BROWN UNIVERSITY, WATSON INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Providence, Rhode Island, USA

FACTS + FIGURES

Completion
2002

Size
5,020 gsm

Media Coverage
Art in Ruins, "The Watson Institute for International Studies," March 2005
Providence Business News, "Brown's International Studies Building Invites Openness, Interchange," February 2002

Client
Brown University, Department of Planning and Construction

Consultants
MEP Engineer
WSP

Structural Engineer
Dewhurst MacFarlane & Partners
Odeh Engineers, Inc.

Civil Engineer
Maguire Group, Inc.

Landscape Architect
Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects

Acoustics/AV Consultant
Shen Milsom & Wilke, Inc.

Lighting Designer
SM Lighting Design, Inc.

Security Consultant
Shen Milsom & Wilke, Inc.

Specifications Writer
Robert Schwartz & Associates

Telecommunications/ Data Consultant
Shen Milsom & Wilke, Inc.
WSP

Waterproofing Consultant
Leavitt Associates, Inc.
Heitmann & Associates, Inc.

Vertical Transportation Consultant
Van Deusen & Associates, Inc.

The Brown University, Watson Institute for International Studies evolved from Thomas J. Watson Jr.'s vision of a research and teaching center that would address the most pressing global problems of the day. It promotes the work of students, faculty, visiting scholars, and policy makers who analyze contemporary global problems and develop initiatives to address them.

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Originally dispersed across five locations on the Brown University campus, the Watson Institute is now consolidated on a single site near its center. The design seeks to maximize interaction among research groups, mainly by organizing circulation in a triple-height atrium that runs nearly the entire length of the block-long site and bathes the interior in natural light.

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