INSPIRE 2015
Finalist Agenda
April 7-9, 2015
Event Agenda for Finalists

April 7, 2015: Finalist Check in, INSPIRE Inaugural Opening Ceremony

- **12:00 - 3:30 PM:** Student registration, check-in and poster set up in Sala de Puerto Rico (W20)
- **12:00 - 3:45 PM:** Optional - visit MIT Museum
- **1:00 - 3:45 PM:** Optional - Interactive enrichment activities hosted by MIT Libraries. For finalists who have signed up in advance, and chaperones if space permits. Meet at the Student Center 15 minutes before activity start time.
  - “Travel through Time at the Institute Archives and Special Collections”
  - “Images Aren’t Just for Art”
  - “Behind the Scenes in the Conservation Lab”
- **4:00 - 6:00 PM:** Opening Ceremony at the Wong Auditorium (E51)
  - Opening remarks by Deborah K. Fitzgerald, Kenan Sahin Dean, MIT School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Professor, Program in Science, Technology and Society, MIT
  - Welcoming remarks: Cynthia Barnhart, Chancellor, Ford Professor of Engineering, Director, Transportation@MIT
  - Remarks by Vaishnavi Rao, Founder and President, MIT INSPIRE
  - Panel discussion: “Careers in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Fields”. Panelists include:
    - Moderator: David Kaiser, Germeshausen Professor of the History of Science, Department Head, Program in Science, Technology, and Society, MIT
    - Ian Cheney, American documentary filmmaker, cinematographer, and producer, and Knight Science Journalism Fellow, MIT
- Scott Kominers, Junior Fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows and Research Scientist in Harvard's program for Evolutionary Dynamics
- Ian Condry, Professor of Japanese Cultural Studies and Head, Global Studies and Languages, MIT
- Bonny Kellermann, Director of Special Constituencies at MIT

- **6:30 - 8:00 PM:** Finalists staying on campus pick up dinner and meet with hosts - Coffeehouse (Student Center) [Note: Students staying off campus with accompanying adults are free to go at 6:30 PM]

**April 8, 2015: Judging Day and Enrichment**

Location: Sala de Puerto Rico (W20)

- **8:00 - 8:45 AM:** Breakfast
- **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM:** Judging session 1
- **12:00 - 12:45 PM:** Lunch for Finalists
- **1:00 - 3:00 PM:** Judging session 2
- **3:00 - 3:45 PM:** Break
- **4:00 - 6:00 PM:** Projects open to the MIT and Boston community for public viewing (La Sala de Puerto Rico). The public can vote on a project for the MIT INSPIRE 2015 Lincoln Community Choice award.
- **6:00 - 6:30 PM:** Poster tear down and cleanup. [Note: All posters, display and set up must absolutely be cleared out before 6:30 PM]
- **6:30 - 7:30 PM:** Dinner for Finalists, mentors and parents. Location: Coffeehouse (Student Center)
- **7:45 - 9:15 PM:** Panel Discussion: “The Transition to College, and Student Life at MIT”. Panelists consist of MIT students. Open to Finalists, mentors and parents. Location: Wong Auditorium.
April 9, 2015: Award Ceremony and Check out
Location: Kresge Auditorium (W16)

- **9:00 - 9:45 AM**: Breakfast in Kresge Lobby
- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**: Award Ceremony
  - Concluding remarks - W. Eric L. Grimson, Chancellor for Academic Advancement, MIT
  - Special remarks - The Honorable Deval L. Patrick, Former Governor, Massachusetts
  - Special awards presented by Ms. Colleen Messing, Chair, Council of Arts at MIT (CAMIT) grants committee, Mr. Paul Parravano, ex officio member of the MIT Community Service Fund (CSF) Board and Co-Director of the Office of Government and Community Relations, MIT
  - Category awards presented by Leah Flynn Gallant, Assistant Dean and Director for Student Leadership and Engagement, Office of Student Activities, Division of Student Life, MIT
- **12:15 - 2:30 PM**: Checkout in Kresge Lobby