

Introduction

Thank you once again for your role participating as an interviewer for Showfest 2023! Some of you are repeat guests, some are alumni and faculty returners, and for the rest of you, this may be your very first time being exposed to WPI IMGD's Showfest event! We appreciate all of you, and hope that this guide serves to answer some of your lingering questions about the event, its interviews, and your role in all this!

Information

Showfest 2023 will take place from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Friday, April 28th. The in person event will take place on the second floor of the Innovation Studio here on WPI's campus, at 151 Institute Road, Worcester MA.

More information on coming to the in-person campus event can be found [here](#). All interviewers are invited to come to the event in person if they would like, though we will have the option of virtual interviewing available as well.

But what is Showfest? In short, Showfest is an annual end of year event hosted to showcase projects from Worcester Polytechnic Institute's Interactive Media and Game Development program. As part of this, we ask all senior capstone projects (known at WPI as **MQPs**, or **Major Qualifying Projects**) and graduate student thesis projects to showcase their work at the event. Any number of other students' projects are allowed and encouraged to showcase work at the event, however, only those required senior capstone and graduate student thesis projects receive interviews.

Interviews

General

Interviews, which you all will be in charge of conducting, are short and simple. Each interview is scheduled to be around ~8 minutes, as we have 16 interviews to fit into the 3 hour event. These interviews are all about getting WPI IMGD students to discuss their capstone projects with industry professionals, giving them the opportunity to reflect upon the work that's gone into the projects.

Given the short nature of the interviews, we suggest interviewers enter the interviews with a handful of questions regarding their assigned project(s) - these can be simple questions to break the ice, or more involved questions about any project specifics that interest you. In either case, be prepared to set those questions aside and let the conversation play out naturally. Different aspects of the project and its team members may grab your attention away from initially planned interview questions, and that's fine! These interviews are fairly informal.

In Person

In person interviews will take place in the Diamond Lounge, an area off from the main event space. We will have the time schedule for the interviews posted outside this area for reference day of the event. We ask interviewers to be outside the lounge roughly 10 minutes before the start of their interviews - signage will be posted the day of the event to help facilitate this.

Remote

Remote interviews will make use of Zoom and breakout rooms to allow interviewers to join ahead of time to test their audio and visual quality. We will ask interviewers to join the Zoom 15 minutes ahead of time in order to ensure everything is all set tech wise. A Zoom Link and further details will be sent ahead of the event.

Contact

There are a number of people you can contact with follow up questions or any additional information that needs to be passed along to the team. If you have a general question/information for the whole team, please email details to our team's email alias: gr-pax-iqp-2023-students@wpi.edu

Listed below is the contact information for individual team members. Please use this to outreach any specific organizer for the event.

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FAQ

Who/When am I interviewing?

Interview matching is still taking place! We are doing our best to match interviewers with projects we feel will be a decent fit, while considering special requests from the project teams and interviewer schedules.

Expect to receive another wave of information, including which projects you will be interviewing and when, as well as how to see more information about those projects next week!

What do you need from me?

Biographies! We like to post short bios about the interviewers, their pronouns, and pictures of them to post to our website. Check out the previous year's archived page for examples of this: [2022 Panelists | IMGD ShowFest \(wpi.edu\)](#). Please feel free to include any socials you would like us to share as part of this!

If you haven't shared a biography with us yet, please do so via this [submission form](#)! The sooner we receive this information, the sooner we can post you on the site and provide the information to the teams you will be interviewing. In addition, the form includes the option to opt out of being posted to the website.

What if I have to cancel?!

If you have to cancel, that is alright! We understand that things come up all the time, and sometimes life gets in the way of things. We have backup faculty planned for each interview team for the worst case scenario, though we'd obviously prefer to have you all available to interview the project teams!

If you do have to cancel, please outreach to the team and let us know,