

GREAT MINDS at WORK

Benefits at WPI

2025 Faculty Employee Benefits (Full-time, regular faculty)



Employees drive WPI's success and are essential ambassadors for the university. Faculty and staff contribute to a welcoming culture of innovation and exploration where our employees and students thrive. Whether they have been at WPI for two months or 40 years, employees value the energy created by new discoveries, cutting-edge research, and world-changing impact made here.

Employees' dedication to WPI's students and their commitment to WPI's mission are rewarded in many ways. The university offers comprehensive benefits including health, dental and vision coverage, life insurance, employer contributory retirement savings, tuition plans, and many perks. You'll find a fulfilling path in WPI's diverse, inclusive, and exciting community.



Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI offers other paid absences for jury duty, reserve training duty, bereavement leave, and other authorized absences. WPI provides ten paid holidays and two floating (personal) holidays.

HOLIDAYS

- New Year’s Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Patriots Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Half Day before Thanksgiving Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

#1 Faculty
that best combine
research and teaching
*– The Wall Street Journal/
Times Higher Education
(2016)*

SICK TIME

Extended Sick Time

Employees receive unlimited sick days (up to six months) upon date of hire, subject to review by a supervisor. Employees may use up to six sick days per year to care for immediate family.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

WPI offers employees two ways to save for retirement. Investments for both can be made directly with Fidelity or TIAA. Representatives from each company are on campus monthly and available for individual, private appointments for guidance with retirement and investments.

403(b) Plan

WPI offers immediate entry into the 403(b) Supplemental Plan designed to provide tax incentives for employees to save for their retirement. With the 403(b) Supplemental Plan, employees can reduce their current taxes by redirecting taxable income to a tax-sheltered retirement savings plan. This plan offers a traditional pre-tax option and a Roth option.

403(b) Employer Contributory Retirement Plan

In addition to participation in the 403(b) plan, employees are required to participate in WPI’s employer contributory retirement plan on the first day of the month following completion of at least 12 months of continuous service, if they are in the eligible class of participants and work at least 1,000 hours per calendar year. Investment options are available through TIAA or Fidelity. Employees must contribute 5% of their base salary and WPI will contribute 9.5%. For eligible exempt (salaried) employees, participation is mandatory after one year of service. Employees are vested 100% immediately with the employer contributions.

DISABILITY BENEFITS

Long-term Disability Policy

WPI employees are eligible for coverage under Long-term Disability upon completion of the introductory period. If disabled for more than six months, employees will be covered under a policy that will pay 60% of their monthly salary—up to \$10,000 per month—and WPI pays the premium.

Company-paid Survivor Benefits

WPI recognizes that financial security is very important for employees and their families. WPI offers several ways to help employees provide for their financial future. On the first of the month following date of hire, WPI provides Basic Life Insurance and AD&D that equals two times base annual earnings, up to a maximum of \$300,000. This coverage is provided at no cost to the employee.

Employee-paid Survivor Benefits

WPI employees may purchase Supplemental Life Insurance for themselves in increments of \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$300,000. Employees who do so may purchase Dependent Life Insurance for their eligible dependents. New employees may elect the following amounts of coverage without providing evidence of good health within 30 days of their hire date.

Employee:	up to \$200,000
Spouse:	up to \$30,000
Children:	up to \$10,000

FACULTY RESOURCES

Gordon Library

The Gordon Library provides an array of resources and services to support WPI faculty members in their teaching and research endeavors:

- teaching support
- research support
- interlibrary loan
- borrowing library resources
- off-campus library access

Top 30
colleges that pay
you back

– The Princeton Review

Morgan Teaching and Learning Center

The Morgan Teaching and Learning Center is a faculty-led unit that maintains and strengthens instructional effectiveness and student learning. The Center offers programs, services, and resources in the areas of training, development, and funding to new and existing faculty members and graduate students, including student teaching assistants. It also supports innovation in the curriculum and in teaching practice and fosters campus-wide dialogue on teaching and student learning. Resources in various areas—from course design to faculty mentoring—are available to all faculty members with specialized programs for new faculty to assist with orientation and integration into the WPI faculty community.

Higher Education Real Estate Advantage Program

WPI faculty, staff, and their immediate family members have access to the Higher Education Real Estate Advantage (HERE Advantage) program to save on various real estate expenses.

Office for International Faculty and Scholars Services

The Office for International Faculty and Scholars Services oversees programs and services for international scholars, postdoctoral fellows, research scientist/engineers, and international faculty members. The office will issue all immigration-related documentation; it will represent WPI as the petitioner on petitions filed with USCIS and when filing Labor Condition Applications (LCA) and Program Electronic Review Management filing of Labor Certifications (PERM) with the Department of Labor.

