



## ABOUT PROJECT

MIT Media Lab is recognized around the world for cutting-edge discoveries in “Mediating Technologies” and innovative influence on translational digital media research. The Media Lab expansion design team conceived a building that would connect the existing technological program to the MIT campus through a semi-transparent facade and a sculpted inner plaza to create a sense of place, while transitioning to the existing courtyard designed by Providence artist, Richard Fleischner.

The East Entry Plaza, named for project benefactor Isao Okawa, is proposed as a lightly textured granite field with six ornamental cherry trees that establish a base for the MIT Health Services Building designed by Mitchell/ Giurgola Architects in 1982. A custom stainless steel grating was proposed to maintain the taut plaza field beneath the trees while the paving and lawn plane provides a setting for future sculpture.

## DETAILS

**Location**  
Cambridge,  
Massachusetts

**Client**  
Massachusetts  
Institute of  
Technology

**Architect**  
Leers Weinzapfel Associates  
Maki and Associates

**Project Facts**  
Project Area: 2.25 acres  
Building: 163,000 ft<sup>2</sup>  
Open space: 40,000 ft<sup>2</sup>



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