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:** Frank E. Perkins Award for Excellence in Graduate Advising.

**Award Coordinator Title:** Administrative Assistant II for Office of Graduate Education/MIT Graduate Student Council

**Managing DLC:** Office of Graduate Education/MIT Graduate Student Council.

**Award is for:** The Frank E. Perkins Award for Excellence in Graduate Advising is presented to a faculty member from each school (Architecture and Planning, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Engineering, Sloan School of Management, Science, and Health Sciences and Technology).

**How are nominations reviewed:** Once the nominations close all nomination letters are compiled and then read for review by the current MIT Graduate Student Council ARC chair (Academics, Research and Careers Committee) and an additional team of four to five students, to be determined.

**Selection criteria:** The criteria that the nominations are measured against include the following rubric:
1. Number of nomination letters received for the award.
2. Role of the individuals who submitted the nomination.
3. Advisor behavior: Enthusiastic, supportive, sees his/her students as colleagues or coworkers.
4. Research guidance: Technical skill, open to discussing new ideas.
5. Group/lab management: Collegial environment, creates a safe space.
6. Does the advisor respect his/her students’ extracurricular commitments/activities?
7. How deeply has the nominee supported students?

**How are recipients selected:** After reading the nomination letters the selection committee will then numerically rate the nominations. The recipient(s) with the highest combined numerical rating will be the recipient(s) selected for the award.
Selection committee titles: MIT Graduate Student Council ARC chair. The titles of the additional team of four to five students will be provided as soon as these individuals have been selected to be part of the selection committee.

Award Contact Email: awards-perkins@mit.edu