



Call for Applications for the 2017-18 Framework Informal Learning Space and Civic Space Grants

A Sense of Place is ...

*"Having a place that has meaning and value to you,
a place where you feel attached to both the physical and social environment."*

Rogers and Bragg, 2012

The Integrated Physical Planning Liaison Group (IPPLG) is providing matching grant funds to support the advancement of [Framework 2.0](#) by updating spaces that promote student success. As part of the Framework 2.0 planning process, the university identified a need for more informal learning spaces - non-discipline specific spaces frequented by students for self-directed learning activities, socialization, and collaboration. The **Informal Learning Space Grant** will provide applicants the opportunity to transform lobby spaces, student lounges, or hallway spaces outside of classrooms into welcoming, collaborative spaces, while the **Civic Space Grant** focuses on outdoor space improvements.

Applications for both grants are being accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis, with grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000. IPPLG will provide a dollar to dollar match for each local dollar. For example, for a project with a total cost of \$30,000, the local unit would be expected to provide \$15,000. Examples of recently funded grants are displayed on the following pages.

For consideration of the Informal Learning Space or Civic Space Grant, [submit](#) proposals in PDF format with the following information:

1. Project Title
2. Campus
3. Project leader's name, title, department, phone number and email
4. Location of the project, including building and specific location of planned improvements
5. A description of the project including the intended improvements. Describe the goals and benefits of the project, including who the likely users will be.
6. Estimated total budget, including the source of the 1:1 match. To obtain an estimate, a request can be submitted to [Facilities Operations and Development](#) (FOD) under Construction Project Request. Please identify the request name as, "Space Grant Cost Estimate." For outdoor space requests, please select the nearest building when identifying the location.

Grants will be awarded until funding is exhausted for the year with a total of \$150,000 available for FY18. If selected, a representative from Physical Planning and Real Estate (PARE) will work with the grantee to ensure the project meets the university's design guidelines and appropriate space planning principles. PARE is also available to assist the grantee in developing concepts and space layouts for the proposed project.

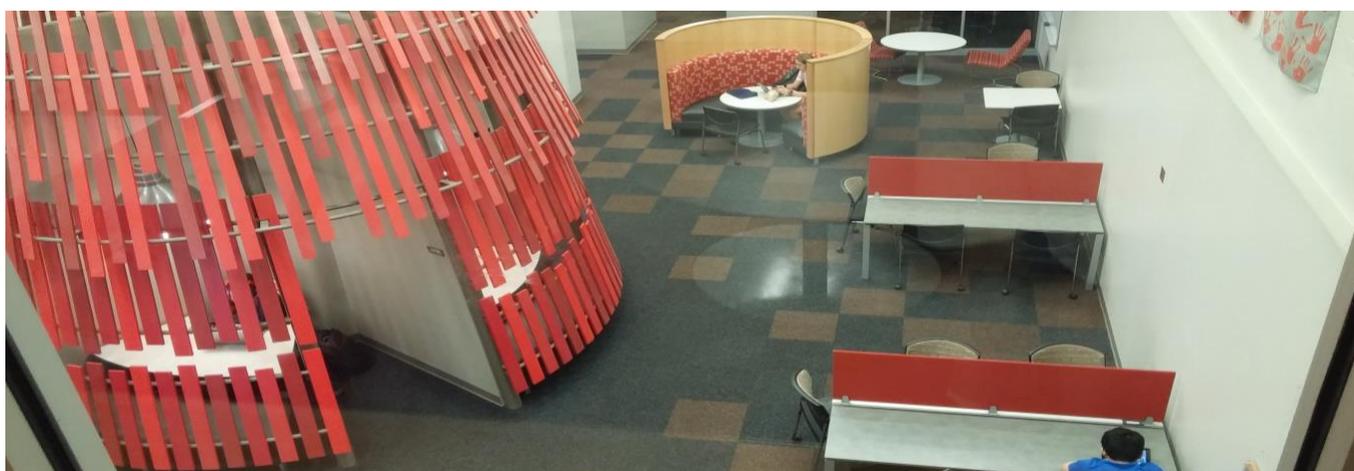
Examples of Completed Grant-Funded Renovations



The Department of Microbiology renovated room 484 in the Biological Sciences Building.



The College of Nursing created an informal learning and lounge space in Newton Hall.



Smith Laboratory recently added this informal learning space as a partnership between the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Engineering.

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Thompson Library recently added these simple tables and chairs to provide outdoor seating.