

**MIT's Martin Family Society of Fellows for Sustainability (MFSFS)  
for the Academic Year 2010 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011)  
(Funded Fellowship Support Available)**

The Martin Family Society of Fellows for Sustainability (MFSFS) is an honor society of graduate students interested in and working in areas of environment and sustainability. The group was created in 1996 to foster opportunities for multidisciplinary cooperation and team-building. The Society hosts formal and informal discussions involving experts from MIT and other institutions.

A very generous gift to the Program by Lee '42 and Geri Martin through the Martin Family Foundation led to the endowment of these fellowships.

Each MIT faculty member is invited to nominate one outstanding student to become a member of the Martin Family Society of Fellows for Sustainability for 2010-2011. The student should be a second- or third-year graduate student in, or about to enter, a PhD program and should be a resident at MIT during the Fellowship period. The student should be working in, or interested in, an area of environment and sustainability as indicated by his/her statement of interest, subjects taken, and potential research area.

A nomination packet should include a letter from the faculty member indicating why he/she believes the student fits the criteria for election to the Fellows Program and an appraisal of the individual student. The remainder of the information to be included in the packet is a copy of the student's curriculum vitae, a copy of the student's transcript (unofficial is acceptable), and a statement from the student outlining his/her interest in the area of environment and sustainability (three pages or less). The student's statement of interest should clearly articulate the research question, methodology, and research plan and should make a compelling case for how this research will contribute to a more sustainable society. Given the multidisciplinary nature of work in environment and sustainability, the statement should be written in terms that are understandable to academics beyond the student's home discipline.

Approximately twenty Fellows will be chosen and at least ten of these students will be awarded financial support for one semester. (Fellows may stay on as "alumni" of the program after their year of induction and can participate in future events).

Nominations (**original plus 7 copies of complete Martin Fellowship Nomination**) are due by February 22, 2010. Please also include our UROP Information Sheet, which allows you to request funding for a Martin UROP to work with the graduate Martin Fellow. Nominations and UROP Information Sheets should be forwarded to:

Professor David H. Marks  
MIT Laboratory for Energy and the Environment  
Room E19-341N

Selection of the Fellows is made by faculty representing all five MIT schools.

If you have any interim questions, please contact Professor Marks directly ([dhmarks@mit.edu](mailto:dhmarks@mit.edu)) or his Assistant Jackie Donoghue ([jellyfin@mit.edu](mailto:jellyfin@mit.edu)).

More information about the program can be found at the MIT Martin Fellowship website at <http://web.mit.edu/mitei/lfee/fellowships/nominations.html>.