

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](#). Senior/key personnel on proposals and awards for ARPA-H, DOW (DOD), DOE Office of Science, NASA, NIH, and NSF must certify through MIT processes, and if on NIH or NSF awards, follow sponsor certification processes as well.

When certification through MyCOI-OPA+ is required, the proposal preparer will send a notification with link to MyCOI-OPA+ to MIT personnel.

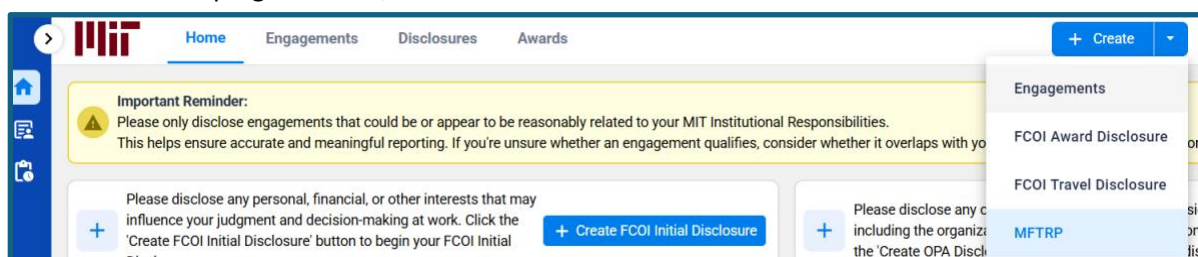
- **Proposal Stage:** MFTRP certification not answered for MIT person named as Key Personnel will prevent proposal routing
- **Award Stage:** MFTRP certification not answered for MIT person named as Key Personnel will reflect a HOLD on Award(s)

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 summary boxes: 'Details' with 'Administrator' and 'Admin Group' fields, 'Dates' with 'Create' (01/16/2026), 'Submission', and 'Expiration' fields, and 'Status' with 'Certification' (In Progress) and 'Approval' (Pending) indicators. Below these is a 'Certification' tab and a 'History' tab. A blue banner contains a definition: '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...'. The main question is: '* Are you currently a member of or receiving funds from a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program?'. It has two radio button options: 'Yes' and 'No'. A blue 'Submit' button with a checkmark is at the bottom right.

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.