

## 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.

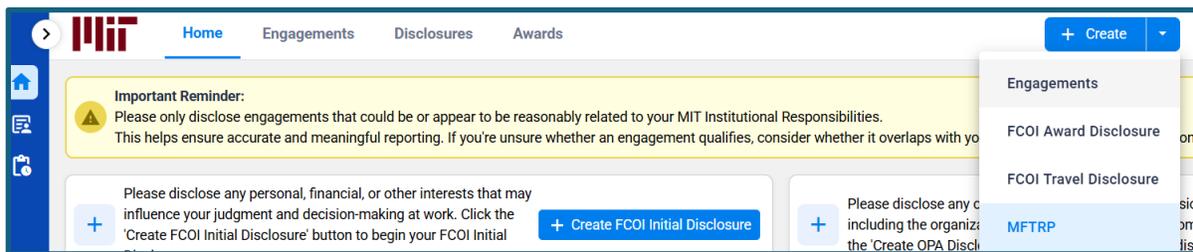
- **Proposal Stage:** MFTRP certification not answered for MIT person named as Key Personnel will prevent proposal routing
- **Award Stage:** MFTRP certification not answered for MIT person named as Key Personnel will reflect a HOLD on Award(s)

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:

The screenshot shows a web interface for MFTRP certification. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Details', 'Dates', and 'Status'. Under 'Details', there are fields for 'Administrator' and 'Admin Group', both with dashes. Under 'Dates', there are fields for 'Create' (01/16/2026), 'Submission' (dash), and 'Expiration' (dash). Under 'Status', there are two sections: 'Certification' with a yellow dot and 'In Progress' text, and 'Approval' with a yellow dot and 'Pending' text. Below the tabs are two sub-tabs: 'Certification' (active) and 'History'. A blue banner contains a question mark icon and the text: 'The term "malign foreign talent recruitment program" means: (A) any program, position, or activity that includes compensation in the form of cash, in-kind compensation...'. Below this is a red asterisk followed by the question: '\* Are you currently a member of or receiving funds from a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program?'. There are two radio button options: 'Yes' and 'No'. At the bottom right is a blue 'Submit' button with a checkmark icon.

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](mailto:ra-help@mit.edu) for questions or issues in completing your MFTRP certification.