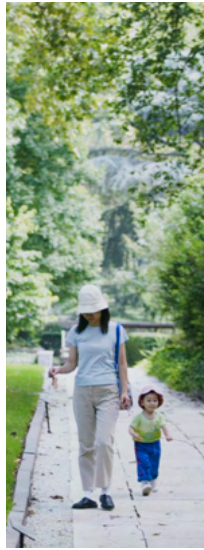


THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY



# Cultivating Community

A SCIENTIFIC AGORA



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**In ancient Greece, an agora was the center of social, political, and cultural life.**

**At Rockefeller, the campus itself is a multi-spaced agora. It encourages the exchange of ideas and catalyzes transformative science.**

An aerial photograph of a paved walkway, likely the Agora, showing several people walking. The path is flanked by dense green foliage. In the foreground, a rainbow mural is visible on a wall or structure. The text "Agora: a gathering place" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Agora: a gathering place



# Community and Discovery

“There is a connection between the quality of the space and the quality of the thinking.” –Rafael Viñoly, architect of Rockefeller’s Stavros Niarchos–David Rockefeller River Campus, a 2019 expansion that brought new buildings and beauty to the campus.

Great scientific ideas arise in Rockefeller labs. They are nurtured in conversations—over a meal in Bass Dining Commons or a coffee in the CRC Café, in the conference rooms and the gardens, on the walkways, and in the residential hallways.

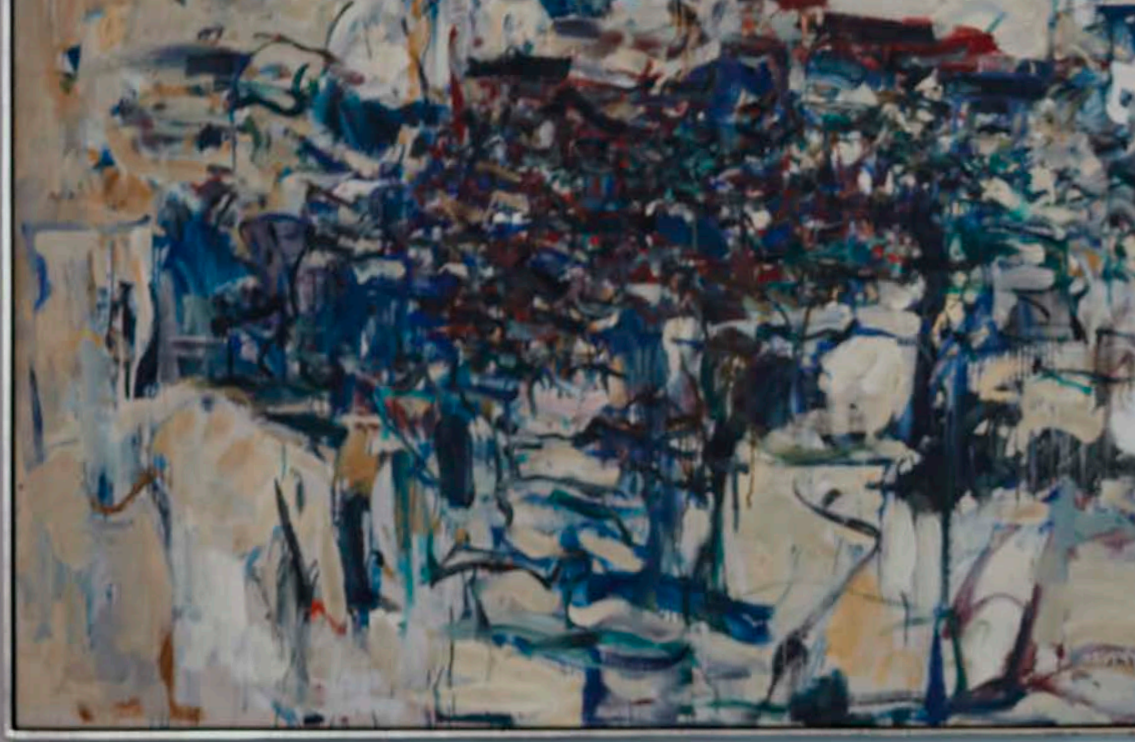
The buildings, rooms, and gardens featured in these pages are an essential ingredient in Rockefeller’s success. These spaces sustain community, foster cross-disciplinary partnerships, and galvanize innovation.

