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:** Outstanding New Leader Award

**Award Coordinator Title:**

Managing DLC: SOLE

**Award is for:** Two students in their first or second year at the Institution

**How are nominations reviewed:** Reviewed by members of the SOLE Office

**Selection criteria:** This award honors up to two students in their first or second year at the Institution who show leadership promise. Recipients are students who have made exemplary contributions to a student organization, living group, department, lab, dorm, initiative, campaign, international project, or team and have helped that group and/or effort grow through their participation. This individual does not necessarily hold a leadership position and may be an undergraduate or graduate student.

**How are recipients selected:** The committee reviews each nomination and is told to inform the coordinator if there is a conflict of interest/or perceived bias. If there is a conflict, they are asked not to vote on that award. They are sent each nomination and asked to rank each between 1-5. (1 being you do not recommend them, 5 means they are amazing and should win!) In the end all recommendations are averaged together to select the winners of each award. If there is not a clear consensus, the committee meets together to deliberate.

**Selection committee titles:** Members of the SOLE Office

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