

2023-2024 Off-Campus IQP Application Preview

Instructions

The application process for the Global Projects Program (GPP) is competitive. Thoroughly completing all components of the application on time is essential for a successful application. Every application is carefully reviewed and considered, however, no student is guaranteed placement at any project center. Before applying, please discuss the program and your finances with your family, academic advisor, the Office of Student Aid and Financial Literacy and any other party responsible for funding your education. Be sure to read the program details and to view the site information sessions for the programs in which you are interested.

Prior to submitting your application, please check to make sure that all materials are complete. The application deadline is **Monday October 3, at 9:00 AM.**

Application Sections

1. Language Skills

- Do you speak/have you studied any language(s) other than English? (Yes/No)
 - Describe Your Language Skills: For each language, please list how many years you've spoken or studied it and choose from the following proficiency levels (A box is provided to indicate your languages and proficiencies):
 - Beginner: a student of the language, but not yet conversational
 - Conversational: some speaking and comprehension skills, can exchange basic ideas with someone who only speaks this language
 - Proficient: experienced enough in this language to conduct business in it, can take instructions in this language and carry them out without error, can have advanced discussions on a wide range of topics
 - Fluent: fully versed in the speaking, reading, and writing of this language and can keep up with fast-paced dialogue between two native speakers of this language
 - Native Speaker: spoken the language from early childhood
 - Language Study: Please describe any student activities or courses at WPI that you participate in that are language or culture focused.

2. Cultural Interest

If you are interested in using your IQP as an opportunity to expand your knowledge and experience in a specific region or cultural area, you will use this section to express your academic and professional interest in one of the geographical hubs, Latin America, Europe, China/East Asia, Africa. Students choosing to complete this section will be required to list relevant coursework, share cultural experiences, and describe how an IQP in this hub would further their academic goals. (Short answer)

This section is optional. Participating in this section does not guarantee placement in any hub or project center. Not selecting a hub does not count against you in the application process, nor does it preclude you from placement in any IQP site.

3. Essays

Please complete the following essays thoughtfully and with care. The length of your submission is not set, however, as a guideline 200-400 word count is appropriate. Take time to draft and review your responses to the essay prompts and then paste them into the spaces provided in the application.

- **Essay 1 – Personal Interest**
Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

- **Essay 2 - Team Experience**
On most teams, different team members have different points of view about what the team should be doing, how the team should be doing things, and what direction the project should be headed. If you have experienced this, how did you deal with it? Be specific. Looking back, what if anything, would you do differently and why? If you have never experienced this on a team, how would deal with it if it occurred on your IQP? Again, be specific.

4. Upload Resume

5. References

- **WPI Reference (Required)**
Please provide the name and contact information (phone and e-mail) for a WPI faculty member who would be willing to serve as a reference for you. This person should not be related to you. A letter of recommendation is NOT required. We will contact them if needed.

- **Secondary Reference (Required)**
Please provide the name and contact information (phone and e-mail) of one of the following:
 - a faculty or staff member from WPI
 - a faculty member from another institution
 - a coach
 - a supervisorThis person should not be related to you. A letter of recommendation is NOT required. We will contact them if needed.