

Future Forward: Designing Innovative Learning Spaces at Mason

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~ on behalf of the Learning Environments Group (LEG)



Strategic Plan Goals (by 2024)

- Innovative Learning: Create new and innovative physical and virtual spaces
- Support Teaching and Scholarship Excellence



Exploratory Hall L-102, Active Learning with Technology Classroom (Capacity 72 seats)

→ Interested in teaching in our ALT classroom?

Fall 2015 Request for Proposals are due **October 20th**.
<http://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/active-learning/active-learning-with-technology-alt-classroom/>

Learning Environments Group (LEG) Charge

LEG examines questions related to classroom design and our learning environments, both formal and informal. A primary goal of this group is to advise the university on the planning and design of learning spaces for future renovation and new building projects, with an eye toward developing flexible, signature spaces that inspire students and faculty to work collaboratively on pressing intellectual and social issues. Given ongoing evidence of the value of active and experiential learning strategies. LEG also works to identify models across the disciplines for how faculty can take full advantage of our signature learning spaces. The ideas generated by this group, including ideas related to faculty support and development, will be shared with the greater Mason community.

LEG Members

- Associate Provost for Faculty Development; Director, CTFE
- Campus Planning and Facilities (Director; Associate Architect & Academic Building Planner)
- Faculty representatives across colleges (n=12): Honors College; Humanities & Social Sciences; Engineering; Health & Human Services; Education & Human Development; Science; Visual & Performing Arts, Business
- Associate Registrar
- Information Technology Services (Classroom & Lab Technologies; Learning Space Design)
- Student Representatives
- University Libraries
- Architectural Consultant

Innovation Hall Computer Commons



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The M.I.X. @Innovation Hall Overarching Vision

- To build and maintain open and accessible spaces that afford collaboration on all forms of technology, culture, and craft in new and dynamic ways
- To freely share research and discoveries, using what is learned to teach others
- To encourage educational innovations, programmatic or otherwise, that capitalize on the affordances of the space (e.g., technology, creativity, etc.)
- To facilitate creative experimentation and launch innovative solutions and prototypes for contemporary challenges, especially in partnerships with industry and community sponsors
- To strengthen alumni connections through entrepreneurial and mentorship opportunities
- To strengthen and expand the Mason Innovation Community in the greater metropolitan area
- To recruit and develop talented members dedicated to these goals

Classrooms Designed to Support Active & Collaborative Learning

Classroom	Style	Capacity
Exploratory Hall, L-102	Technology-enhanced ALC (round tables)	72
Exploratory Hall, L-103	Tiered Collaborative Classroom	71
Mason Hall, D23	Movable tablets (ALC)	60
Merten Hall 1200	Tiered Collaborative Classroom	72
Robinson B106	Round tables (ALC)	36
Robinson B108	Movable tablets (ALC)	36
Innovation 215G	Technology-enhanced ALC (movable tablets)	36
Innovation 323	Technology-enhanced ALC (bullet tables)	24
Innovation 328	Round tables (ALC)	24
Innovation 330	Movable tablets (ALC)	24
Innovation 333	Convertible computer classroom (ALC)	24
Innovation 336	Movable tablets (ALC)	24



Robinson B106



Innovation 333



Innovation 336



Innovation 323



Learning Spaces on Mason's Horizon

- Academic VII: 8 university classrooms
- Robinson Hall Planning: Over 30 university classrooms