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**MIT School of Engineering
and
MIT Stephen A. Schwarzman
College of Computing**

Advanced Degree Ceremony

May 27, 2026
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Killian Court

Hosted By

Paula Hammond,
Dean, MIT School of Engineering;
Institute Professor, Department of
Chemical Engineering

Daniel Huttenlocher,
Dean, MIT Schwarzman College
of Computing;
Henry Ellis Warren (1894)
Professor of Electrical Engineering
and Computer Science

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ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic costume has evolved over centuries. The rules governing American academic regalia go back only to 1893, when an Intercollegiate Commission agreed upon standards for gowns and hoods. The history of regalia is much older, however, and the scholar's gown and hood date back at least to the 15th century, if not earlier.



Hoods once served as head covers, shoulder capes, or bags for alms and one vestige of those earlier days survives in the form of a small sack at the bottom of the hood. The Doctoral degree robe, which may be worn opened or closed, has a velvet panel on each side of the front opening, extending around the neck and to the bottom of the hem in front. Three horizontal velvet bars are positioned on the upper part of each of the full, bell-shaped sleeves.

A distinct design for the MIT Doctoral degree robe was adopted in 1995. It is silver-gray with a cardinal red velvet panel outlined in silver-gray piping on each side of the front opening, extending around the neck to a V-point in the back and to the bottom of the hem in front. Cardinal red velvet bars outlined in silver-gray piping are positioned on the upper part of each sleeve. An eight-sided, silver-gray tam with a cardinal red tassel is worn with this robe. The all-black robe may be worn by those with MIT Doctoral degrees, as the MIT robe is optional. At MIT, only recipients of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Science (ScD) degrees are invested with hoods. The Doctoral degree hood has a rounded base and is four feet long. The velvet trim signifies by color the type of Doctoral degree—for MIT, blue for PhD degrees and yellow for ScD degrees.

The lining of the hood carries the school's colors—cardinal red and silver-gray for MIT. For the joint program in Oceanography/Applied Ocean Science and Engineering, which leads to a single degree awarded by MIT and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the WHOI color of Old Glory blue is added to the MIT colors in the hood lining. As the hood lies against the wearer's back, it should be arranged so that the lining colors show.

Master's and Engineer's Degree Cord Description

The double cardinal and gray honor cord is given to Master's and engineering students receiving degrees from the School of Engineering or the Schwarzman College of Computing.

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- Marshals for Faculty:** **Olivier L. de Weck** SM '99, PhD '01,
Apollo Program Professor
Asu Ozdaglar SM '98, PhD '03
MathWorks Professor of Electrical Engineering and
Computer Science; Head, Department of Electrical
Engineering and Computer Science; Deputy Dean
of Academics, Schwarzman College of Computing
- Marshals for Students:** **Kristala Prather** '94, Arthur Dehon Little Professor
Joel Voldman SM '97, PhD '01,
William R. Brody (1965) Professor of
Electrical Engineering
- Opening Remarks:** **Paula Hammond** '84, PhD '93
- Ceremony Speaker:** **Geoffrey von Maltzahn** '03, PhD '10,
CEO, Lila Sciences
- Closing Remarks:** **Daniel Huttenlocher** SM '84, PhD '88

CONFERRAL OF MASTER'S DEGREES

**Course 1: Civil and Environmental
Engineering**

**Computational and Systems
Biology**

Course 2: Mechanical Engineering

**Program in Health Sciences and
Technology, Institute for Medical
Engineering and Science**

**Course 3: Materials Science and
Engineering**

**Integrated Design and
Management Program**

**Course 6: Electrical Engineering
and Computer Science**

**Institute for Data, Systems, and
Society**

Course 10: Chemical Engineering

Operations Research Center

**Course 16: Aeronautics and
Astronautics**

Supply Chain Management

Course 20: Biological Engineering

**System Design and Management
Program**

**Course 22: Nuclear Science and
Engineering**

**Joint program with the Woods Hole
Oceanographic Institution**

**Center for Computational Science
and Engineering**

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CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES AND HOODS

Course 1: Civil and Environmental Engineering

Ali Jadbabaie, *Head, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; JR East Professor*

Course 2: Mechanical Engineering

John Hart SM '02, PD '06, PhD '06
Co-Director of the MIT Initiative for New Manufacturing, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering; Director, Laboratory for Manufacturing and Productivity; Director, Center for Advanced Production Technologies; Class of 1922 Professor

Course 3: Materials Science and Engineering

Polina Anikeeva PhD '09, *Head, Department of Materials Science and Engineering; Associate Director, Research Laboratory of Electronics; Director, K. Lisa Yang Brain-Body Center; Matoula S. Salapatas Professor of Materials Science and Engineering; Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences*

