



## Office of the Vice Chancellor

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Hello and welcome.

I'm excited and humbled to be serving as [Vice Chancellor](#) at MIT. The charge of the Office of the Vice Chancellor, which will bring together the offices of [graduate](#) and [undergraduate](#) education, is to enhance the student academic experience.

Working with students, faculty, and staff from across the Institute, our initial priorities are:

- engaging with students and departments to develop and pursue a roadmap for enhancing the first-year student academic experience;
- partnering with community members to make improvements for students in areas such as advising, professional development, diversity and inclusion, and well-being;
- implementing the residential education innovations called for in the [Institute-Wide Task Force on the Future of MIT Education](#); and
- working with the staff from undergraduate and graduate education to conduct an organizational review that positions the two offices to support the above efforts as well as optimize services for our students and faculty.

As a former dean of engineering and department head and member of the faculty for more than two decades, I have long known what makes MIT special: the exceptional people who study and work here. Advancing our residential academic experience for our graduate and undergraduate students is essential for our continued success in developing the next generation of people who will build a better world. Please don't hesitate to send me your thoughts and ideas.

I look forward to working collaboratively to bring to bear the insights of the extended Institute community — not only our students, faculty, staff, but also alumni, friends, and colleagues in industry, government, universities, and other partner organizations.

I am excited for the work ahead and will be keeping everyone up to date about our progress.

Sincerely,

Ian A. Waitz