

Robert Wang

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Place of Birth:

Harbin, China

Invention: Instant Pot



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Robert moved to Canada in the mid-1990s. He received undergraduate degrees from Indiana University and the University of Washington. Robert and his wife, Tracy, worked full-time in the tech industry. Because of this, they had little time to cook healthy meals for their two children and ordered take-out most of the time. After Robert was laid off from his software engineering job, he invested \$300,000 and used his computer science background to invent the Instant Pot to cook a variety of foods quickly and at different temperatures. The Instant Pot has attracted a cult following since its launch in 2010.