

The Global Perspective Program 2011-2012

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Eligibility

- Good academic standing *at the time of application.*
- Sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply for project programs.
- First-year students can apply *only* for humanities and arts work for their sophomore year.

Applications 2011-2012

- Résumé – one page
- Reference letter for yourself
- Two WPI references – one from faculty member
who can speak to your academic qualifications
- Extra-curricular activities (WPI and non-WPI)

Site Information Sessions

- You must attend at least your 1st choice site.
 - Attendance
 - Site-specific application
- Go to several sessions before deciding on your 1st choice.
- You must meet the site-specific application deadline.

Remember!

Your site-specific application **will not be accepted** if you are not listed as an attendee at the site information session.

Please use Black or Blue Ink

Bangkok THAILAND Project Center IQP C 2012

This is the site-specific application for an IQP. This must be turned into the IGSD no later than 1:00 pm on November 3, 2010.

Name _____ Student ID # _____

Major _____ Year of Graduation _____ WPI Box Number _____ e-mail _____@wpi

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Sex: M / F Citizenship _____

Address notification should be mailed to:

street _____ apt. or box no. _____ city _____ state _____ zip code _____

Local Telephone (____) _____ - _____

Permanent Telephone (____) _____ - _____

- Please cross out (X) any sites for which you **DO NOT WISH** to be considered.
- Rank your remaining choices in preference order (1 being 1st choice) – **place a number in the box to the left of the site name.**
- There must be either an **X** or a number in every box to the left of each site name.



E 2011	
<input type="checkbox"/>	London, England

A 2011	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boston, MA

B 2011	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Washington, DC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Venice, Italy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Worcester, MA
<input type="checkbox"/>	San José, Costa Rica
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cape Town, South Africa
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nantucket, MA

C 2012	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Worcester, MA
1	Bangkok, Thailand
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hong Kong PRC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melbourne, Australia

D 2012	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melbourne, Australia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copenhagen, Denmark
<input type="checkbox"/>	London, England
<input type="checkbox"/>	San Juan, Puerto Rico
<input type="checkbox"/>	Windhoek, Namibia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Santa Fe, NM

The more sites and terms that you are willing to be considered for, the better your chances of placement will be.

REMEMBER: Place an X next to every site for which ~~you~~ do NOT wish to be considered. Rank all of the other sites.

Historic Application Data

	04-05		05-06		06-07		07-08		08-09		09-10		10-11	
	apps	# spots	apps	# spots	apps	# spots	apps	# spots	apps	# spots	apps	# spots	apps	# spots
MQP	149	99	129	114	116	88	132	93	130	90	156	97	127	90
IQP	502	377	358	303	387	331	386	328	476	401	489	377	542	440
HU & A	29	24	15	24	15	14	35	27	29	30	36	18	19	24

**577 IQP applications for 2011-2012
Academic Year**

Historic Site-Specific Application Data

Site		08-09 apps # spots		Accepted		09-10 apps # spots		Accepted		10-11 apps # spots		Accepted	
Boston	A	N/A	0	0		N/A	0	0		3	28	13	
Washington DC	B	11	24	30		6	28	32		6	32	30	
Worcester	B	8	16	18		3	16	10		4	28	18	
Venice	B	48	28	28		45	28	28		58	28	28	
Cape Town	B	30	24	24		38	24	27		52	27	28	
Nantucket Island	B	13	24	21		N/A	0	0		4	12	18	
San José	B	51	24	28		50	28	28		56	28	27	
Bangkok	C	41	24	25		34	24	27		45	28	28	
London	C	N/A	0	0		N/A	0	0		N/A	0	0	
Worcester	C	6	16	14		5	16	9		4	16	14	
Hong Kong	C	29	24	24		30	24	24		15	28	24	
Melbourne	C	N/A	0	0		15	12	16		22	12	16	
Boston	D	5	24	30		11	28	28		N/A	0	0	
Copenhagen	D	27	15	15		46	15	15		57	15	15	
London	D	30	24	25		34	28	28		26	28	32	
Melbourne	D	58	26	26		36	26	26		34	26	26	
San Juan	D	22	26	26		33	26	26		36	28	27	
Santa Fe	D	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		14	24	28	
Windhoek	D	24	24	24		23	24	24		22	28	27	
Worcester	D	N/A	N/A	N/A		2	16	10		N/A	0	0	
London E	E	11	24	26		14	24	21		27	24	38	
San José	E	N/A	0	0		N/A	0	0		N/A	0	0	
SITE SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS		414	367	401		425	387	379		485	440	437	
IQP applicants who withdrew early			34				45				34		
ineligible applicants			9				19				15		
didn't complete process - no interview		% of complete apps	36	% of total apps		% of complete apps	23	% of total apps		% of complete apps	19	% of total apps	% of complete apps
not accepted		2%	15	3%		4%	3	1%		1%	6	1%	1%
waitlist		0%	17	4%		4%	23	5%		6%	32	6%	7%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS PROCESSED			476				489				542		

