

URI TIMELINE



Watson House is part of the original 140-acre farm purchased in 1888 to establish an agricultural school in Kingston. The oldest structure on campus, it was built around 1796 and is located just west of the University's library.

- 1924 Home Management House
- 1928 Memorial Gateway
 - Bliss Hall
 - Edwards Hall
 - Rodman Hall
 - East Farm acquired
- 1930 John Barlow, Acting President
- 1931 Raymond G. Bressler, President
 - President's House
- 1932 Reorganization of college: Schools of Engineering, of Science and Business, and of Agriculture and Home Economics
- 1934 Asa Sweet and Edward Sweet lands purchased
- 1936 Narragansett Marine Laboratory
 - Animal Husbandry Building
 - Eleanor Roosevelt Hall
 - Quinn Hall
 - Central Heating Plant
 - Peckham farm purchased
- 1937 Green Hall
- 1938 Meade Field
- 1939 Board of Trustees of State Colleges created
- 1940 John Barlow, Acting President
- 1941 Carl R. Woodward, President
- 1942 War-accelerated program with summer term initiated
 - Reorganization of School of Science and Business into separate schools of Science and of Business Administration
 - Engineering Experiment Station established
 - Industrial Extension Division established
- 1943 Army Specialized Training Unit assigned to college
- 1944 Second Peckham farm purchased
 - Industrial Extension Division replaced by Division of General College Extension
 - War-accelerated program ended in September
- 1945 Degree program in nursing established
 - Sherman farm acquired
- 1946 Quonset hut colony erected as emergency housing project
 - School of Home Economics established
- 1948 School of Arts and Sciences established
 - Bachelor of Arts degree authorized by Board of Trustees
- 1949 Bachelor of Arts degree awarded for first time at June commencement

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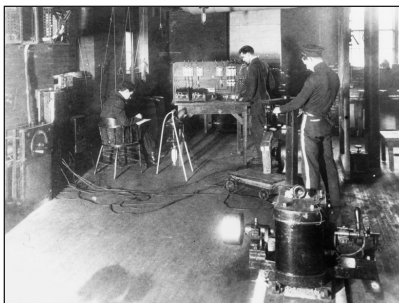
- 1888 State Agricultural School established
 - Agricultural Experiment Station established
 - Watson farm purchased as site
- 1889 Taft Laboratory
 - John H. Washburn appointed principal
- 1890 South Hall
- 1891 College Hall
 - Ladd Laboratory
- 1892 Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts founded
 - May 19
 - John H. Washburn, President
- 1894 First class graduated
 - Alumni Association formed
- 1895 College Hall burned and rebuilt as Davis Hall
- 1897 Lippitt Hall
 - First *Grist* yearbook published
- 1898 Preparatory school established
- 1902 Homer J. Wheeler, Acting President
- 1903 Kenyon L. Butterfield, President
- 1904 Extension Department organized
- 1906 Howard Edwards, President
 - Greenhouse and Horticultural Building
- 1907 Master's degree awarded for first time
- 1908 Preparatory school discontinued
 - The *Beacon* (student newspaper) established as a monthly
 - Rho Iota Kappa (first fraternity)
- 1909 East Hall
 - By charter amendment, name changed to Rhode Island State College
- 1910 Theta Chi (first national fraternity)
- 1912 First fraternity house (Beta Phi)
- 1913 Ranger Hall
 - Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society
- 1918 Academic work suspended April 28
 - Student Army Training Corps
- 1919 Academic work resumed January 2
- 1921 Washburn Hall

- 1950 Butterfield and Bressler Halls
 1951 Name changed to University of Rhode Island by act of General Assembly
 1952 Pastore Chemical Laboratory
 1953 Chapter of Sigma Xi, national scientific honor society
 Frank W. Keaney Gymnasium
 Laboratories for Scientific Criminal Investigation established
 1954 Rhode Island Memorial Union
 1957 College of Pharmacy established
 URI Foundation established
 1958 Francis H. Horn, President
 Degree of Doctor of Philosophy authorized by Board of Trustees
 Child Development Center
 Hutchinson, Peck, and Adams Residence Halls
 Hope Dining Hall
 1959 Woodward Hall
 Administration Building
 Computer Laboratory established
 Potter Infirmary
 Wales and Kelley Halls

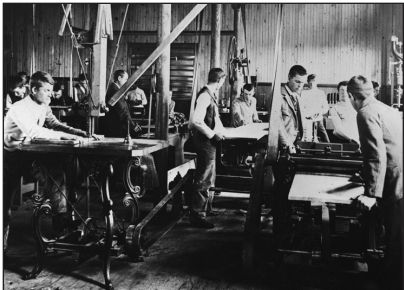


- 1960 Fish Oceanographic Laboratory
 Independence Hall
 Davis Hall and East Hall remodeled
 Bureau of Government Research established
 Faculty Senate established
 1961 Graduate School of Oceanography
 Tucker, Merrow, and Browning Halls
 Gilbreth Hall
 1962 Crawford Hall
 W. Alton Jones Campus acquired
 Research ship *Trident* commissioned
 1963 Tyler Hall
 Graduate Library School established
 Weldin and Barlow Halls
 1964 Fogarty Health Science Building
 Watson House restored

