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:** Unsung Hero Award

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

**Managing DLC:** OMP

**Award is for:** Any MIT Undergraduate or Graduate Students

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

**Selection criteria:** This award is presented to an undergraduate and graduate student of the MIT community who has demonstrated that leadership isn’t always defined by title and position. This is a member of the community who has shown commitment and passion for the community regardless of leadership position and shown a willingness to support efforts of diversity and inclusion. This is a student who is an asset to the community.

**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 LGBTQ+ Services)

**Award Contact Email:**