



COLLABORATIVE **WORK/STUDY SPACES**

Today's employers have identified teamwork skills as being essential to the career success of college graduates. Academic disciplines and departments have implemented teamwork throughout many curricula through group and team assignments requiring students to collaborate, share, and find unique solutions to problems often requiring a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary approach. Coupled with this generation's desire to engage in active learning, Frostburg State University is planning on building or converting existing spaces to accommodate collaborative teamwork.



Current State

Frostburg State has limited collaborative workspace. Only our two newest academic buildings, the Catherine R. Gira Center for Communications and Information Technology and the under-construction Education and Health Sciences Center have spaces identified for collaborative work. Our newest residential facility, Brownsville Hall, also has areas for student collaboration. The spaces vary from open areas allowing 10 or more people to gather to smaller, enclosed group work areas for 3 to 8 students to work together.



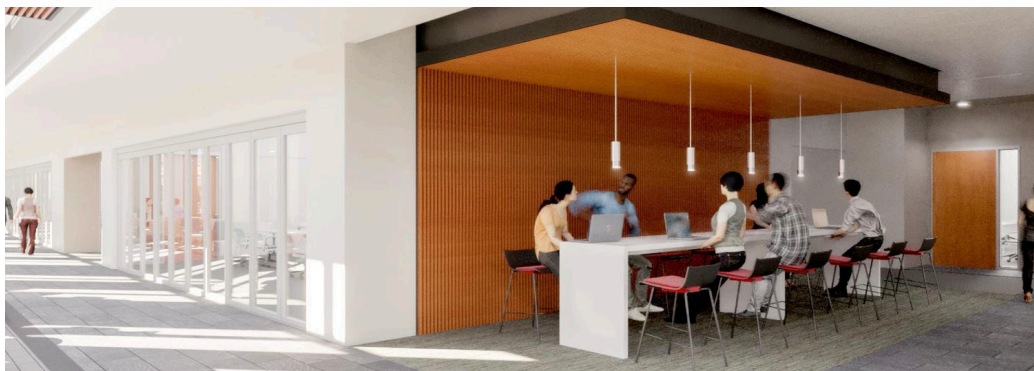
Need

Additional collaborative workspaces are needed to accommodate students in many other locations across campus. Potential spaces, including open areas in the library and classrooms in academic buildings, have been identified. We have already begun some renovations in the Guild Center and the Ort Library. Student demand is clearly outpacing available space. The ideal space allows for use of technology, moveable furniture, and different configurations for collaboration. Ultimately, we would like to have collaborative work/study spaces in every academic building and residence hall.



Opportunities

Space exists in most of our academic buildings that can be reconfigured and renovated into more collaborative work spaces. The space varies from open areas adjacent to hallways to enclosed spaces (most often in glass). With support from donors, Frostburg State is poised to construct these additional spaces. For more information, please contact John Short, Vice President for University Advancement, at jtshort@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4068. To view giving opportunities, please visit frostburgstateforgingfutures.com/give-your-way. Naming opportunities are available.



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