

Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Certification for DLCI Aggregators of Proposals and Awards

Many federal sponsors require senior/key personnel to certify if they are or are not participating in a [malign foreign talent recruitment program](#). For some federal sponsors (ARPA-H, DOW (DOD), DOE Office of Science, and NASA, as of April 2026), this certification is done through MIT processes.

Proposal Aggregators must send an MFTRP certification request to any key personnel listed as missing MFTRP certifications in the Proposal Validation listing. MFTRP certification missing for Key Personnel will prevent proposal routing.

- MIT personnel must complete the MFTRP certification in MyCOI-OPA+.
- Non-MIT persons must download and submit a completed PDF form to research-compliance-help@mit.edu to confirm.

Once an individual completes their MFTRP certification, it is valid for 12 months. They may amend their reply as needed within the valid 12-month period. After their MFTRP certification expires, they will need to re-certify if they are listed on proposals and active awards requiring MFTRP certification.

Proposal MFTRP Process

1. Create or copy a proposal and complete the required information on the Details screen.
2. Add the appropriate Key Personnel, as informed by your Principal Investigator.
3. Turn on Proposal Validations.
 - a. KC Data Validation will denote an error if MFTRP certification is not completed by individuals listed under Key Personnel, listing them by name for federal sponsors requiring MFTRP certification. Example:

Personnel	PI/Col Mann, Kimberly needs to complete their MFTRP Certification.	Error	Fix It
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- b. The aggregator sends notifications to the individual(s) to complete MFTRP certification.

Sample MFTRP Certification Requests:

You are receiving this message because you are currently named on a federal proposal as key personnel and are required to complete the Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program (MFTRP) certification. Pursuant to NSPM-33, the CHIPS and Science Act, and agency-specific requirements, researchers involved with federally funded research who are considered “Covered Individuals” (CIs) — (PIs, Co-PIs, and other senior/key personnel) — must complete MIT's MFTRP certification prior to routing certain sponsor/prime sponsor proposals for internal review.
- c. Quick Card instructions or link to MFTRP certification form should be included in email request:
[MIT Personnel MFTRP Certification Quick Card \[PDF\]](#)
[Non-MIT Personnel MFTRP Certification Quick Card \[PDF\]](#)

When adding a new non-MIT employee/external person – aka address book person. If the person is not found in the non-employee search, you must provide their contact information in a request form to add them to KC. Follow the instructions to [request a new entry](#).

Subaward Investigator – not required to be maintained by MIT. Their Subaward Organization should manage and provide a letter certifying their individuals are not a member of or receiving funds from a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program.

Questions?

Contact RA Support Team at ra-help@mit.edu and your [RAS Contract Administrator](#) for questions about [MFTRP](#) certification.