

# Class of 2024 Ring Committee Application

Thank you for your interest in joining the class of 2024 Ring Committee. Answer the questions in the next section and read the instructions CAREFULLY. But first, let us tell you about who we are and what we do!

If you ask any Ring Comm alum to talk about their time on the committee, they will say it was their most rewarding experience at MIT. Period. We have the honor and responsibility of creating the Brass Rat for our class, one of the longest standing traditions at MIT. Each twelve-person committee has the ability to redesign every aspect of the ring, defining their class's legacy. But designing the ring is just the beginning. We also plan Ring Premiere and Ring Delivery, highly anticipated class-wide events. We interact with Herff Jones, our partner company, MIT leadership, and other stakeholders over the year on the committee. Being on this committee is one of the most rewarding things that any of us have ever done, but it is a lot of work and responsibility. We meet year-round for up to 5 hours a week (formally), but that number is subject to change/increase as we get closer to momentous events like Premiere and Delivery!

But we haven't even mentioned the best part: the people. Ring Committee is composed of students from every corner of campus, and all twelve of us come together to make the ring that our class deserves. After spending so much time together, we become a family that loves and supports each other for the rest of our time here at MIT. Also, all members of RingComm are very fortunate to receive up to a 10K gold ring free of charge!!

Watch the video below to get an even better sense of what it's like being on Ring Committee--we hope you fall in love with it as much as we have!

Much love <3,

RingComm '23

Answer the following questions on a SEPARATE DOCUMENT and please upload the document to the Google Form when complete (please email [ananyag@mit.edu](mailto:ananyag@mit.edu) if you have any trouble uploading). The questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are required and the others are optional. Your entire application MUST be 5 pages or fewer and MUST include a cover page (not included in the 5-page count) with your name, MIT email, hometown, and intended major. Name the pdf {LastName}\_{FirstName}\_RingCommApplication.pdf.

Check out our website at <http://brassrat2023.mit.edu/> and also refer to [past websites](#) to check out past years' designs. These resources will help you answer some of the questions!

One thing that is critical to Ring Comm's success is being honest with each other. And we're going to be honest with you: being on Ring Committee is a fantastic responsibility and one that requires your devotion. This is why our recruitment is rigorous. We want the best team and one that will work together and devote to each other. Additionally, the Ring Committee must maintain a level of secrecy regarding our design and event plans. But that is not the case with this application process. We want to be transparent with you and what ring committee is all about. So, please reach out to anyone on Ring Committee individually with questions or reach out to [brassrat-2023@mit.edu](mailto:brassrat-2023@mit.edu).

1. \* What is the primary reason you want to be on Ring Committee?
2. \* How have you been involved at MIT, either formally or informally through clubs, extracurriculars, side projects, and so on. We are trying to gauge your ability to communicate with the people in your class, but it's totally okay to apply to RingComm even if you have not gotten the chance to be as involved with campus organizations due to COVID-19! Please feel free to answer with any ways that you see fit!
3. \* How do you work in a team setting? Tell us about a time when you approached conflict within a team setting. How did you handle it? What was the result?
4. \* Describe something you have created or designed in the past. How did you make your vision a reality?
5. \* List 3 fun (short) facts about yourself. One joke may be substituted for a fact, but it has to be a good one.
6. \* Pick your favorite set of images from the ring bible ([linked here](#)), or from any previous brass rat ([linked here](#)). (PLEASE copy-paste the image(s) into your application so we know which ring(s) you are talking about) and explain what elements of the picture speak to you the most and why you find them significant? Would you include them in your brass rat design? Why?
7. \* What are your unique ideas for the 2024 class ring?
8. \* Where would you hold ring delivery? What makes this space so special?

9. \* Please list your involvement, time commitments, and leadership positions for on and off campus extracurriculars.
10. \* Describe where you see yourself on the committee and what you can bring to the table. Please click [here](#) to see the descriptions of committee roles
11. (OPTIONAL) If you have experience with any of the following, please describe it in detail and feel free to attach examples of your work to your application file (note: this will not count towards your 5-page limit and you don't need to have experience with these to serve on RingComm, nor will you be evaluated for these skills at an interview):
  - Production and Event Planning
  - Graphic arts skills (e.g. FLASH, Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, etc)
  - Web design skills (e.g. HTML, JavaScript, CSS)

**Once you have finished, please upload your completed application [here](#).**