

GLOBAL EXPERIENCE OFFICE

# GLOBAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

OFF-CAMPUS IQP PLACEMENT

NEWSLETTER

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*Hello again IQP applicants,*

*The end of B term is always such a busy and exciting time of year! You may not have even given your IQP another thought since submitting your application in October, but we have been working hard to get ready for your 2024-2025 IQP. In this newsletter, we will be sharing the placement and commitment process next steps, so that you'll have the information you need to plan for your IQP. We are looking forward to working with you to make your IQP a memorable and rewarding experience. - GEO Staff*

### Placement Announcements

Your off-campus IQP placements are scheduled to be announced on Tuesday, December 19th. Applicants will receive an email from the Global Projects program notifying them that IQP placements are available on eProjects. You will be able to view your placement on your eProjects dashboard. The placement that you receive is the final decision for this application process. You may not "switch" into a different project center, and you cannot move into a different term of a project center. Your only options are to commit or decline your placement.

### Committing to a Placement

To commit to a project placement, please complete the Participant Statement of Agreement 2024-2025(PSA) by Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at noon. The agreement form can be found in the [eProjects Forms Library](#). Be sure to choose the correct project center and read the Participant Statement of Agreement thoroughly before signing.

## Declining a Placement

If you choose to decline your placement, you may do so using the decline option on the Participant Statement of Agreement 2024-2025 by Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at noon.

### Important Dates

December 19 Placements Announced

January 16 Commitment Deadline

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## Things to Consider When Accepting a Placement

### Withdrawal Fees

The decision to withdraw after you have committed may have financial consequences. Please carefully consider our [withdrawal policy](#) prior to commitment. This is especially important for students committing to E24 or A24 Project Centers as you will be charged the full program fee if you choose to withdraw any time after committing.

### Program Costs

24-25 Academic Year program cost estimates may be found on the [eProjects](#) program page for each project center. Costs are estimated up to a year in advance and unexpected increases do occur.

## WPI Global Scholar Scholarship

The scholarship will come in the form of a credit that will appear on your bill for the academic period in which you will be conducting project work, and will defray direct, billable costs (housing and program fees). It will also include up to \$1,500 to be applied toward indirect costs (flights, food, and incidentals). Visit the [Scholarships](#) page for more information.

## ID2050 and PQP

Participation in the program will require enrollment in, and successful completion of the preparation course (1/3 unit, ID2050) and pre-qualifying project (1/6 unit, PQP) conducted in the term before you go away. The preparation courses (ID2050 and PQP) for an off-campus project are time-consuming and rigorous. Students are prohibited from overloading in the preparation term. Leave room in your schedule for ID2050 on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:20. GEO staff will register you for ID2050 once you have committed and you will register for PQP and IQP with your team at the beginning of your prep term.

## Project Center Preparation Requirements

IQP preparations may start as early as two terms prior to your off-campus experience. Please read the details of these requirements carefully and consider the commitment in relation to your other course commitments for your pre-prep term. These details are posted on the site-specific program pages on [eprojects.wpi.edu](http://eprojects.wpi.edu).

## Accommodations

If you are registered with the Office of Accessibility Services with a documented disability, where housing and/or academic accommodations may need to be implemented, please contact [GEO](#) to enable us to work with you as you prepare for your off-campus project.

## Academic Standing

It is important that you maintain good academic standing leading up to your prep and project terms. As a reminder, Academic Probation will prevent students from receiving financial aid, will result in a loss of eligibility for team sports, will prevent the student from obtaining undergraduate employment in the Co-op Program and will prevent participation in the Global Projects Program.

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## Final Notes

This year, a near record number of students have completed applications for off-campus IQP project centers for the 2024-2025 academic year. We have been very busy reviewing over 1200 applications, and we have worked hard to place applicants into top-choice project centers. We have added a new site in Syros, Greece and expanded project center capacity in Hawaii to meet the growing need. We are expecting to place nearly 95% of applicants in an off-campus IQP.

Each year there a number of students will not be placed in an off-campus project center in the initial application process. If you are not placed in this process, you still have options available for completing an IQP in the 2024-2025 academic year. You are welcome to re-apply to the Global Projects Program in January/February, April, July, or September. Some students prefer an on-campus IQP. GEO staff are happy to discuss IQP options that are right for you.



*Wishing all a Happy 2024!*

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