How does the Gordon Library Support FIS Graduate Students?
Expert Assistance & Guidance

Contact a Research and Instruction Librarian

• Research Consultation: [Request a research consultation](#), or drop by the library for a walk-in appointment.
• Email: library@wpi.edu
• Chat: [Live Chat](#) available!
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Research Support

- The library can help you at all stages of the research process. We can help you choose a topic; search for, identify & find relevant high quality resources; manage citations; and much more...
Databases

• Gordon Library has over 250 online databases for finding peer-reviewed articles, patents, data, chemical structures, and more.

• Click on the Databases link under the WPI Library Search box on the library homepage.

• Browse Databases by Subject to find the ones you need, or ask a librarian for help. We’re happy to help you find the best resources for your project.

• All databases are available from off campus. Start at the library webpage to access the resources, and simply enter your WPI user name and password when prompted.
Business Databases

- We have **business databases** that provide access to scholarly and trade journals, company, industry and country reports, business newspapers, and statistical data.
WSJ & NYT Interactive

• Institutional subscriptions to the full, interactive online newspapers!

• Wall Street Journal Online (Access limited to WPI users only.) - Interactive edition of the Wall Street Journal. See https://libguides.wpi.edu/news to set up your free WPI account!

• New York Times Interactive (NYTimes.com Interactive) - Interactive online edition of the New York Times. See https://libguides.wpi.edu/news to set up your free WPI account!
Accessing Materials

The Gordon Library has:

- Over 150,000 electronic serials (journals, magazines, newspapers)
- Over 250,000 print books, DVDs, and other materials
- Access to over 800,000 e-books in all academic disciplines.

- To find any of the print or electronic books, journals, or other materials, use the WPI Library Search box & links on the Library website homepage.
Accessing Materials

Suggest a Purchase

- WPI faculty, students, and staff are encouraged to suggest a purchase of books or other materials you think the library should add to its collection.

Interlibrary Loan (ILLiad)

- Using ILLiad, WPI faculty, students, and staff can request to borrow items from other libraries if Gordon Library doesn’t own them.

- Contact lib-ill@wpi.edu for assistance

- You can request books, articles, theses, dissertations, videos, CDs, and book chapters through Interlibrary Loan.
Borrowing Materials

• Your WPI ID is your library card. You are welcome to borrow books, DVDs and other materials from the library.

• Length of borrowing differs depending on the type of item being borrowed:
  
  • Loan Period for Books, CDs, tech reports: 28 days
  
  • Loan Period for DVDs, video & board games, calculators: 7 days
  
  • Fines: 28-day items/weekly items: $0.10/day // $1.00/day

• Materials can be self-retrieved & checked out at our front desk on the main floor, REQUESTed to be picked from the shelves, and obtained via Curbside Pick-up!
WPI Electronic Theses & Dissertations

- Digital WPI – archives electronic theses & dissertations from 2004 to present (and selected earlier years)
- Full text searchable & browsable
Research Guides

We have developed research guides on many topics of interest to graduate students:

- Data Management & Record Keeping
- WPI Copyright Policy and Guidance
- Curating your Online Presence
- Citing Sources
- Identifying Funding Opportunities
- Open Access Guide
- Open Educational Resources
- WPI Theses & Dissertations (information on submitting your thesis or dissertation!)
Finding Funding Resources

• **Pivot** database
  • Indexes over $33 billion in funding opportunities
  • 3 million scholars with profiles
  • Create your own profile
  • Friendly interface and powerful search features
  • For help creating an account, email: lostapowiczcritz@wpi.edu

• **Foundation Directory Online Professional**
  • Searchable database of over 100,000 foundations, corporate giving programs, and grantmaking public charities in the U.S., and over 4,000 sponsoring companies
Citation Management Tools

- **EndNote Desktop**
  - Download citations from databases, WPI Library Search, e-journals into EndNote
  - Obtain full text, when available, & “store” PDFs in EndNote

- **EndNote Web**
  - Online access from anywhere
  - Great for group projects & collaborative work

- Also informally support:
  - **Mendeley** – Institutional account available
  - **Zotero** – Free, open source citation management tool
Thank You!

Any Questions?

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