current resume.

Application guidelines for internship applicants:

Proposal (3-5 Pages)

1. Describe your desired internship.
   a. Why are you interested in this internship?
   b. What is your background in this area?
   c. Do you have an internship lined up currently? If no, where are you in the process of getting an internship?
   d. How will an internship in the desired area contribute to your education?

2. Include a preliminary budget.
3. Letter of recommendation (1) from an MIT faculty member or similar.
5. Internship offer letter due to Katherine Hoss (hoss@mit.edu) by May 1 2022 to be eligible for funds
Recent Pressman Award winners

Summer 2021
Michelle Tang
Internship with Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven

Grace Song
Internship at MIT Washington DC Office

Stephanie Zhang
Internship at Department of Education and Senate HELP Committee

Summer 2020
David Spicer
Massachusetts Advocates for Children

Max Williamson
US Senator Chris Coons’ Re-Election Campaign, Delaware

Heidi Li

Natasha Stamler

Prosser Cathey
Research Project: “Experimentally Testing a Game Theoretic Model of Social Dilemmas.”

Summer 2019
Christian Cruz
Environmental Protection Agency

Nwanacho Nwana
MIT Washington DC Office

Ignacio Ortega
MIT Washington DC Office

Sarah Powazek
Mass Civil Liberties Union

Summer 2018
Theresa Machemer
American Society of Magazine Editors with National Geographic in DC

Helena Ma
US Department of Health and Human Services on the KidneyX Program

Kevin Downey
New York Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission Quantitative Analytics Unit

Summer 2017
Megan Schussman
Internship at the MIT Washington, DC Office on Education issues

Rene Zhao
Internship at the US Department of Health and Human Services on the Idea Lab

Deepti Ajjampore
Internship at the Aerospace Corporation as a program and policy intern