



Capital Priorities

URBANA

Lincoln Hall

Constructed in 1911, the iconic Lincoln Hall has gone without a major renovation and is falling apart. The building, designed by an associate of Frank Lloyd Wright, was built to commemorate the great statesman from Illinois, Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln Hall serves as a primary general classroom building for the Urbana campus and also provides office space for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the largest instructional unit on campus. Unfortunately, the building is currently closed. The University requested \$57.3 million to fully renovate this historic landmark.

Petascale Computing Facility

The University is seeking \$60 million for a Petascale Computing facility at Illinois to hold the computer known as Blue Waters, which promises to be the fastest new supercomputer in the world. Blue Waters is supported by the National Science Foundation in partnership with IBM, the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, and the Great Lakes Consortium for Petascale Computation.

CHICAGO

Healthy Returns – Funding for UIC’s Medical Colleges

The high cost of training healthcare providers threatens the ability of UIC to continue to provide a high volume of highly trained medical professionals. Therefore, the University is requesting \$10 million a year in recurring funds to retain the best faculty in health science, provide equipment and technology upgrades in teaching facilities, keep tuition increases minimal, and prevent cuts in health science enrollments. UIC will require an additional \$5.5 million to expand enrollment by 20% (or 65 additional students), as requested by the Association of American Medical Colleges. Additional funding from the state is essential so that a medical education at UIC is affordable. An investment from the state will also avoid a health care and physician shortage in the future.

SPRINGFIELD

Brookens Library Renovation

At the heart of the learning environment at UIS, the 200,000-square-foot Brookens Library is the intellectual center of UIS. It provides resources for research, discovery, and lifelong learning. The library was constructed in 1975 and was the first permanent building on campus. While it has served the University and students well, it is now in need of renovation. The University requested \$35 million to address a multitude of issues, including a need to overhaul basic systems; lack of growth space for the library collection and technology tools; poor lighting; and a confusing physical layout.

Public Safety Building

The UIS Police Department currently operates out of a converted farmhouse and is out of compliance with modern national standards. UIS, once mostly a commuter college, is now home to more than 1,050 residential students. UIS is in need of a new facility to bring the campus up to compliance, store evidence and provide space for its growing police department. UIS is seeking \$4 million for the construction of a 10,000-square-foot structure. A new building would provide secure storage for evidence, weapons and other items, and would meet industry and government standards.