



Forbes.com Ranks WPI 9th in Nation in “Top Colleges for Getting Rich” Survey

WORCESTER, Mass. – August 8, 2008 – A recent ranking compiled by *Forbes.com* recognizing the “Top Colleges for Getting Rich” rated Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) ninth in the nation.

Forbes.com based its rankings on the salaries of both recent graduates and those with 10 to 20 years of experience. Median salaries among WPI graduates with up to five years of experience averaged \$61,000. For graduates with 10 to 20 years of experience, the median was \$114,000. The median top salary among WPI graduates was \$180,000. Other colleges rounding out the top-10 of this ranking include Dartmouth, Princeton, Stanford, Yale, MIT, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, Notre Dame, and the Polytechnic University of New York, Brooklyn.

“Having worked in academia for more than 30 years, I say with confidence that WPI’s students are among the most remarkable – and marketable – in the nation. As such, I am delighted, but not surprised, by the findings of *Forbes.com*,” said WPI President and CEO Dennis D. Berkey. “From the moment they arrive on campus to the time of their graduation, WPI students are fully engaged in a remarkably fast-paced curriculum. Our students are constantly working in teams and with professors to apply their knowledge to solving real-world problems through our project-enriched program. Industry recognizes the value of a WPI education, and businesses actively recruit current students and alumni alike.”

Top recruiters of WPI students include Raytheon, United Technologies, General Electric, General Dynamics, EMC², Teradyne, Analog Devices, BAE Systems, Fidelity Investments, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Intel, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Hewlett Packard, Compaq Computer, National Grid, Mass. Electric, IBM Rational, Lucent Technologies, Accenture, Genzyme, and UMass. The placement rate for WPI’s class of 2007 was 90 percent. While many WPI students stay in New England, graduates are employed across the nation and across the globe.

The *Forbes.com* survey is based on information that was gathered in a recent study by *Payscale.com*, which looked at earnings of alumni from colleges nationwide. The numbers reflect only the earnings of bachelor’s degree recipients; all alumni who went on to earn graduate degrees were excluded. Only colleges with more than 1,000 enrolled students were included in the survey. Salary totals include bonuses, commissions, and profit sharing.

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Founded in 1865 in Worcester, Mass., WPI was one of the nation’s first engineering and technology universities. WPI’s 18 academic departments offer more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science, engineering, technology, management, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts, leading to the BA, BS, MS, ME, MBA, and PhD. WPI’s world-class faculty work with students in a number of cutting-edge research areas, leading to breakthroughs and innovations in such fields as biotechnology, fuel cells, information security, materials processing, and nanotechnology. Students also have the opportunity to make a difference to communities and organizations around the world through the university’s innovative Global Perspective Program. There are more than 20 WPI project centers throughout North America, Central America, Africa, Australia, Asia, and Europe.





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Rank	College	0-5 Years Experience Median Salary	10-20 Years Experience Median Salary
No. 1	Dartmouth College	\$58,000	\$134,000
No. 2	Princeton University	\$66,500	\$131,000
No. 3	Stanford University	\$70,400	\$129,000
No. 4	Yale University	\$59,100	\$126,000
No. 4	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	\$72,200	\$126,000
No. 6	Harvard University	\$63,400	\$124,000
No. 7	University of Pennsylvania	\$60,900	\$120,000
No. 8	University of Notre Dame	\$56,300	\$116,000
No. 9	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	\$61,000	\$114,000
No. 9	Polytechnic University of New York, Brooklyn	\$62,400	\$114,000
No. 11	University of Chicago	\$53,400	\$113,000
No. 12	University of California, Berkeley	\$59,900	\$112,000
No. 13	Carnegie Mellon University	\$61,800	\$111,000
No. 14	Bucknell University	\$54,100	\$110,000
No. 14	Georgetown University	\$55,000	\$110,000
No. 14	Rice University	\$64,000	\$110,000
No. 14	Cornell University	\$60,300	\$110,000
No. 14	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	\$61,100	\$110,000
No. 19	Brown University	\$56,200	\$109,000
No. 20	Colgate University	\$52,800	\$108,000



WPI was also recently recognized
by the *Boston Globe* for having the 3rd highest
average starting salaries in New England and the
12th highest of all universities in the nation.