College of Agricultural and Life Sciences - CALS
2025-27 Capital Plan Request

Campus Planning Committee Meeting
November 2, 2023
CALS Overview

23 majors & 47 graduate programs

225 faculty positions; 73 Extension-funded fac/staff

15 academic departments

CALS Mission: To advance and share knowledge, discover solutions and promote opportunities in food and agriculture, bioenergy, health, the environment and human well-being.

$159M in extramural research funding

#10 globally among colleges of agricultural sciences* 

#5 nationally in research expenditures
The CALS Student Experience

- 2,936 undergraduate students
- 995 graduate students
- 23 undergrad majors
- 47 graduate programs
- $1.3M in annual scholarships

Data from Fall 2023
"Much of the current research space, including animal space and greenhouses, in buildings is in poor condition."

#1 identified priority is establishing a "home" for CALS students in Agricultural Hall.
Agricultural Hall Undergraduate Student Home

Existing Agricultural Hall Basement

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Agricultural Hall Student Home Space

Proposed Student Area

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Renovate the lower level of Agricultural Hall to create a multifunctional space for students to meet, study and relax between classes.

Two new General Assignment classrooms/a 40 seat conference room/renovation of the east outdoor courtyard.

Supporting programmatic needs within CALS

- Expand student-service capacity to meet future growth in CALS enrollment.
- Create first ever CALS-spaces for students to come together, feel a sense of belonging, share ideas and build a community.
- Provide modern facilities for advising, mental health support, DEI, student organizations, career services not currently available in CALS.
- Make CALS more attractive to students and competitive with peer colleges at other universities

Alignment with university strategic priorities

- Fostering a vibrant campus community
- Strengthening educational outcomes, career development, and the Wisconsin experience for students
- Renovation/reuse of existing space
Connecting Strategic Plan to a Facilities Plan

1. Increase student belonging, build community and work on climate issues
2. Continuing our research excellence
3. Increasing the impact of CALS on UW-Madison's teaching mission
4. Continue to strengthen business processes
5. Strengthening stakeholder relationships

Major Project Priorities 2025-27

1. Agricultural Hall Undergraduate Student Home
   • 14,500 GSF
   • Estimated $15 M

100% Gift/Grant Funded – 25/27 Biennium

Pre-design study to begin: January 2024