

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Seed Grants to Support MIT's Recovery Efforts in the Philippines IAP 2014

The response of the MIT community—students, faculty, staff, alumni/ae, and friends—to last month's Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines has been overwhelming. A group of volunteers have come together to form a working group focused on coordinating MIT's efforts in supporting the people of the Philippines. Led by Professor Christopher Capozzola (History), and with the support of the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost, and the Public Service Center, this group agrees that MIT's best asset for aiding in the recovery of the Philippines is the expertise and problem-solving ability of the MIT community.

We are assessing the potential of sending a team of MIT students, faculty, staff, and postdocs to travel to the Philippines over IAP 2014 to establish connections and explore possibilities for activities that will aid in the country's short-term recovery and long-term resilience. We now invite any interested MIT student, faculty, staff, or postdoc to apply to join this team.



Successful applicants will be chosen on the basis of their commitment and vision for ongoing work in supporting recovery efforts in the Philippines, their interest in gathering information and contacts to share with others in the MIT community, and their ability to propose a practical plan for immediate action that meets the needs of—and closely engages—communities in the Philippines.

We are looking for students, faculty, staff, and postdocs who can help spearhead MIT's ongoing efforts in the Philippines by serving as information resources and networkers, teaching service learning classes, developing collaborative research and redevelopment projects, and/or creating relationships that promote ongoing public service activities.

Once we have had the opportunity to review initial proposals, we will make a final determination about sending a team from MIT. If awarded, the grants for IAP travel will be provided on an individual basis, but those who receive grants through this RFP will work together to maximize their efforts as a team.

Timeline

Because the start of IAP is so soon, and the need for action is so immediate, we have set an aggressive timeframe to receive and review proposals.

December 17: Proposals are due by 5:00 pm. Please submit your proposal as a single PDF attachment to philippines-recovery@mit.edu. Early submissions, and notifications of intent to submit, are very much appreciated.

December 18-20: Proposals are reviewed and applicants notified

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Your name

MIT affiliation: Department and role (including class year and major for students)

Phone

Email

Local Address

Permanent Address (if different)

Total amount requested

One-paragraph abstract

Dates and times you are available for a meeting (in-person or phone) December 18-20

Application

In a brief narrative (1-2 pages), please address the following issues to the best of your knowledge.

Aims/Focus: Describe your primary focus. What aspect of Philippines recovery and resilience work interests you most? Be as specific as you can.

Collaborators and on-site resources: Inform us about the community contacts you have (or need help getting) in the Philippines. Who will your collaborators be? Who has the information and connections you might need? How can we help you make needed connections?

Work plan and timeline: Briefly articulate a work-plan and timeline that gives us a sense of how your work might be carried out. Think about two spans: 1) your long-term, on-going work for Philippines recovery and 2) how you will spend IAP. The plans, though projections, should be as detailed as possible. Include any information about who, what, where, when, and how.

Qualifications: Tell us about your qualifications and any preparation you've already done or will do.

Safety: Explain any precautions or safety measures you think are necessary for you or the people you want to serve.

Motivation and expectations: Why are you doing this? What do you hope to gain from the experience? What practical outcomes are you intent on achieving?

Resources: What is needed for you to achieve your goals during IAP? If you are proposing to travel with someone who is also applying, explain how you anticipate dividing your work. What financial support do you need? (Provide a realistic budget.)

Travel logistics: What are the steps required to enable you to travel over IAP? Include travel dates.

Personal information: What should we know about you as we consider who to send to form an MIT team this IAP? Talk about your personality, what role you may want to play, what resources you represent (language ability, local contacts, etc.).

If you have questions about the MIT-Philippines Working Group or this call for proposals, or if you would like to join on-campus planning efforts, please send an email to philippines-recovery@mit.edu. If you have other questions about MIT's plans to support recovery and resilience in the Philippines, please contact Professor Christopher Capozzola at capozzol@mit.edu or (617) 452-4960.