The university invites its dedicated philanthropic partners to provide naming gifts for the iconic spaces presented in this brochure. A gift to underpin the campus environment is a powerful way to support science at Rockefeller.



Nobel laureate Charles Rice  
with Chibuzo Enemchukwu





“Rockefeller is an oasis of science. I had a very profound feeling about it from the moment I stepped onto the grounds. You have the freedom to follow your instincts and be creative.”

– Agata Smogorzewska, M.D., Ph.D., Head of the Laboratory of Genome Maintenance

# Indoor Spaces







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CAMPUS CROSSROADS

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25 TABLES AND 65 SEATS

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ARCHITECT: MITCHELL GIURGOLA

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**FUNDED**

## **Neustein's Café** **Collaborative Research Center**

A popular gathering place, the Café is located in the Greenberg Building, part of the glass-fronted Collaborative Research Center (CRC) on the north end of campus. The café's extended hours make it an ideal place for a breakfast meeting, late lunch with colleagues, or an afternoon pick-me-up. Situated at an important campus crossroads, the café is easily accessible to scientists and staff working in the CRC, the Kravis Research Building, and Founder's Hall. It is a highly visible naming opportunity as people stop into the café, or pass through, frequently in the course of a day.



715 SQUARE FT

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MEETING CAPACITY: 35 PEOPLE

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MEETINGS HOSTED WEEKLY: ~40 PER ROOM

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INDIVIDUAL ROOMS CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$250,000

## Large Conference Rooms Collaborative Research Center

The five generous conference rooms in the Collaborative Research center—shown above at night—are in near constant use for lab meetings, chalk talks, and journal clubs. All five feature tall glass windows and advanced conference technology.

Visitors to campus may recognize these rooms from Science Saturday, Rockefeller's annual day of science for children in grades K–8. These rooms have been the venue for fun science activities such as “Pirates of the Cell” and “Making Sense of Memory.”

**“Being together in the same place and brainstorming with your peers, with your colleagues—those are an integral part of doing science.”**

– Priya Rajasethupathy, M.D., Ph.D., Head of the Laboratory of Neural Dynamics and Cognition



545 SQUARE FT

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MEETING CAPACITY: 52 PEOPLE

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FEATURED ART: ZIEGLER MAHAL CARPET (SULTANABAD, 1891)

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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$1 MILLION

## South Room

### Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Center for Community Life, Welch Hall

Located in the Bass Center for Community Life, the South Room has been prized by generations of graduate students seeking a quiet place to review data, read journals, and write dissertations. With this history in mind, the South Room cannot be reserved for meetings. Instead, it is open 24 hours a day to all members of the community.

“The ethos of community is belonging. Belonging enables meaningful risk-taking. Innovative science cannot flourish without it,” says Ashton Murray, Rockefeller’s vice president for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, who is pictured at right with members of the Rockefeller Inclusive Science Initiative.

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**“Rockefeller has an amazing legacy of breakthroughs in biomedical research. While big in impact, it is small enough in size to foster a real sense of community focused on doing outstanding science.”**

– Tim Stearns, Ph.D., Rockefeller’s new dean of graduate and postgraduate studies





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680 SQUARE FT

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MEETING CAPACITY: 45 PEOPLE

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FEATURED ART: BLUE AND GREEN, BY CHECK BOTERF (1967)

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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$500,000

## North Conference Room

### Hess Academic Center

The Hess Academic Center, where the offices of the president and dean are located, has two spacious meeting rooms. The North and South Conference Rooms feature state-of-the-art audiovisual and communications equipment, and their walls are adorned with mid-20th century American art from the university's collection.