Think carefully about your choices

Unlikely as 2nd, 3rd, 4th ... choices

- Melbourne, Australia – C or D term
- Copenhagen, Denmark – D term
- Cape Town, South Africa – B term
- Venice, Italy – B term
- Costa Rica – B term

If this student doesn't get into his 1st choice then he will be out of luck.

- Please cross out (X) any sites you CANNOT consider.
- Rank your remaining choices in preference order (1 being 1st choice) by placing a number in the box to the left of the site name.

E 2009	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	London, England

B 2009	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Washington, DC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Venice, Italy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Worcester, MA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	San José, Costa Rica
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cape Town, South Africa

C 2010	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Worcester, MA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bangkok, Thailand
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hong Kong, PRC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melbourne, Australia

D 2010	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melbourne, Australia
1	Copenhagen, Denmark
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	London, England
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	San Juan, Puerto Rico
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boston, MA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Windhoek, Namibia
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Worcester, MA

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Don't make us guess! It may not be to your advantage.

E 2009	
X	London, England

B 2009	
X	Washington, DC
X	Venice, Italy
X	Worcester, MA
X	San José, Costa Rica
X	Cape Town, South Africa

C 2010	
3	Worcester, MA
	Bangkok, Thailand
	Hong Kong PRC
	Melbourne, Australia

D 2010	
	Melbourne, Australia
2	Copenhagen, Denmark
	London, England
	San Juan, Puerto Rico
1	Boston, MA
	Windhoek, Namibia
A	Worcester, MA

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If this student doesn't get into her 1st choice, the next choice may be #11 on her list.

number in the box to the left of the site name.

E 2009	
X	London, England

B 2009	
12	Washington, DC
8	Venice, Italy
X	Worcester, MA
X	San José, Costa Rica
3	Cape Town, South Africa

C 2010	
X	Worcester, MA
1	Bangkok, Thailand
2	Hong Kong, PRC
4	Melbourne, Australia

D 2010	
5	Melbourne, Australia
6	Copenhagen, Denmark
9	London, England
10	San Juan, Puerto Rico
11	Boston, MA
7	Windhoek, Namibia
X	Worcester, MA

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Interviews

- Sign up for interviews via the web
 - Midnight on 11/05 to 6 p.m. on 11/09
- Interview only for 1st choice site
- Only one interview per student
- Behavioral interview

“Tell me about a time when...”

Work ethic, attitude, flexibility, motivation, and creativity

What happens to your application?

- Academic Review
 - Students on warning or probation are removed from the process.
- Judicial review
- Reference letter is read.
 - It should address **strengths & weaknesses**.
- Notes from your interview are reviewed.
 - Another chance to demonstrate what we wouldn't know about you.
- Directors choose applicants for their sites.
 - Based upon your numbered preferences.

Tips for a successful application

- Know which terms are realistic options for you.
 - Financially, schedule-wise, types of projects, etc.
- Be willing to entertain every possible site.
- You only have **one chance to make a 1st impression.**
- Know something (of consequence) about the sites in which you are interested.
- Be able to articulate why the site and you are a good match.
- Show up on time for interview.
- Read and follow directions carefully.
 - Check your WPI e-mail regularly.
- Get applications in on time – **deadlines are important!**

Things to keep in mind

- Different Center Directors weigh talents differently
 - Must consider balance of *individuals* with the demands of the site.
- Being offered an opportunity at a site that is not your 1st choice is NOT a failure.
- The experience of completing a professional level project in one term is more important than where that experience happens.

Words to the wise:

- The IGSD is dealing with more than 600+ students and their applications – exceptions to the rules cannot be made.
- The IGSD does not track every application you submit so if you get accepted to an IQP center and an MQP you have to make the decision which to accept.
- You are applying as an individual – do not count on going with anyone else.
- *Your* application and *your* qualifications are being evaluated – not your parents’.

The Global Perspective Program website:

<http://www.wpi.edu/+global>