Course 6: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Asu Ozdaglar SM '98, PhD '03
Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Deputy Dean of Academics, MIT Schwarzman College of Computing; MathWorks Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Course 10: Chemical Engineering

Kristala L. Jones Prather '94
Head, Department of Chemical Engineering; Arthur Dehon Little Professor

Course 16: Aeronautics and Astronautics

Julie Shah, '04, SM '06, PhD '11
Department Head, H.N. Slater Professor in Aeronautics and Astronautics

Course 20: Biological Engineering

Angie Belcher, *James Mason Crafts Professor*

Course 22: Nuclear Science and Engineering

Benoit Forget, *Head, Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering; Korea Electric Power Professor of Nuclear Engineering*

Program in Health Sciences and Technology, Institute for Medical Engineering and Science

Collin Stultz, *Director, Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology, Associate Director, Institute for Medical Engineering and Science; Nina T. and Robert H. Rubin Professor*

Computational and Systems Biology

Ernest Fraenkel, *Grover M. Hermann Professor in Health Sciences and Technology*

Institute for Data, Systems, and Society

Ankur Moitra SM '09, PhD '11
Associate Director, Institute for Data, Systems, and Society; Norbert Wiener Professor of Mathematics

Operations Research Center

Georgia Perakis, *Co-Director, Operations Research Center; William F. Pounds Professor of Management*

Joint program with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Diane Foster, *Vice President for Academic Programs and Dean for Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution*

Center for Computational Science and Engineering

Dave Darmofal, SM '91, PhD '94
Jerome B. Wiesner Professor

GEOFFREY VON MALTZAHN '03, PhD '10



Geoffrey von Maltzahn is a scientific entrepreneur who has founded or co-founded multiple companies at the intersection of artificial intelligence and biology. Since 2009, he has been a general partner at Flagship Pioneering, a life science venture firm that supports companies focused on human health and sustainability. He is also co-founder and CEO of Lila Sciences, which is developing a platform for scientific superintelligence with applications across life, chemical, and materials sciences.

Over the course of his career, von Maltzahn has helped launch a dozen startups across biotechnology and biomedical sciences, including Quotient Therapeutics, Tessera Therapeutics, Generate Biomedicines, Indigo Ag, Sana Biotechnology, and Seres Therapeutics, where he served as chief technology officer. He is an inventor on more than 200 patents and patent applications, and he has co-authored 20 peer-reviewed publications.

Von Maltzahn received his PhD in medical engineering and medical physics from the Harvard-MIT Program in Health Sciences and Technology and a master's degree in bioengineering from the University of California, San Diego. In 2003, he earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from MIT, where he was awarded the Lemelson-MIT Student Prize as an undergraduate.

DIGITAL DIPLOMA AND PAPER DIPLOMA INFORMATION

Digital Diplomas

All graduating students are eligible to receive a digital version of their diploma at no cost. Download the Blockcerts Wallet app on your mobile device and add MIT as an issuer to ensure that you will receive your digital diploma as soon as it is available.

Information can be found at registrar.mit.edu/digital-diplomas

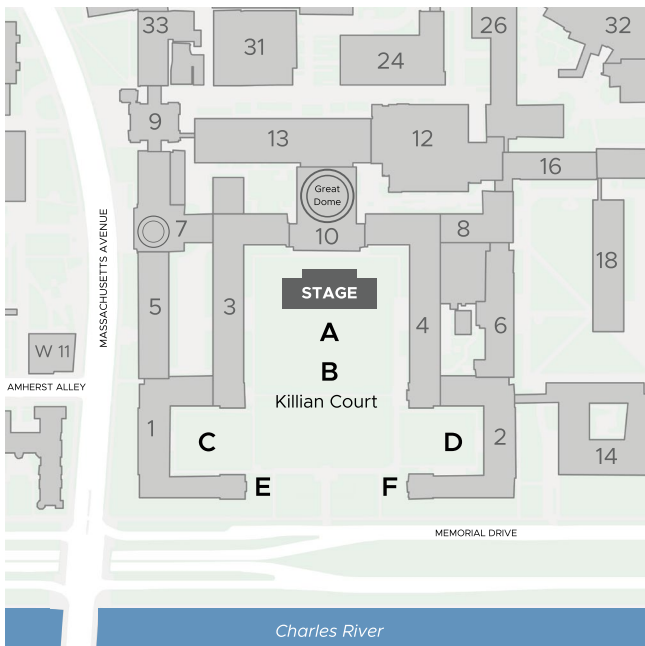
Paper Diplomas

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Commencement 2026 Name Book

The Commencement 2026 name book can be found online on the Commencement site at commencement.mit.edu

CEREMONY VENUE MAP



Killian Court

- A.** Graduate seating
- B.** Guest seating
- C. & D.** Restroom facilities, general and accessibility information, and bottled water
- E.** Baby changing, lactation tent
- F.** First aid