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Seminole First Impressions Contest

Florida State University Facilities



Seminole First Impressions Contest Overview

Do you know an area on campus that needs sprucing up? FSU Facilities can help!

- Project grants of up to \$40,000
- All are welcome to submit ideas!



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- Main Campus projects only
- Funding received must be spent with FSU Facilities
- Entries should be for public spaces; private areas or offices will not be considered.
- Entries will be judged on their overall impact to campus and within the scope of \$40,000 to complete. Winning entries will demonstrate how they impact student, faculty, staff, or visitor first impressions at FSU.
- Anyone can submit an entry including students, faculty, staff, and alumni and grants can be used for auxiliary areas like Residence Halls, Athletics, etc.



To Enter

Choose the entry method that's most convenient for you! First, identify the area on campus you'd like to submit, then:

- Submit a written statement on how fixing up the area of your choosing will enhance campus life at FSU; OR
- Send 2-5 photos or a quick video (less than two minutes) taken on your smart phone to show Facilities the area of your choosing and explain how the project will enhance campus life at FSU.



Submit Your Entry

Submit your entry in one of the following ways:

- Email to FAC-firstimpressions@fsu.edu
- Post your entry to FSU Facilities Instagram account [@fsu.facilities](https://www.instagram.com/fsu.facilities)
- Post your entry to FSU Facilities Twitter account [@FSUFacilities](https://twitter.com/FSUFacilities)



Important Dates and Deadlines

- Entries are due no later than February 12, 2021
- Winners will be announced in mid-March.



Project Examples



The plants in the Duxbury building plaza and the Seminole Organic Garden beds (not including the gazebo or solar panels) each come in under \$40,000.



Project Examples



Reception area upgrades like the ones in the Testing Center and the Office of Distance Learning fall within the \$40,000 budget.



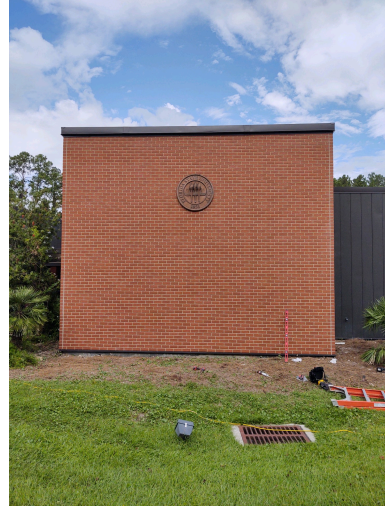
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\$40,000 would also cover updates like the College of Social Work's donor wall or the MDC Conference Room.



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Strategic improvements can go a long way like the upgrades to the Research Complex Building and Strozier Library shown in these before and afters.



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Improvements can include updated carpeting (pictured in renovated College of Music practice rooms), graphics (Strozier Library), and structural upgrades.



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Projects may also include updated restroom finishes, elevator cab upgrades, and refreshed building entryways.



A Few More Ideas

Possible projects may also include:

- Fresh paint
- Outdoor seating areas/benches
- New lighting fixtures
- Deep cleaning or pressure washing
- New carpet
- Updated signage or graphics
- New landscaping



Frequently Asked Questions

Can departments add additional funds to the \$40,000 maximum award to enter a larger project?

No. Departments are not permitted to add additional funding. This ensures that all projects have an equal chance of being selected and completed.

Can two people/departments submit projects right next to each other to have an \$80,000 project?

Yes. However, Facilities cannot guarantee that both projects would receive funding. All entries should be feasible as standalone projects.

What if I have multiple ideas? Can I submit more than one area on campus?

Yes. Multiple entries of different spaces are welcome. Please note, multiple entries of the same space will not increase chances of being selected.

How many winners will be selected?

The number of winners depends on the number and nature of submissions. There may be more smaller projects, or fewer larger projects. Projects of all scales are welcome!



Frequently Asked Questions

Are all areas eligible? What about auxiliaries like Residence Halls, Athletics, etc.? Can projects be submitted for the Engineering Campus?

Yes. Any area or space is eligible if it is part of Main Campus.

What if I don't know what \$40,000 can buy or whether my idea will be within the \$40,000 limit?

See example projects for some ideas, however projects do not need to include cost estimates. Please submit any and all ideas you have for consideration and Facilities will handle the rest.

What if I know an area on campus that needs work, but I don't know exactly what improvements need to be made?

That's okay! Please submit the areas that need work and Facilities will get creative about how to improve the space.

What if I have a specific request like new paint or carpet, elevator, or restroom improvements?

Specific requests and ideas are okay too! Facilities looks forward to receiving any and all ideas.



Selecting Winners

- Winners will be announced beginning in March.
- If your project is not chosen, you will receive notification from Facilities as to why.



Brainstorming Prompts

- What's an area on campus you've noticed that needs some TLC or repairs?
- What is something that would improve daily life on campus for students, faculty, and staff?
- What is your favorite area on campus and why? How could other areas feel more welcoming?
- What parts of campus do you frequently see visitors? How could visitor-facing spaces be improved?



Additional Questions?

Please call or text (850) 756-3250 or message FSU Facilities on social media with any additional questions.