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As our global society becomes increasingly complex and interconnected, so too do the challenges we face. Access to clean water and affordable healthcare, improving infrastructure, maximizing energy resources, and advancing medicine to treat and eradicate disease—these are challenges of concern for people almost anywhere in the world.

They will never be solved by smart people working alone. Rather, solutions develop when great minds break through disciplinary, cultural, and geographic boundaries to collaborate toward a common purpose. Never before have we been more in need of people with great technical, interpersonal, and communication skills, with a depth of disciplinary, cultural, and public policy knowledge—people who can expand their thinking to imagine new and innovative solutions to intractable problems.

Our global programs exemplify how WPI brings teams of students, faculty, government agencies, businesses, and community organizations together to address issues that impact individuals and communities around the world.

RECORD OF EXCELLENCE

With its distinctive hands-on, project-based curriculum and its Global Projects Program, WPI delivers a transformative global education like few other institutions. Student project teams, guided by faculty mentors, collaborate on solving problems of significance—problems at the intersection of STEM and society, and problems related to the students’ studies. Many students complete at least one of these projects off campus, in another part of the world.

The projects, especially the global projects, expand students’ perspectives by pushing them out of their comfort zones intellectually, culturally, and interpersonally. Our alumni credit their off-campus project experiences particularly with preparing them to lead in their professions and communities and enabling them to pursue fulfilling lives. In fact, the off-campus project experience has proven so formative to our alumni that WPI—with the generous support of alumni and friends—has committed to providing a stipend for an off-campus project for every incoming student, beginning with the Class of 2022.

WPI has steadily expanded its global reach and commitment since the establishment of its first global project centers in 1974. Faculty have reconsidered our curriculum, developing the Great Problems Seminar, to give first-year students an immersive experience in project-based learning with a global focus. The new Global Lab in the WPI Innovation Studio is envisioning new ways to record, present, and evaluate the impact of global projects and experiences on our students and the communities they serve. The university also seeks to identify more areas of the world where it has concentrations of faculty expertise, academic partnerships, project sponsors and centers, and alumni communities.

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Now The Global School will organize and maximize all these initiatives, programs, relationships, and activities and bring them to scale. It will bring the work our faculty and students are doing to address the great problems facing our global society together with experts in our academic departments, to leverage both for greater impact. The Global School will also provide mechanisms for bringing the world to WPI through visiting fellows and scholars-in-residence, and even more ways of bringing WPI to the world. Opportunities abound to accelerate our impact beyond our campus and beyond our shores, as WPI stakes its claim as The Global Polytechnic.

“My global project experience was formative. I was able to participate in something truly innovative, something that will have lasting impacts on communities around the world,” said Emily Curci ’17, a Beckett Scholarship recipient.

As the next generation of global citizens, we must work together to imagine, design, and create solutions to the most pressing issues of our time. It is up to us to be connectors, to bridge the worlds we come from and the worlds we want to create, and to be leaders in building a better future.

As ever, WPI is a place of experiences, with well over 100% of students engaging in hands-on, project-based learning. These experiences are transformative for our students, connecting them to the world and to themselves. Whether they are on campus in the United States or abroad in a global project, WPI students are connecting to the experience, the passion, and the promise of this university and its people.
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Now, more than ever, the world needs WPI’s innovators, educators, makers, and doers—people with the knowhow and the tenacity to work across disciplinary, cultural, and geographic boundaries to take on the world’s greatest and most consequential problems. Realizing the vision of a truly globally engaged university will take an unprecedented commitment from the greater WPI community.

Our drive to go beyond is fueled by the belief that what we have created and what we do at WPI can be of immense value to a world beset by challenges.

We need champions to help us get there.

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