The Awards Convocation is one of MIT’s largest awards ceremonies, drawing on offices, departments, and people from across the Institute including the arts, athletics, student life, academics, alumni, staff, faculty, and students.

Below is pertinent information regarding the award, the award coordinator’s name, the selection committee, and how the nominees are selected. If you have specific questions about an award please contact the award coordinator.

**Award Name:** Emerging Leader Award

**Award Coordinator Title:** Assistant Dean, Intercultural Engagement

**Managing DLC:** OMP

**Award is for:** Freshmen or Sophomore undergraduates, or First or Second year Graduate MIT Students

**How are nominations reviewed:** Reviewed by members of the RISE Awards Planning Committee

**Selection criteria:** This award is in recognition of a freshman or sophomore and a first- or second-year graduate in our community who has shown a passion and affinity for diversity and inclusion work. The Emerging Leader Award recognizes a member who has already made significant contributions to the community and has demonstrated the potential for leadership and continuing service.

**How are recipients selected:** The selection committee reads all nominations, and meets 3 times: once to go over their purpose, once to discuss the awards and how they have been divided (the selection committee is split into three subgroups to read and grade nominations in their subcategory), and once to discuss final decisions (including how the nominations were graded via a rubric and examine any ties).

**Selection committee titles:** Assistant Dean of Intercultural Engagement, Assistant Director of Intercultural Engagement, and the selection committee is drawn from the RISE Awards Planning Committee, which is composed of staff and faculty from multiple offices across the institute (OMP, OGE, OFY, OME, ICEO, and LBGTQ+ Services)

**Award Contact Email:**