





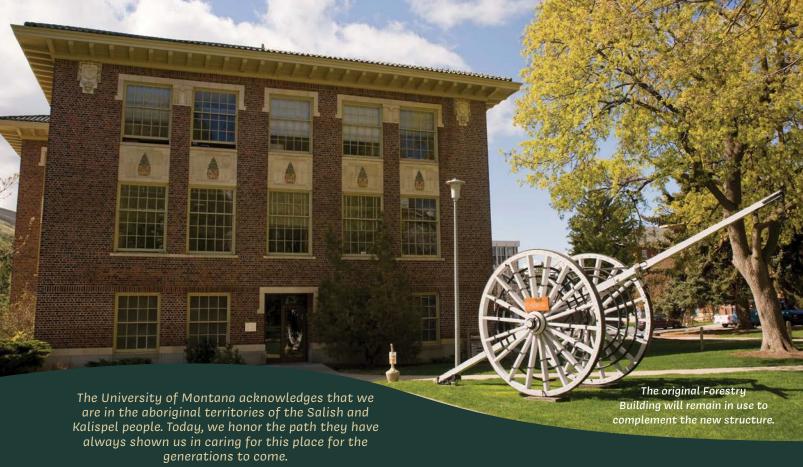
A NEW BEGINNING...

Our story began when the University of Montana launched a fledgling initiative to offer winter short courses for newly hired U.S. Forest Service rangers in 1908.

Today, we are the W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation, a globally recognized leader that takes a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to forest management, wildlife biology, systems ecology, wildland recreation and numerous related disciplines. We are an academic institution whose alumni and faculty regularly set records for research productivity, shape management decisions, inform legislation, and propel pragmatic solutions to problems facing the American West.

And we are poised to live our mission on an even greater scale.

Having long ago outgrown our iconic Forestry Building that was constructed in 1922 to serve just 140 students — today we have nearly 1,000 students enrolled — we are building a new landmark facility. Not just a building, it will be a hub that emphasizes our broad excellence and the role we play in the future of conservation and sustainability efforts across the state and around the globe.





The Franke College is central to the University of Montana and its work is linked to all Montanans' quality of life.

The placement of this facility at the heart of campus reflects that.

– Seth Bodnar, UM President



...WHERE WE WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE TOGETHER

The world is experiencing significant environmental stresses. Carbon emissions, global warming, pollution of streams and devastating wildfires have become major threats to the American way of life. The University of Montana is a world leader in finding solutions to the complex problems with which we are faced.

– Bill Franke, Founder of Indigo Partners, Donor and Friend of the University of Montana

AgWest Farm Credit made a philanthropic investment in this project because we know our returns — the Franke College delivers the leaders of tomorrow and the vital research required to foster a healthy forest products sector across the western United States.

- Mark Nonnenmacher, UM alumnus, donor and AgWest Farm Credit Senior Business Advisor







BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

The American West is at a crossroads. At UM, addressing its challenges means understanding people and the environment — working across traditional divides. Our recognized world leaders in fire, wildlife, forestry, climate, water and more do exactly that, as they guide our students with a practical and effective approach from day one.

- Alan Townsend, Dean, W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation

PROJECT MILESTONES

PHASE 1 - Completed 2022

- Architects of record secured
- Building user group appointed

PHASE 2 - Underway

- Fundraising campaign launched
- Fundraising campaign goal achieved
- Construction firm selected
- Design process completed
- Montana University System Board of Regents review and consideration

PHASE 3

- Site prep
- Groundbreaking ceremony
- Construction begins
- Building ribbon-cutting and move-in



Scan the code to see a video rendering of the new building.

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