- 1965 Addition to the Memorial Union
 University Library
 Law of the Sea Institute established
 Sherman Maintenance Building
 Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees authorized
 Research Center in Business and Economics established
 Water Resources Research Center established
 1966 Aldrich, Burnside, Coddington, Dorr, Ellery, and Hopkins Halls, and Roger Williams Center
 Justin S. Morrill Science Building
 Fine Arts Center (Phase I)
 Institute of Environmental Biology established
 1967 Ballentine Hall
 F. Don James, Acting President
 1968 Kelley Hall Research Annex
 Pell Marine Science Library
 Horn Laboratory
 First Sea Grant received
 Werner A. Baum, President
 New England Marine Resources Information Program established
 1969 Home Management Center
 Curriculum Research and Development Center established
 Heathman Hall
 Faculty Center
 International Center for Marine Resource Development established
 1970 Fayerweather Hall
 Gorham Hall
 Consortium for the Development of Technology established
 Marine Advisory Service established



- 1971 Tootell Physical Education Center
 Fine Arts Center (Phase II)
 Conference Center, Jones Campus
 Administrative Services Center
 Board of Regents for Education (Education Act of 1969) takes over direction of higher education
 URI named one of first four Sea Grant Colleges and designated National Sea Grant Depository
 1972 Biological Sciences Building
 Chafee Social Science Building
 University College established
 Coastal Resources Center established
 Graduate apartment complex
 1973 William R. Ferrante, Acting President
 Research Aquarium
 Science Research and Nature Preserve Buildings, Jones Campus
 Community Planning Building
 1974 Frank Newman, President
 Laboratory for the Study of Information Science founded
 1975 Addition to the University Library
 1976 Research ship *Endeavor* commissioned
 1977 Bachelor of General Studies established
 White Hall
 Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national liberal arts honor society
 Center for Ocean Management Studies established
 Center for Energy Study established
 Regional Coastal Information Center established
 1978 College of Human Science and Services succeeds College of Home Economics
 Norman D. Watkins Laboratory
 1979 Information Center
 1980 Institute for Human Science and Services established
 Robotics Research Center

- 1981 Center for Atmospheric Chemistry established
Division of University Extension name changed to College of Continuing Education
Board of Governors for Higher Education established by act of General Assembly
- 1983 Marine Resources Building
Small Business Development Center established
Edward D. Eddy, President
- 1984 Labor Research Center established
Food Science and Nutrition Research Center
- 1985 Addition to Pastore Chemical Laboratory
Applied Engineering Laboratory
- 1986 Anatomy Laboratory
Biotechnology Center established
Division of Marine Resources name changed to Office of Marine Programs
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- 1988 Institute for International Business established
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (B.L.A.) established
- 1989 Fisheries and Marine Technology Building
Pacific-Basin Capital Markets Research Center established
Research Institute for Telecommunications and Information Marketing established
- 1990 W. Alton Jones Campus Environmental Education Center designated a National Center for Environmental Education

- 1991 Robert L. Carothers, President
Mackal Field House
Library addition
Social Sciences Research Center
Engineering Building and addition to Kirk Laboratory
Atmospheric Chemistry Center, Narragansett Bay Campus
- 1992 URI Centennial Celebration
New Sailing Pavilion, Point Judith Pond
Renovation/addition to Memorial Union
Restructuring of Keaney Gymnasium
Sycamore Residential and Conference Lodge, W. Alton Jones Campus
- 1993 Dining Services Distribution Center
Century Walk installed on the Quadrangle
- 1995 URI designated an Urban Grant Institution
- 1996 College of Continuing Education's Shepard Building restored
Coastal Institute, Narragansett Bay Campus
- 1998 New Multicultural Center
CCE renamed the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education
College of Resource Development renamed the College of the Environment and Life Sciences
Ocean Technology Center, Narragansett Bay Campus
- 1999 IEP House
School of Education established
Vietnam War Memorial
Ann Gall Durbin Aquarium Building dedicated, Narragansett Bay Campus
- 2001 Coastal Institute, Kingston Campus
Schmidt Labor Research Center named
- 2002 URI Foundation Building
Thomas M. Ryan Center
Niles Farmstead Cemetery dedicated
Bradford R. Boss Ice Arena



- 2003 Ballentine Hall Renovation
Green Hall Restoration
Newman Hall dedicated
Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) Laboratory
- 2004 Blount Aquaculture Research Laboratory, Narragansett Bay Campus
- 2005 URI Alumni Center
- 2006 Independence Hall Renovation
Meade Field Improvements
Emergency Medical Services building and Central Warehouse addition
Tibbitts Farm purchased (130 acres)
- 2007 Garrahy, Wiley, and Eddy Halls
Hope Commons Dining Hall
IEP House II
- 2008 The Harrington School of Communication and Media established
Independence Hall renamed Swan Hall
Lippitt Hall Renovation
Kathleen M. Mallon Outreach Center dedicated
- 2009 Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences
Robert L. Carothers Library and Learning Commons dedicated
Ocean Science and Exploration Center and Pell Marine Science Library, Narragansett Bay Campus
David M. Dooley, President
- 2010 Edwards Hall Renovation
- 2011 Ranger/Green Quadrangle
Bachelor of General Studies renamed Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies