



SOCIETY OF SIGMA Xi

AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

The local Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi announces awards in several categories for promoting and recognizing excellence in research in the WPI community.

1. There will be up to three (3) Sigma Xi awards for Major Qualifying Projects in Science and Engineering, reflecting the Society's dedication to encouraging undergraduate research. Projects that have been disseminated in the form of publications, preprints, or conference presentations will be prioritized for awards. Given that MQPs are typically completed late in the academic year, both current seniors and students who graduated the prior year are eligible for nomination for MQP awards in any given cycle.
2. There will be one (1) Sigma Xi award for the best MS thesis in Science and Engineering. (This award has been given for several years at WPI.)
3. There will be two (2) Sigma Xi award for the best Ph.D. thesis in Science and Engineering. (This award has been in place for several years at WPI.)
4. There will be one (1) Sigma Xi award for Post-doctoral Fellows in Science and Engineering to recognize their research.
5. There will be two (2) new Sigma Xi awards for Faculty to recognize research of an extraordinarily high quality in Science and Engineering by the Faculty:
 - a. One of the Faculty awards is for a Junior Faculty Member who has established a significant program of research at WPI and has developed a steady pattern of publication in his area of research. There should be evidence of high recognition by the research community at large for their work. This award recognizes and encourages such effort at WPI. Typically, a high quality program of research requires about 5-8 years of work at WPI.
 - b. The second Faculty award is for a Senior Faculty Member who is a a recognized leader in the world, and has brought attention to WPI and its tradition of excellence, in their area of research. It is anticipated that this Faculty Member has an established and vigorous program of research at WPI and has published seminal papers in his field during his tenure here.

The Faculty recipients of the Sigma Xi awards are expected to give a Colloquium to the Campus that will be arranged by the Sigma Xi in the Fall of the coming year.