The North Conference Room is primarily reserved for the university leadership. Two walls of floor-to-ceiling windows bring natural light into the room and frame the tall grasses and flowering bushes of the campus gardens. Pictured above are senior associate dean Emily Harms (left) and Andrea Morris (right), assistant dean and director of career development, with graduate student Lindsey Lopes.



640 SQUARE FT

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MEETING CAPACITY: 43 PEOPLE

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FEATURED ART: ADVENTURE B, BY ROBERT GOODNOUGH (1967)

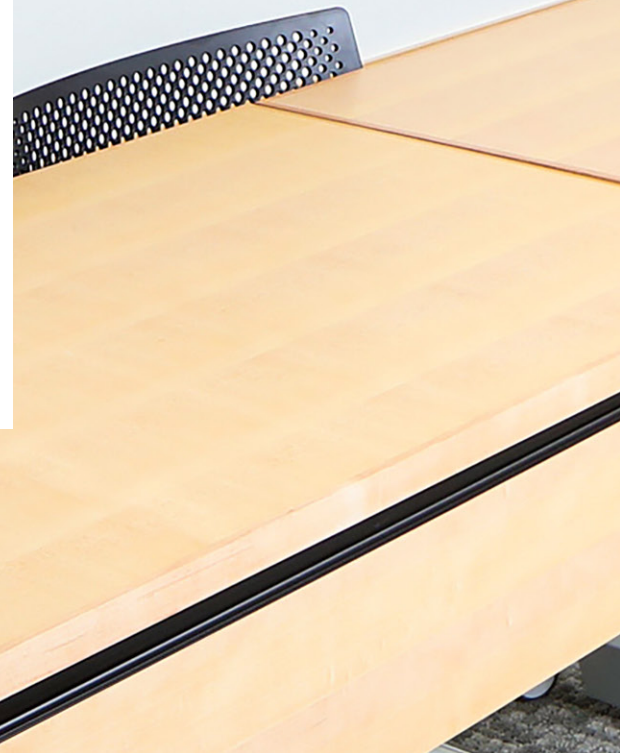
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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$500,000

## South Conference Room Hess Academic Center

Reserved as the primary teaching space for the university's graduate program, the South Conference Room has an appealing blend of art and light, making it an ideal place for stimulating scientific conversation.

The graduate program at Rockefeller is flexible and individualized according to each student's academic interests, offering rigorous training and close mentoring by faculty. Graduate courses are organized and taught by Rockefeller heads of laboratory. Students can select from 28 foundational courses and dozens of supplementary seminars and tutorials.







3,000 SQUARE FT

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4 ROOMS AND 16 LAB BENCHES

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STUDENTS PER YEAR: ~1,800

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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$3 MILLION

## RockEDU Teaching Lab

On any given day, the Rockefeller pathways are enlivened by students making their way to the RockEDU Teaching Lab, where they learn how to formulate scientific questions and design and conduct experiments that answer those questions. RockEDU Science Outreach—the cornerstone of the university's external educational efforts—provides innovative year-round programs for middle and high school students, many from under-resourced New York City schools.

“Our goal is to show that science is a part of our society. We want to instill trust in the scientific process” says Jeanne Garbarino, director of the program, shown below (second from left).

More information about the outreach program, including other ways to support its educational mission, is available upon request.





