



A Stronger St. Paul Campus for a Stronger Minnesota



2026 CAPITAL REQUEST: \$84M | UNIVERSITY MATCH: \$42M

The University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus drives the state's leadership in agriculture, food systems, veterinary medicine, environmental science and applied research. A new Campus Center will be the centerpiece of a reinvigorated St. Paul campus aimed at driving competitiveness, innovation and student success for critical sectors of the Minnesota economy.

The Opportunity: Aging Campus, Growing Needs

Although the St. Paul campus represents only 18% of the Twin Cities' space, it carries **26% of the University's total facility condition needs**. Most buildings are over 60 years old. Updating the campus will:

- **Support Statewide Impact:** Strengthen disciplines that directly serve all 87 Minnesota counties.
- **Attract and Retain Top Talent:** Provide the modern facilities needed to recruit leading faculty, students and industry partners.
- **Boost Student Success:** Create learning and support spaces that improve belonging, well-being and progress toward degree completion.
- **Keep Minnesota Competitive:** Match the investments peer institutions are making in next-generation teaching, research and workforce development.



The Proposal: A Next-Generation Campus Center

State investment will replace outdated facilities with a future-ready Campus Center that accelerates student success, sparks innovation and reinvigorates the St. Paul campus. The new Campus Center will offer:

- **A Modern Learning Hub:** A state-of-the-art student center, plus a new campus library.
- **A Better Student Experience:** New student health services and refreshed dining options.
- **Enhanced Community Spaces:** Flexible meeting, event and social spaces — indoors and out — to drive collaboration and connection.

St. Paul Campus At a Glance

For more than 140 years, the St. Paul campus has been a living laboratory and engine of innovation, delivering statewide impact. It hosts academic departments from six colleges — including the state's only veterinary school — along with 18 centers and institutes, plus extensive labs, research fields and community spaces.

Modernizing the St. Paul campus is critical to Minnesota's future workforce and our most vital industries.

