

# Former Google exec Eric Schmidt named MIT innovation fellow

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This march 8, 2016, file photo shows Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of Alphabet speaking during a press conference ahead of the Google DeepMind Challenge Match in Seoul, South Korea. The longtime Google executive is taking on a new role at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The university announced Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, that Schmidt will become an innovation fellow starting in the spring. It's a yearlong fellowship that will involve working with scholars and advising the new MIT Intelligence Quest.(AP Photo/Lee Jin-man, File)

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Schmidt was Google's CEO from 2001 to 2011, a time of rapid growth for the Mountain View, California-based technology company. He later became executive chairman for Google and in 2015 for its new parent company, Alphabet.

He resigned as Alphabet's chairman last month but remains a board member and technical adviser to the company.

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