

## MIT-UNIFI PROJECT

The **new UNIFI-MIT Project** facilitates joint research and exchanges between the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Università di Pisa in all scientific domains, with a particular focus to Energy, ICT and Life Science.

Scientific contacts and exchanges between MIT and UNIFI already exist at the level of research groups. The MIT-UNIFI Project intends to expand them through **new projects** which will be supported by small seed funds that are meant to cover the initial phase of such collaborations.

In the belief that partnerships are best served when knowledge, creativity, and researchers flow evenly in both directions, the MIT-UNIFI Project will actively promote joint research collaborations and two-way balanced exchanges.

The **UNIFI-MIT Project** supports two types of activities, which are mutually exclusive:

- **Seed funds** to promote **new research collaborations** between UNIFI and MIT faculty. Proposals need to be submitted jointly by two PIs, one from UNIFI and one from MIT. The estimated duration of the projects is 12 months.

The proposals will be evaluated by the MIT-Italy Program, according the following criteria:

- Scientific Quality;
- Originality;
- Innovation;
- Sustainability of the project;
- Novelty of the collaboration.

Funds can be used for travel and lodging costs, and for visiting student fees at MIT, up to 15.000 Euros. Each applicant team can submit only one proposal.

The MIT-Italy Program will help creating contacts between MIT and UNIFI researchers with similar interests. If you need help finding a MIT co-PI for your project, please send a **draft of the proposal**, by following the form attached (*seedfunds\_applicationform.pdf*), filling (in English) only the *International collaboration Section* with your personal data, the sections I (*Brief abstract*) and III (*Description of the proposed project and/or research*), to [ssferza@mit.edu](mailto:ssferza@mit.edu) and in cc to [ricercaeuropea@adm.unipi.it](mailto:ricercaeuropea@adm.unipi.it), by **March 1, 2013**.

The MIT – Italy Program will communicate **by March 22, 2013**, the outcomes of the matching between the proposals coming from UNIFI researchers and the interested research groups at MIT.

The **deadline** to submit the final proposals (written in English) is **April 8, 2013**. They must be sent to [ssferza@mit.edu](mailto:ssferza@mit.edu) and in cc to [ricercaeuropea@adm.unipi.it](mailto:ricercaeuropea@adm.unipi.it), filling the attached form (*seedfunds\_applicationform.pdf*) and strictly respecting the constraints on the word countings of every section.

The results of the project evaluation will be communicated by the **beginning of May, 2013**.

- **Internship and research grants** for visits **at UNIFI of MIT students and researchers** working on projects of common interest —up to 5.000 Euros each.

UNIFI research groups and labs, interested in hosting MIT students and researchers, are invited to submit to [ricercaeuropa@adm.unifi.it](mailto:ricercaeuropa@adm.unifi.it), by **March 1, 2013**, a one-page summary - written in English, filling the attached form (*internships\_applicationform.rtf*) - of their group/lab, their current research activities, and the skills needed by the MIT students and researchers to apply.

The MIT – Italy Program will provide, if possible, a match between MIT students and UNIFI group/lab candidacies by **April 8, 2013**. Please note that these stays must take place between the end of May and the beginning of September 2013.