



## MIT Portugal Program Evaluator letter template

Thank you for your willingness to write a letter on behalf of a candidate to the Educational programs of the MIT Portugal Program. In order to allow the team of MIT and Portuguese professors to review the candidacy, your candid and full evaluation of the candidate will be extremely valuable.

In your letter, please evaluate the candidate as follows:

A) In what capacity do you know the candidate?

B) How long have you known the candidate?

C) How does the candidate compare with his or her peer group at your organization or institution?

- Truly exceptional: a person who, in your experience, appears only every few years
- Outstanding: comparable to the best student in the current cohort
- Well above average: top 25%
- Above average: demonstrated high ability
- Average: able to complete work at the level of the course s/he is applying to
- Below average: Lower 50%
- Cannot make a comparison: too little exposure to candidate

D) In your opinion, how would this student compare to other students in a program of international caliber, such as those at MIT Portugal?

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- Average
- Below average
- Cannot make a comparison

E) Please give the candidate's relative standing in your Department, if the candidate is your student (e.g., 7th in 89)

F) Personal evaluation of the candidate.

What particularly qualifies this student for study in the MIT Portugal Program?

Information about accomplishments in research or independent projects will be particularly helpful. If you know of other students who have entered MIT or other internationally noted institutions from your institution, a comparison would be especially valuable. If you have any reason to believe that the candidate should not be considered, please explain.

G) If the candidate's first language is not English, please evaluate his/her proficiency to read, write, and speak English.

H) Please write your letter responding to all the questions above but in the form of a fluid text, and not just copying the questions and answering after each one. Please print your letter on your institution's official stationery (including an URL for the institution), sign it, scan it, and attach it to an email to be sent to one of the following addresses, according to the area to which your candidate is applying:

Candidacies to Bioengineering: [bioreflet@mitportugal.org](mailto:bioreflet@mitportugal.org)

Candidacies to Sustainable Energy Systems: [sesreflet@mitportugal.org](mailto:sesreflet@mitportugal.org)

Candidacies to Engineering Design and Advanced Manufacturing:  
[edamreflet@mitportugal.org](mailto:edamreflet@mitportugal.org)

Candidacies to Transportation Systems: [transreflet@mitportugal.org](mailto:transreflet@mitportugal.org)

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