



Georgia Tech Innovative Learning Resource Center

The Innovative Learning Resource Center creates a 21st century learning environment for undergraduates, especially freshmen and sophomores, that offers every Georgia Tech student the opportunity to succeed. It is a resource for Georgia Tech's renewed focus on improving undergraduate education and retention/graduation rates. GIT's undergraduate initiative, which has been developed through hundreds of hours of work by faculty and students over the past two years, will continue to be developed and will at the point of full implementation by the time this facility has been built.

The facility will integrate four interrelated elements that in concert will strengthen each other:

- Modern classrooms and labs that connect theory with hands-on experience, together with space for team projects and tutoring.
- A hub for academic support, making the assistance that students need to succeed highly visible in an environment that all beginning students will visit daily.
- An "information commons" where library staff help students learn to access, manage, and use electronic databases and specialized software.
- Technology classrooms where faculty develop and test innovative methods to improve teaching and learning at GIT in the specialized technological fields the Institute addresses.

The Innovative Learning Resource Center also addresses critical space needs for classrooms and especially laboratories for freshmen and sophomores. It replaces antiquated teaching labs that are too small and not cost-effective to renovate as lab space. Over the past five years, Georgia Tech's Equivalent Full-time enrollment has risen by 1,800, the largest increase in the University



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System, and our applications continue to increase. Demand for teaching lab space, which is not included in the University System classroom utilization rate, is presently so great that lab-based classes for full-time students are still in session at 9:00 p.m. The Innovative Learning Resource Center is essential to accommodating enrollment growth.

Because Georgia Tech understands and respects the financial constraints facing the Board of Regents in funding projects, it has revised the projections presented in the Capital Project Summary to a more bare-bones level:

- The building size has been reduced to **205,000 gross square feet**.
- The total cost of the building has been reduced to **\$42 million**.
- GIT has increased its commitment to raise other support to **\$13 million (30%)**.
- The cost to the state in bond funds is thus reduced to **\$29 million (70%)**.

This reduction in the scope and cost of the project will change the space allocation as follows:

- **Instructional** square footage will remain the same size; the portion of the building devoted to instructional activities will increase from 40% to **52%**.
- **Academic Support** square footage will be reduced from 25% to **18%**.
- **Student Services** square footage will be reduced from 25% to **20%**.
- **Research** in innovative technological teaching will be reduced proportionately, remaining at **10%** of the building square footage.
- The number of **administrative offices** will be reduced from 20 to 15. This reduction parallels the reduction of square footage for academic support and student services. Except for the office of the vice provost for undergraduate studies, all offices to be located in the Innovative Learning Resource Center are for academic support staff who serve students directly.