



Integrated Science Building

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Future Home of the
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The Integrated Science Building will forge a new model for science teaching and research focused on the integration of the life, chemical and physical sciences. This innovative concept will bring together the teaching of basic and advanced courses in chemistry and life sciences, provide flexible research laboratories that support interdisciplinary research teams and enhance the interaction between researchers and students, both graduate and undergraduate. The building will provide 155,000 gross square feet of new space, consisting of:

- All undergraduate Chemistry teaching labs (intro, organic, physical and analytical)
- Upper-division Life Science labs (molecular biology, cell biology, genetics, physiology)
- Research lab space for eight to ten principal investigators
- Laboratory support facilities
- An integrated Chemistry/Life Science computer resource center
- A teaching development lab
- A 300-seat auditorium equipped with state-of-the-art scientific demonstration facilities and active-learning technology
- An 85-seat classroom
- Upper-division discussion/computer rooms
- Distance learning capability

This exciting new project is envisioned to become the cornerstone of science education and research on campus. The construction of the new building will provide additional benefits to the campus beyond the new space. It will free up approximately 40,000 net square feet of existing teaching space that will be renovated to provide additional research space for the other science disciplines. It will provide infrastructure improvements and enhance the character of the campus through planned landscape improvements along North Pleasant Street and Stockbridge Road.

The building, located along North Pleasant Street adjacent to Skinner Hall and close in proximity to the Morrill Science Center, will be sited to allow for future expansion.

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Ceremonial Groundbreaking

Closing remarks by Chancellor John V. Lombardi