

Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Certification – MIT Personnel

MyCOI-OPA+ contains the [malign foreign talent recruitment program \(MFTRP\)](#) certification for MIT persons named as Key Personnel. For federal sponsors requiring MFTRP certification, the proposal preparer will send a notification with link to MyCOI-OPA+ where MIT personnel must answer this MFTRP certification.

- **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)

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, select “MFTRP”:

The screenshot shows the MyCOI-OPA+ dashboard. At the top, there are navigation links for Home, Engagements, Disclosures, and Awards. On the right, a dropdown menu shows 'Engagements' and 'MFTRP' as selected. A central 'Important Reminder' box contains text about disclosing reasonably related engagements and a 'Create FCOI Initial Disclosure' button. A sidebar on the right lists 'Engagements', 'FCOI Award Disclosure', 'FCOI Travel Disclosure', and 'MFTRP'.

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

The screenshot shows the MFTRP certification form. It includes sections for Details (Administrator, Admin Group), Dates (Create: 01/16/2026, Submission: -, Expiration: -), and Status (Certification: In Progress, Approval: Pending). The 'Certification' tab is active, displaying a definition of MFTRP and a question: "Are you currently a member of or receiving funds from a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program?". The 'Yes' and 'No' radio buttons are shown. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom.

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.