

2024-2025 Off-Campus IQP Application Preview

The application process for the Global Projects Program (GPP) is competitive. Meeting deadlines and completing all components of the application on time contribute to a successful application. Every application is carefully reviewed and considered. However, no student is guaranteed placement at any project center. The 2024-2025 Off-Campus IQP Application includes the following components:

Waiver to Access Records: You will be asked to sign off on a few application statements including an understanding of the application process and a release of your transcript and judicial records.

Profile Information: Student information will be prefilled. You will be asked to choose your major from a drop-down menu.

Cultural Hub: You may choose to complete the Cultural Hub section of the application as an opportunity to express your academic and professional interest in one of 4 geographical hubs: Latin America, China/East Asia, Africa, Europe. Students choosing to complete this section should demonstrate a clear history of academic interest in the hub and will be required to list WPI language and cultural coursework relevant to the hub, share cultural learning experiences, and describe how an IQP in this hub would further their academic goals.

Language Ability: You will be asked to describe your language proficiency in languages other than English, including years of study, if applicable.

Essays: You are asked to complete two essay questions. The length of your submissions is not set, however, as a guideline 250-500 word count is appropriate. Essays will be scored for quality and content. Written submissions should be well-organized, provide specific examples and demonstrate self-reflection.

Essay 1 – Personal Interest

Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

Essay 2 – Team Experience

On most teams, different team members have different points of view about what the team should be doing, how the team should be doing things, and what direction the project should be headed. If you have experienced this, how did you deal with it? Be specific. Looking back, what if anything, would you do differently and why? If you have never experienced this on a team, how would deal with it if it occurred on your IQP?

Academic History: This section is optional and not a scored section of the application. Students who have unique circumstances, or those who have not completed more than one academic year of course work are strongly encouraged to reflect on how your academic transcript reflects your ability to succeed in the preparation for and completion of an off-campus project.

Passport: You are asked to indicate if you have a valid passport. (This section is not considered in the application review. It is a survey of applicants to determine if students may need GEO passport assistance.)

Preference Survey: You will be required to rate each of the Project Centers as Very Interested, Interested, or Not Interested based on your personal preferences. You must select at least 6 choices in the categories of Very Interested and/or interested, at least 3 of which must be in the Very Interested category. While we require 6 choices, there is no limit to the number of offerings you can include in the categories of Very Interested or Interested. It is important that you understand how the different categories on the preference form interact with your application score and the placement algorithm.

- 100% of your application score is applied to offerings you put in the Very Interested category
- Only 50% of your application score is applied to offerings you put in the Interested category
- Your application score will be zeroed out for all offerings in the Not Interested category