

MIT Arcturus Community and Outreach

One of our team goals for our first year together has been to share our project with those around us. We are always seeking project support, funding, and interest.

Earlier this semester, we attended the MIT Edgerton Center Project Showcase. The Edgerton Center at MIT is dedicated to providing support and resources to all the project teams on campus. At this showcase, we had the opportunity to share our work with the general public, with representatives from major companies in attendance. We also got to speak to other groups at MIT such as MIT Racecar, Solar Car, and RoboTeam and hear what they had been working on too.



Our test boat at the MIT Edgerton Center Showcase in April 2022.

Just about a month later in mid-May, we displayed our boat at the ProjXpo showcase. ProjX is an MIT organization that provides funding to students and groups with any project idea. We had a chance to show off all our semester's work to the MIT community, including videos of our river test and our buoy detection system.



Herbie, our navigation team lead, explains his team's system to an MIT student at ProjXpo.

In the summer, we hope to expand our outreach to different age groups by visiting local museums, libraries, and summer schools. We are also thinking of offering tours of our space in the MIT Sea Grant Lab given COVID restrictions are loosening on campus. We are hoping to expand our audience to the Cambridge and Boston community in the coming year, and we are always looking for more ways to show our community our work.