PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
2026 Campus Plan

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Study Area and Time Horizons

A comprehensive Campus Plan considering most of Princeton’s lands with an intermediate horizon of 10 years, and a longer-term horizon of 30 or more years.

Note: Not all lands within the study area are owned by Princeton University (e.g., eating clubs).
Campus Plan Principles

• Provide an integrated environment for teaching, living, learning and research

• Enhance the campus’ distinctive sense of place

• Foster a setting that is welcoming and supportive and encourages positive interaction and exchange

• Create a climate that encourages thoughtful and creative approaches to sustainability

• Serve communities that extend beyond the campus
• Strategic development of the central campus
• Expansion of campus to land south of Lake Carnegie
• Enhance and accentuate the Lake Carnegie landscape
• Explore potential locations for University-related housing (faculty, staff, post-doc, graduate students) and affordable housing
• Reserve the Springdale lands for long-term use to support Princeton’s educational mission
• Promote walking and cycling to and through the campus
Key Projects from the Strategic Planning Framework

School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS)

Facilities to:

• Accommodate projected growth of SEAS program and enrollment
• Strengthen academic collaboration – promoting synergies within SEAS and with other Princeton departments
• Improve research and teaching space – ensuring it is functional, flexible, convenient and efficient
• Improve learning environments – promoting active learning in shared settings
Key Projects from the Strategic Planning Framework

Environmental Studies

Facilities to:

- Enhance collaboration and provide improved space for Princeton Environmental Institute, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and Geosciences
- Support current and future scholarship, research and teaching
Key Projects from the Strategic Planning Framework: SEAS and Environmental Studies
Key projects from the Strategic Planning Framework

Undergraduate Population

Facilities to:

• Support the increase of the undergraduate population by 500 students
Key Projects from the Strategic Planning Framework:
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Innovation

Facilities to:

• Expand or create physical spaces that complement the University’s existing innovation ecosystem (such as Princeton Entrepreneurship Hub at 34 Chambers Street) including:
  • Incubator spaces
  • Maker spaces
  • Accelerator spaces
  • Partnership spaces
Key Projects from the Strategic Planning Framework: Considerations for Campus Expansion South of the Lake

- Campus Drive – limited access
- Pedestrian bridge
- SEAS and Environmental Studies development
- Athletics, academic partnerships, administration, innovation, graduate and postdoctoral housing, parking