

Dear FSILG alum leaders,

At the AILG Special Meeting on December 2nd, Vice President and Dean for Student Life Suzy Nelson announced the FSILG residential pilot program for spring semester 2021.

Although the FSILG residences overall will remain closed for Spring 2021, we are planning a pilot for a limited number of FSILG houses. The pilot is an opportunity to help understand the effectiveness of Covid-19 protocols and practices and the impact on student members, alum corporations, and MIT resources. Students and alums of participating organizations will be required to take part in regular assessments to identify the challenges and opportunities of operating the FSILGs during the pandemic. We hope the pilot program will help our entire community prepare for a grand reopening in Fall 2021.

The pilot program is seeking 3-5 organizations of about 15 students each, with representation from fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. 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 received permission to stay on campus. Pilot houses will need to maintain standards for meal service and cleaning, propose strategies for house governance and policy enforcement, and demonstrate alum and student support.

MIT will continue to provide financial support for houses that are closed. No decision has been made about summer housing. Please note that IFC Rush, LGC Recruitment, and Panhel Informal Recruitment will be fully virtual for Spring 2021 and are being managed by their respective student councils.

The application with guidelines is available on the AILG web site at: <https://ailg.mit.edu/ailg-covid-19-updates>. If your house corporation is interested in participating or if you have questions about the pilot program, please contact Pam Gannon at pmgannon@mit.edu.

Best regards,
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