MyCOI-OPA+

Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Certification – MIT Personnel

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, using MyCOI-OPA+ for MIT personnel.

When certification through MyCOI-OPA+ is required, the proposal preparer will send a notification with link to MyCOI-OPA+ to MIT personnel.
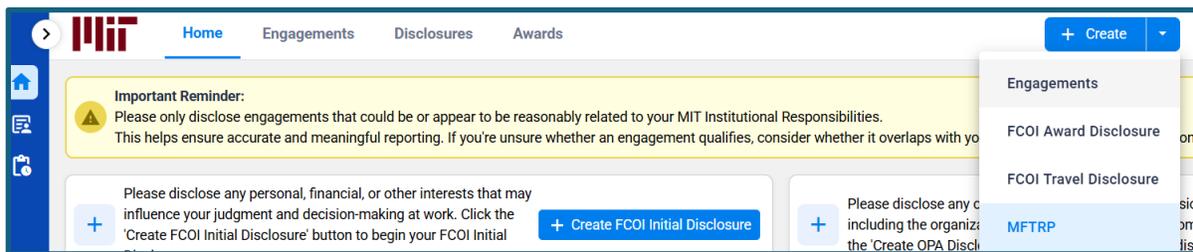
- **Proposal Stage**: MFTRP certification not answered for MIT person named as Key Personnel will prevent proposal routing
- **Award Stage**: MFTRP certification not answered for MIT person named as Key Personnel will reflect a HOLD on Award(s)

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.

Complete MFTRP Certification

MIT Key Personnel listed in proposals with MFTRP mandated sponsor or prime sponsors without a valid MFTRP certification will be contacted by their DLCI Aggregators to submit their certification in MIT's system of record: **MyCOI-OPA+**.

1. Go to **MyCOI-OPA+**. *If this is your first time entering MyCOI-OPA+ and you have Engagements not yet migrated, please see Create an Engagement [PDF]*.

2. Click "Create" in top right header, and select "MFTRP":

3. Answer the single yes/no MFTRP certification question and click Submit:

A "No" response means certification is complete, and no further action is needed. This certification is valid for 12 months for any proposal or award requiring MFTRP certification.

A "Yes" response will be sent to the Chief Research Compliance Officer for review. An approval by the Chief Research Compliance Officer is required before a proposal may route or award moved to active status.

4. If a certification needs to be changed by the individual, a **Revise** button option is provided in **MyCOI-OPA+**. An email notification will be sent to individual when Renewal certification is required (after the previous certification has expired).

Questions?

Contact RA Support Team at ra-help@mit.edu for questions or issues in completing your MFTRP certification.