HEALTH BENEFITS

WPI offers employees access to extensive medical benefits, including two HMO and one PPO comprehensive health plans, two dental plans, and a vision plan with coverage effective on date of hire. Other health benefits include a pre-tax Health Savings Account with employer contribution. Benefits are extended to dependent children and domestic partners.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING & HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

WPI offers Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) and Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) which allow employees to pay for eligible health and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars. You can set aside a maximum of \$3,200 per calendar year for the Medical Flexible Savings Account and \$5,000 per calendar year for the Dependent Care Reimbursement Account. In addition if an employee participates in the High Deductible HMO through WPI they are eligible to participate in a Health Savings Account (HSA) allowing them to set aside pre-tax dollars for qualified medical expenses (annually \$8,550 for a family plan and \$4,300 for an individual plan), with a \$1,000 catch-up contribution if they are age 55 or older). The HSA is also eligible for an annual employer contribution of \$1,800 for an individual and \$4,000 for a family, to be paid on a monthly basis and prorated based on hire date.

TIME OFF

Leave of Absence

WPI offers employees to take approved time off under the Family Medical Leave Act and Massachusetts Paid Family Leave to care for their newborn child, their adopted child, a seriously ill family member, or themselves. This benefit is available to employees who have met eligibility criteria based on the leave requirements. Additionally, WPI offers parental leave to caregivers who have successfully completed their introductory periods.

> WELLNESS BENEFITS

- We recognize the importance of having healthy employees.
- WPI's state-of-the-art Sports & Recreation Center, highly ranked by The Princeton Review, is available at no cost to WPI employees. A small membership fee is charged for spouses.
- WPI also offers a discount with Worcester Fitness.
- WPI is a tobacco-free campus.
- Reimbursement up to \$150 annually for an individual and up to \$300 for families through the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care wellness benefit.*
- Lunchtime fitness offerings include yoga, barre, and more.
- Active wellness offerings including physical, financial, nutritional, and emotional wellness programs.

*some restrictions apply

TUITION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

WPI provides financial assistance to benefit eligible employees for their own coursework at WPI including PhD programs. Assistance is also offered for the undergraduate university education of dependent children of employees (as defined by the IRS) and for the undergraduate and graduate education of benefit eligible employees and their spouses or domestic partners.

Tuition Assistance - WPI Employees

Benefit eligible employees may participate in the tuition assistance benefit following six months of full-time benefited continuous employment. Employees are eligible for job-related classes at other schools with approval and reimbursed at 75% of tuition costs up to \$2,000 per year.

Tuition Assistance - WPI Employee's Dependents

After three (3) consecutive years of employment, benefits eligible employees may receive assistance for spouse, domestic partner, and/or dependent children up to age 26. Dependent children are awarded \$2,600 per semester for off-campus courses and a 100% tuition waiver for courses taken at WPI.

Tuition Exchange Program

Tuition Exchange is a national scholarship-exchange program available to dependent children of full-time faculty and staff members at approximately 650 participating colleges and universities. Participating institutions may grant tuition scholarships to eligible children of participants from other member institutions.

> PERKS, RECOGNITION, DISCOUNTS

- Employee Recognition Programs & Awards
- Legal Assistance
- Child Care Available Near Campus
- Free Parking for Employees
- Direct Deposit Available at Multiple Financial Institutions
- Free Admission to Worcester Art Museum for Faculty, Employees, and Students
- More WPI Discounts at Local Vendors

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WPI provides a free and confidential Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to employees and their household members. EAPs are designed to help with any personal problems 24 hours a day.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Programs and Resources

At WPI, we prioritize lifelong learning as a cornerstone of both personal and professional growth. Employees benefit from a variety of opportunities to expand their skills, deepen knowledge, and advance their careers.

Our offerings include *in-house leadership and certificate programs* designed to provide targeted development and new perspectives, access to *LinkedIn Learning* for on-demand learning through videos, books, and other resources, and *Vector Solutions*, an online platform supporting compliance training in areas such as diversity, risk management, and workforce skills.

Employee Resources Groups (ERGs)

ERGs offer opportunities for employees to network internally, provide the inclusion of ideas and solutions, and create opportunities for mentoring and career development. These groups highlight WPI's commitment to promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging across campus and to supporting employees' professional development.

Currently we have the following ERGs available: Accessibility Network, J-FAST (Jewish Faculty, Administrators, Staff, and Allies Group), LGBTQIA+ Faculty and Staff Community network, Men of Color Coalition, Shades of Strength Society, Turkish Faculty and Staff Support Group, and Veteran Support Group..

Find detailed information about our Employee Benefits at <https://flimp.live/WPI-Benefits>.



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