



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

2024 MIT Research & Development Conference – Fostering Bold Ideas to Breakthrough Innovation

MA-Cambridge – Charles River

As a member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) – Industrial Liaison Program (ILP), Welsh Government is able to facilitate an opportunity for a small number of Welsh businesses to attend a 4/5-day mission to MIT to join the 2024 Research & Development Conference taking place on 19 & 20 November.

19-20 November 2024, Marriott Hotel Cambridge Massachusetts, USA

MIT is empowered by its diverse research and development ecosystem to invent fundamental technologies and cultivate interdisciplinary collaborations.

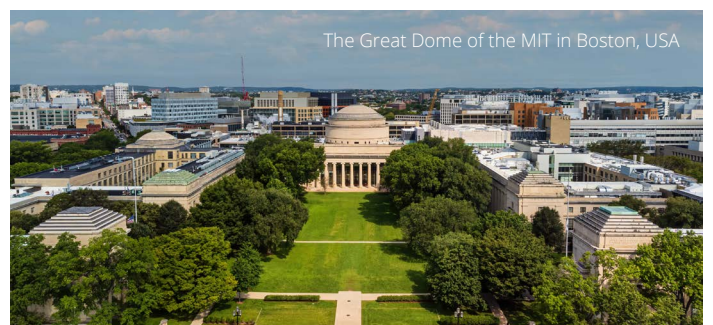
This year's annual flagship R&D conference will showcase MIT's latest research and development in critical technology areas, including AI, mobility, life science, space tech, microelectronics, and quantum computing.

The conference will offer invaluable insights and perspectives on creating coherent innovation strategies in implementing the technologies and achieving meaningful impact, including the latest research at MIT Microsystems Technology Laboratories (MTL) and other MIT renowned researchers and faculty, MIT-connected startups from the MIT Startup Exchange, as well as global corporate representatives and speakers.

In addition to attending the conference you will have the opportunity to:

- Request meetings with MIT faculty members that align to your business objectives; each world leaders in fields such as science, technology and engineering
- Network with other Welsh delegates and global businesses to exchange ideas and collaborate to address common problems.

For more information on the conference please click [here](#).



The Great Dome of the MIT in Boston, USA

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Itinerary

You will book and arrange your own travel, transfers and accommodation, but the Welsh Government will have a representative attending as set out below, (please note that this is **subject to change**).

3 nights, 4 days as follows:

- Monday 18 November – depart UK
- Tuesday 19 November – Conference Day 1
- Wednesday 20 November – Conference Day 2 & potential for afternoon meetings with MIT faculty
- Thursday 21 November – Networking Day & potential for afternoon meetings with MIT faculty
- Depart USA (overnight flight) on Thursday 21 November, arriving back in the UK on Friday 22 November

Costs

The conference entry fee of **\$2,250** will be covered through the Welsh Government membership of MIT's ILP.

Interested applicants can apply to the Welsh Government to receive a grant subsidy of up to 50% or £1000 (whichever is the lesser amount), towards air travel and/or accommodation only. You will be responsible for all costs including transfers, Visa/ESTA, food and entertainment. A second delegate from the same organisation, can also apply to attend and receive up to 25% or £500 (whichever is the lesser amount) towards air travel and/or accommodation only. You will be responsible for all costs including transfers, Visa/ESTA, food and entertainment.

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The final cost will depend on your personal travel and accommodation arrangements but is anticipated to be approximately **£1,000 – £1,500** in addition to the Welsh Government subsidy.

As part of your planning, you will need to register to attend the conference (details will be provided following submission of your application). However, these events will be live streamed. If this is your preference you may register and select the 'live streaming' option.

Please note that the monetary value of this support is classed as a Minimum Financial Assistance (MFA) subsidy under the Subsidy Control Act (2022) and if your application to join the conference delegation in person is successful, you will be required to complete a declaration form stating the total value of state aid received within the last 3 years.

Get In Touch

For more information on registration, or if you are interested in attending the **2024 Research & Development Conference** in person, please contact us at WelshGovernmentILPMIT@gov.wales