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It's time the University of Rhode Island believes in itself as the preeminent institution that it is. Unlike UConn, UMass or UNH, there is something more special about us. Because of our small economic base, Rhode Island and URI, have always had to be more resourceful and take more risks to compete and survive in the world. From mechanized textile mills to machine tools to marine science, we've always had to rely on our ideas as our capital, out-thinking our competition rather than outspending them. With the world changing at an exponential rate, never has our innate ability to provide innovative ideas, adaptive intelligence, and breakthrough research been more important, or more useful to the world.

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To meet the world's changing needs, we've reinvented the very way we teach at URI, fostering interaction among disciplines to spark ideas. We've mixed language and science to create an entirely new program - International Engineering - to lead global scientific collaboration. We're creating Pharmaceutical Engineering to take advantage of biological breakthroughs. We use history, archaeology, geology and environmental science to solve problems on decks of research vessels run by our graduate school of oceanography. We are a University raising money on our own to create a research park that will not only reinvigorate the sciences, but every discipline on campus, and the local economy. At URI, we think on our collective feet, constantly innovating ideas and refining processes to meet the world's changing needs.

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Core to our creativity, and our problem solving ability, is the fact that we're a land grant, an urban grant and a sea grant University. URI is chartered to solve problems, from farm to factory to sea floor. URI is also blessed with natural resources that inspire students and faculty to innovate and adapt daily. We live and work in a beautiful place. Tree-lined. Quiet. Quintessential New England. Our campus makes people happy. We've found that happy people are productive people. You can breathe here. You can think here. You can do your best work here. We are also close enough to Boston and New York to easily collaborate with fellow experts in any discipline. And to obtain any further funding to make dreams like our research park and our international education center possible.

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No matter what you study at URI, from performing arts, pharmacology, languages and engineering, to nursing, textile design, psychology, or environmental science, you will do work at the University of Rhode Island that is exciting and meaningful. As a state and a University, we've survived and thrived by listening to what the world needs, and creating useful, practical solutions to help. In short, we've always had to think bigger than ourselves. And now that the world needs a constant flow of big ideas, from new drugs to new solutions in earth sciences, URI is perfectly positioned to help. At URI, we're an institution that creates excellence by inclusion, not by exclusion. If you are willing and able to work hard to not only learn, but to innovate, discover and create your own solutions to help our planet, we hope that URI includes you.