



J-WAFS
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J-WAFS Visiting Scholar Information

The Abdul Latif Jameel Water and Food Systems Lab (J-WAFS) was created to coordinate and promote water and food research at MIT, emphasizing the deployment of effective technologies, programs, and policies that will have a measurable and international impact as humankind adapts to a rapidly expanding and evolving population on a changing planet. J-WAFS sponsors efforts across disciplines that span on-campus research, policy studies, corporate and international partnerships, and technology development and commercialization. J-WAFS aims to improve the security, safety, and efficiency of the water and food supplies needed for a sustainable future—and a prosperous economy—for all people.

J-WAFS is welcoming visiting scholars to join this Institute-wide research program at MIT. Visiting scholars are welcome for a semester, academic year, or full 12-month year, and have all the benefits of institutional affiliation with MIT along with work space (which may be shared) within J-WAFS offices. No salary, stipend, lab space, computers, or housing are provided; this is intended for professors on sabbatical or other researchers who have their salaries covered by a home institution or research grant.

Eligibility

Academic visiting scholars should have a PhD and several years or more of research experience. (This is not intended to be a post-doc position.) Visiting scholars from other professions (e.g., policy, journalism) with a master's degree and sufficient professional experience may be considered. J-WAFS is interested in visiting scholars with interest and expertise across a range of areas related to the world's water and food challenges. We are particularly interested in visiting scholars with areas of expertise that are complementary to MIT's, such as agricultural field work, soil science, waste water management, agribusiness, nutrition, and policy. Visiting scholars are expected to have their own support, for instance a paid university sabbatical, or salary or research grant from a university, foundation, or government agency.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, however those received by May 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester will receive first consideration. Note also that this opportunity is for visiting scholars *with J-WAFS*. Individuals interested in spending time in labs of PIs at MIT that J-WAFS supports would have to reach out directly to those professors.

Expectations and Requirements

Visiting scholars may conduct research, and are expected to interact with MIT faculty and students and to contribute to the water and food research community at MIT during their stay. Typical activities include offering research presentations or guest lectures in academic classes, conducting or participating in broader seminars and workshops, exploring future research collaborations, auditing classes, mentoring students, and other general scholarly interactions. Visitors receive MIT email addresses and have access to MIT libraries and MIT community events.

For International Scholars: J-WAFS visiting scholars must first apply to J-WAFS. J-WAFS will serve as liaison with the MIT International Scholars Office (ISchO) for accepted applicants. Visiting scholars must meet the following U.S. visa and MIT eligibility requirements:

1. Financial support: US\$35,000 minimum funding required per year, plus \$5000 for each accompanying dependent. This amount is prorated for shorter visits.
2. Health insurance: See [Health Insurance for J-1 Visitors](#)

For further information: [Guide to MIT and Visa Information for International Scholars and their Families](#)



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J-WAFS Visiting Scholar Application Form

To apply, please complete the application form and submit it along with a current CV, one or more publications or writing samples, and a cover letter that sets out (1) your research interests and objectives for spending time with J-WAFS at MIT, (2) how these align with J-WAFS' work, and (3) why it would be particularly advantageous to do this work at MIT.

Please note: Applications should be received at least four months in advance of a proposed visit. Materials should be sent to jwafs@mit.edu

First name:		Last name:	
Preferred salutation/pronoun:	[Ms.], [Mr.], [she], [he], [they], etc.		
Institutional affiliation:			
Position:	<input type="checkbox"/> University faculty <input type="checkbox"/> University research staff <input type="checkbox"/> Government employee/appointee <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit employee <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Highest academic degree:			
Current or most recent title:			
Email address:			
Phone number:			
Postal mailing address:			
Country of citizenship:		Do you plan to bring dependents during your stay?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Permanent legal residency:			
Proposed date of arrival at MIT: (if dates are flexible please add an asterisk)		Proposed departure:	
Source of financial support:			
Area of research experience/interest:			



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If your native language is not English, what is your level of English proficiency?		
Objectives for visit: (Please be brief here. You can expand in your cover letter)		
Names/contact information for two references:	(1)	(2)
How did you learn about J-WAFS?		