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# CERTIFICATE IN AEROSPACE INNOVATION

Innovation through entrepreneurship is the future of aerospace. Let us show you how to get there.

## OVERVIEW

This certificate program is offered by the **MIT Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics** in collaboration with the **MIT Innovation Initiative** and the **Martin Trust MIT Center for Entrepreneurship**. Open to graduate students (S.M./Ph.D.), postdocs, and staff, the program is taking place this Fall, IAP, and Spring semesters, and is comprised of three elements:

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

The **cross-disciplinary curriculum** consists of coursework in the aerospace-focused domain and in the entrepreneurship-focused domain offered by the Sloan School of Management. The certificate program is optional, but some associated classes and workshops may carry academic credit that may be counted to a degree program. To obtain the certificate, students are expected to complete 18 units. [View the full curriculum online.](#)

## DO IT YOURSELF

During the Independent Activities Period (IAP) in January, students will participate in the **Aerospace Innovation Workshop**, where they will be expected to draft a business plan and pitch deck (a short 20-minute presentation) for a new aerospace-related startup. Working in teams, students will present their business plans identifying the underlying technical innovation and potential for business disruption to a panel of aerospace-related venture capitalists and entrepreneurs for feedback and scoring. A sponsored prize of \$10K will be awarded to the top finisher.

Alternatively, students can satisfy the requirements for the certificate by participating in some of the hands-on MIT summer programs in entrepreneurship and business acceleration, such as [MIT Delta v](#) or the [Venture Exploration Program](#).

## HEAR FROM EXPERIENCE

The **Aerospace Innovator's Seminar Series** will feature speakers from some of the biggest names in entrepreneurial aerospace — many of whom started from exactly where you are, as students in AeroAstro!

## YOU BELONG WHERE THE FUTURE IS HAPPENING

Register by Oct. 8 | <http://tiny.cc/aa-innovation>  
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