CAMPUS 2050



INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH FACILITIES

Institutions will build more centrally-managed research facilities to house research teams from multiple departments in order to **increase** interdisciplinary collaboration.

Implementation Snapshots

Occupants in Oregon Health & Science 86% J.'s interdisciplinary research building reporting increased collaboration

Maximum term for teams in UT El 5vrs Paso's interdisciplinary research lab to encourage cycling of new ideas

Lab-Centric

Design Considerations Open and shared labs with 5-8

- lab modules Flexible features (e.g., mobile casework
- overhead service carriers) Adjacencies between wet labs,
- dry labs, and offices Variety of wet and dry lab spaces
- Specialised research spaces (e.g., core facility, low vibration)

Building-Wide Design Considerations

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- Variety of workspaces
- and meeting areas 'In-between' spaces
- and shared pathways Modern amenities
- (e.g., cafes, lockers)
- Natural light and clear sight lines
- Unfinished shell space



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DINING HALLS AND FOOD SPACES

Generation Z has more diverse food expectations and needs than previous cohorts of students, which will drive institutions to create more transparent, interactive, and convenient dining experiences.

Rising rates of student food intolerances, diagnosed allergies, and food insecurity are also leading institutions to make investments in:

- Allergy-free dining halls Food-filtering dining apps
- Choose-what-you-pay shops
- Distributed food pick-up lockers
- Self-service cooking stations

Case Study George Mason University's Robotic Delivery Program

- **32** robotic delivery vehicles orders placed during first 10K year of programme
- estimated organic S1M+ growth in retail sales

LIBRARIES

Less space will be dedicated to book shelving and instead will be repurposed for other student needs, focusing on comfort, collaboration, and connectivity.

Most universities will renovate the library around the concept of the 'learning commons', including:

- Collaborative study spaces Food and drink
- Academic support services
- Technology sandboxes and 3D printing rooms
- Easy Wi-Fi and outlet access

Typical 2020 Library Space Allocation









HYBRID AND FLEXIBLE OFFICE SPACES

When physically present on campus, professional staff will increasingly work in dynamic space arrangements, moving amongst quiet, collaborative, and social spaces that best suit their projects and needs.

An increase in employees working in remote or partially remote arrangements will prompt changes to office structures, including fewer private offices and less permanent seating

4X expected increase in the number of non-instructional staff with some level of a remote work arrangement compared to pre-pandemic levels

Case Study

University of Toronto's Estates Department with Productivity

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in Open Office S	
59%	
26%	
15%	

30%

Enhanced Satisfaction No Impact Diminished Impact

Reduction in number of closed offices

25% Decrease in

MULTIMODAL CLASSROOMS AND LEARNING SPACES

Institutions will design and retrofit more classrooms for hybrid instruction and pedagogy. As lectures move online, in-person classroom time will be optimised for interactivity, discussion, and collaboration. A major challenge will be the space and resource intensity of these multimodal classrooms.

35%

extra space needed for a typical multimodal classroom

Small, physical changes to increase interactivity of classrooms have a bigger impact on learning outcomes than expensive technology.

Whiteboards on walls Swivel chairs or chairs with wheels Group tables or reconfigurable tables Acoustic dampeners Multiple monitors around classroom Screen-share technology



Typical Impact on Learning Outcomes

INTENTIONAL RESIDENTIAL PORTFOLIO

Institutions will offer a variety of diverse living spaces to better compete with private developers and meet the financial and experiential needs of students at different points in their university experience.

> Target Audience:

Luxury Residence Halls

- Compete with off-campus housing providers
- Amenities (e.g., movie theatre, pool, spin studio)
- High-end fixtures and materials
- In-suite housekeeping

Prospective students, Upper-level Students

Cost-Effective Residence Halls

- Appeal to cost- and debt-conscious families
- Shared bathrooms
- Efficient floorplans
- Only essential amenities Lower monthly costs

Prospective students, Lower-level students

large common spaces Thematic aesthetics

retention and success

Small, private rooms +

Community-Centric

Residence Halls

Support student

In-residence academic programme support

> Lower-level students

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEMS

More than just providing a few 3D printers, universities will create intentional spaces for students to interface with industry leaders and entrepreneurs, supporting hands-on learning, cross-discipline collaboration, and real-world impact.

As more private research funding flows into higher education. universities will create different types of space for interaction between students, instructors, and industry leaders across varying levels of intensity:

- Student-facing incubators
- IP-transfer incubators
- Private researchpartnership space

Case Study

Case Western Reserve University's Sears think[box]

- square feet of collaborative **50K** and experimental space entures created using 100 +think[box] resources \$93M+
 - in external funding raised by think[box] entrepreneurs
 - monthly active users; 20% are from outside the university

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