Dear Friend of UPOP:

Record numbers of students from the Class of 2016 will participate in our two Team Training Camp workshops this IAP. We look forward to seeing our veteran mentors, as well as welcoming a number of new faces on our mentor-instructor team.

We're busy preparing for our IAP sessions (January 13-17 and January 27-31), building on the more than 500 coaching sessions and résumé reviews we conducted this fall. Our goal is, as always, to ensure that our students are well prepared for the intense IAP workshops.

UPOP of course is more than just IAP: the entire UPOP year prepares MIT sophomores to succeed in their summer internships. Take a moment to read our short supplement, which highlights the experiences of three Class of 2015 students during their internships at Boeing, Kaz, and Corning.

Best wishes for the holidays,

The UPOP Team

Record internship opportunities for Class of 2016

Dozens of companies are working exclusively with UPOP to recruit our superstar MIT sophomores. As a result, UPOP posted a record number of internship opportunities for students this fall, and the spring semester will feature many more jobs and industry-engagement opportunities.

This fall, UPOP's robust program of employer events helped prepare our students for the search process and to be ready to hit the ground running at their internship. Events included: field trips to local aerospace, high tech and robotics companies, exclusive employer information sessions, sponsored industry tech talks, and employer mock interviews and résumé reviews.

Our two IAP networking lunches on January 17 and 31, with well over
100 employers registering for each, will kick off UPOP's busy spring season.

**IAP workshops: worth the hard work**

*UPOP’s IAP workshops are intense and large in scope, and offer great opportunities to students and potential employers.*

"I was beside myself after the first day of the intensive week in January. I could not believe how much I learned in just a day, and by the time the week was over, I had made connections that I know will continue to benefit my career. When they call it an Opportunities Program, they really mean it!" — Paelle Powell ’15 *(read Paelle’s ASME peer-advising blog)*

UPOP is the Undergraduate Practice Opportunities Program, a yearlong co-curricular program open to MIT sophomores from across the Institute. The program's mission is to prepare MIT sophomores to successfully integrate into and thrive in the professional world and to be strong contributors to their organizations, supported by a dynamic community of students, program staff, employers and MIT alums. UPOP offers numerous opportunities for MIT alums and companies to get involved— as speakers, coaches, employers, and sponsors.