WPI’s Mission

OUR VALUES

Respect – Community – Inclusion – Innovation – Achievement

OUR MISSION

WPI is committed to its mission to transform lives, turn knowledge into action to confront global challenges, and revolutionize STEM through distinctive and inclusive education, projects, and research.
WPI at a Glance

OUR STUDENTS
Undergraduate and Graduate

5,454
undergraduate students
65%
of first-time WPI students graduated high school with a 4.0 GPA (2022)
94%
first year retention rate (2022/23)
1,900
graduate students
100%
of graduate students receive 1:1 support from dedicated student success managers
68
professional development program sessions for graduate students (2023)

DEGREES AWARDED 2023

1,088 bachelor’s degrees
785 master’s degrees
88 doctoral degrees
70+ degree programs

THE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT
Record-setting Growth

$42.4M Government, corporate, and private funding
$62M Research expenditures
Four Schools, One WPI

SCHOOL of ENGINEERING
SCHOOL of ARTS & SCIENCES
THE BUSINESS SCHOOL
THE GLOBAL SCHOOL
WPI Rankings

#28 OUT OF 4,500
higher education institutions for 30-year long-term ROI
Georgetown University’s Center on Education and the Workforce (2022)

#4
national universities where grads are paid well

TOP 5.4%
worldwide out of 20,000 universities
Center for World University Rankings (2022)

TOP 20%
U.S. college rankings
Times Higher Education, World University Rankings (2022)

#10
in Massachusetts, Best US Universities for Excellence, Equity, and Employability
QS World University Rankings: USA (2020)
The WPI Plan and Project-Based Learning

The WPI Plan is the university’s distinctive approach to STEM education. For more than 50 years, the student-centered, project-based, and life-changing approach has revolutionized how our students learn and create value with their work.

WPI Is a Global Leader in Project-Based Learning: It’s Theory and Practice, Not Theory then Practice

- **1970**
  - Restructured education known as the WPI Plan

- **100%**
  - Undergraduate students complete two major projects before graduation

- **7 Weeks**
  - Per term, three courses per term, for undergraduate studies to create space for cooperative, open-ended project work

- **100%**
  - Of undergraduates complete the equivalent of a minor in Humanities & Arts to become well-rounded STEM leaders

- **98%**
  - Of alumni surveyed had projects in at least some courses at WPI (2021)
The Global Projects Program: Not Your Typical Study Away Program

WPI’s groundbreaking Global Projects Program empowers and inspires students to become civically engaged, compassionate, globally aware individuals who know how to thoughtfully approach solutions to real-world problems.

- **50 Years**
  - global projects program

- **50+**
  - global project centers on six continents

- **100%**
  - undergraduate students eligible for global scholarship

- **85%**
  - of all WPI undergraduate students participate in program AY 22/23

- **1,114**
  - students participated in global projects program in '22-'23 academic year
Students who call WPI home humanize STEM, gleaning inspiration from the world around them and infusing themselves and their passions in their experiences how only they can.

235+ student clubs and organizations (from professional societies to a Lego club and a cheese club)

80% of students are involved in sports activities

27% of female students join sororities (2022)

25% of male students join fraternities (2022)
Recognizing WPI’s work to improve the professional lives and experiences of non-tenure-track faculty

598 full- and part-time faculty 2022

25 Fulbright scholars

40+ CAREER Award recipients
Research & Innovation

WPI's research focuses on discovery and innovation that has purpose, with an emphasis on sustainability. Our patents reflect our innovation ecosystem and entrepreneurial spirit.

- **63** new invention disclosures (2023)
- **13** issued patents (2023)
- **$47.7** WPI researchers were awarded more than $47.7 million in government, corporate, and private funding
- **13%** increase in funding from 2021 (86% since 2017)
Alumni Results

The WPI alumni community is active and thriving, boasting a worldwide network

92% of alumni surveyed reported being satisfied or very satisfied with their careers (2021)

MORE THAN 40,000 alumni who live in more than 100 countries

95% of alumni surveyed reported that their project experience prepared them for their current careers (2021)