

FSILG Pilot Program Application

Part 1: Background

Goal of the FSILG Pilot

The goal of the FSILG Pilot Program is to open 3-5 FSILG residences with a limited number of members in residence, including representation from fraternities, sororities and independent living groups. The pilot is an opportunity to help us understand the effectiveness of COVID-19 protocols and practices and the impact on FSILG student members, alum corporations, and MIT resources.

Student residents will be limited to those second and third year FSILG members who have already indicated to MIT Housing that they intend to return to campus for the spring semester, along with senior members who have already received permission to stay on campus.

Students and alums of participating organizations will be required to take part in regular assessments to identify the challenges and opportunities of running the FSILG residences. We hope that this endeavor will help our entire community be prepared for a grand reopening in Fall 2021.

The FSILG Pilot will be a collaboration of the AILG, DSL, alum house corporations and FSILG students. The AILG and DSL will work closely with the pilot houses and provide support for both students and alums.

Process and Timeline

December 9, 2020. Interested organizations should submit a pilot application by 11:59pm ET on December 9. The letters will be reviewed by a team of AILG and DSL representatives.

December 15, 2020. Organizations will be notified whether or not they have been accepted into the pilot program.

December 15-20, 2020. Organizations determine pilot house residents.

January 2021. Pilot organizations form planning teams and meet over the course of the month to prepare for the pilot.

Expectations and Requirements

Organizations will be required to abide by MIT and municipal policies regarding Covid-19, posted at <https://studentlife.mit.edu/covid19policies>.

These include but are not limited to:

- Guest Policy – No guests are allowed in the house, including members not in residence.
- Covid Pass – Students are required to enroll in Covid Pass.
- Quarantine Week – Students will reside in the house during Q Week.
- Meals – Must be individually packaged (no buffet-style).
- Pods – Each house may comprise one pod or may propose an alternative pod structure

Pilot houses will need to ensure standards for meal service and cleaning, propose strategies for house governance and policy enforcement, and demonstrate alum and student support.

Each organization will form a planning team of alums and students to work with DSL and members of the AILG to prepare for the pilot.

Part 2: Application

The application should be completed and submitted by the alum corporation, in collaboration with students.

In the application, please address the following:

1. Why does your organization want to participate in the pilot?
2. What role will the alumni corporation play in implementing the plans for the pilot?
What is your alum governance/support structure?
How will you communicate expectations to students?
How will you enforce MIT and MIT Covid policies in the house?
Include names of alum leaders and local alums who will support the pilot.
3. What role will the student residents play in implementing the plans for the pilot?
What is the organizational plan for student leadership in the house?
How will students enforce MIT and MIT Covid policies in the house?
Include names of acting president, acting house manager, and at least one other officer who will live in the house.
4. In the case that you have more than 15 undergraduates returning to campus, how will your organization select which students live in the house during the pilot?
5. What do you see as the role of the Graduate Resident Advisor (GRA)?
6. Operational Plans - These are not expected to be final or fully developed, but organizations submitting an application should have preliminary plans for these areas
What is your proposed meal plan?
How will you maintain your house in terms of cleaning and sanitization?
How will your house manage Q-Week?
How will your house coordinate facilities maintenance and upkeep?
How will your house handle an outbreak?
Please include information about your bathroom / kitchen / common space and how that will be a factor in operating the house under Covid restrictions.
* Please note any guidance or support you anticipate needing from MIT.
7. Anything else you want to add?

Consent

Applicants, if selected, agree to work closely with the AILG and DSL over January 2021 to further develop assessment plans and additional policies for the pilot, and agree to work closely with AILG and DSL to conduct the FSILG pilot program over the course of the spring semester. Applicants – alums and students – also agree to abide by pilot policies to the best of their ability.

Alum representative digital signature _____

Student representative digital signature _____

Contacts

Names and contact information for:

- Alum representative for the pilot
- Undergraduate representative for the pilot
- Corporation president
- Undergraduate president
- Local alum contact