15 CLASSROOMS

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FOR CHILDREN THREE MONTHS TO FIVE YEARS OLD

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OPEN 50 WEEKS A YEAR

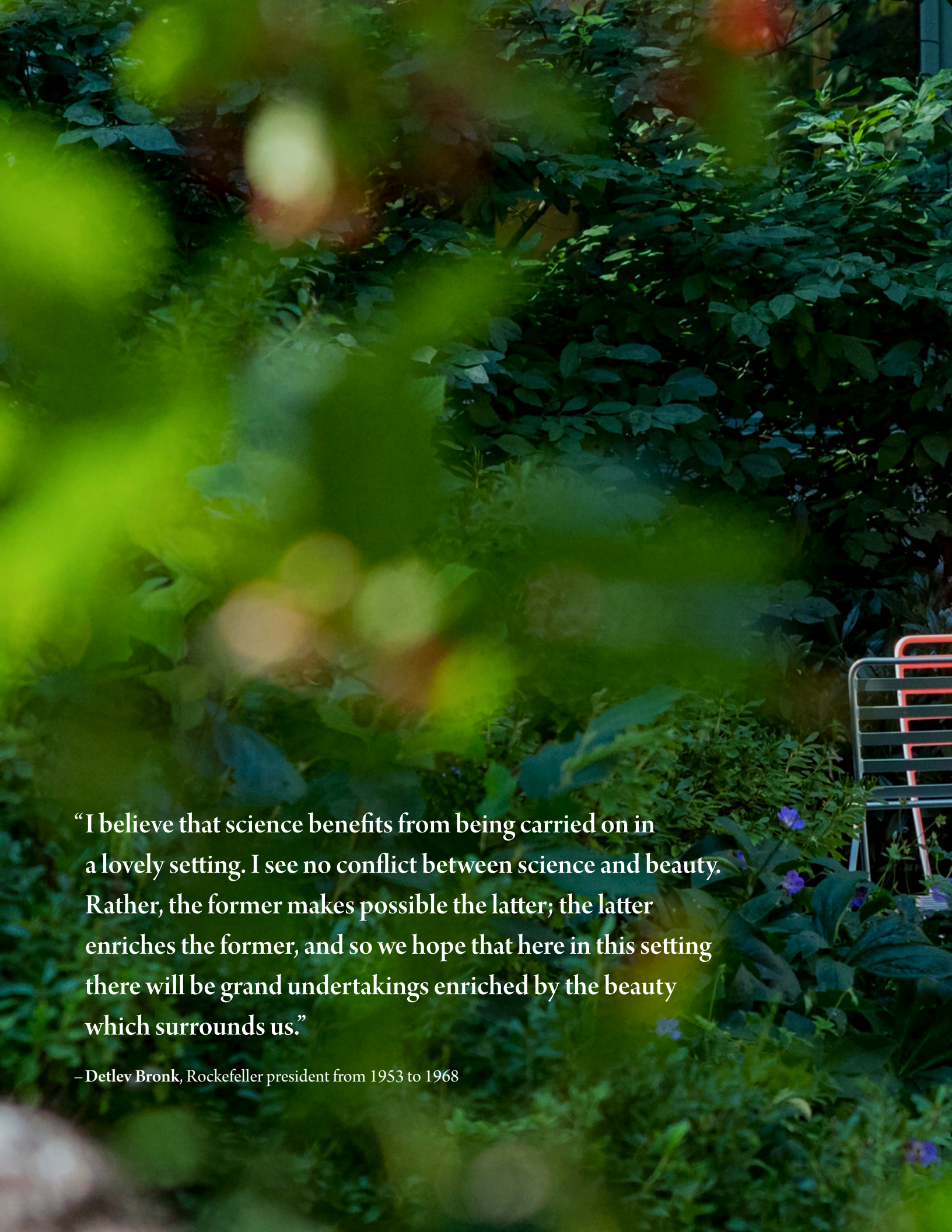
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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$15 MILLION

## The Child & Family Center

One of the amenities consistently named as essential for professional success in the sciences is high-quality, subsidized, on-site childcare. Rockefeller's Child & Family Center (CFC) is lauded as one of the finest progressive early childcare programs in New York City. Once with a waitlist more than double the number of spaces, the CFC can now accommodate over 130 children.



A lush green garden with a metal chair and purple flowers. The background is filled with dense green foliage, including large leaves and some purple flowers. A metal chair with a red frame is visible on the right side of the image. The overall scene is a vibrant, natural setting.

“I believe that science benefits from being carried on in a lovely setting. I see no conflict between science and beauty. Rather, the former makes possible the latter; the latter enriches the former, and so we hope that here in this setting there will be grand undertakings enriched by the beauty which surrounds us.”

– Detlev Bronk, Rockefeller president from 1953 to 1968

# Green Spaces





3,030 SQUARE FT

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MATHEWS NIELSEN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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3 BENCHES, 16 TYPES OF GRASSES AND SHRUBS

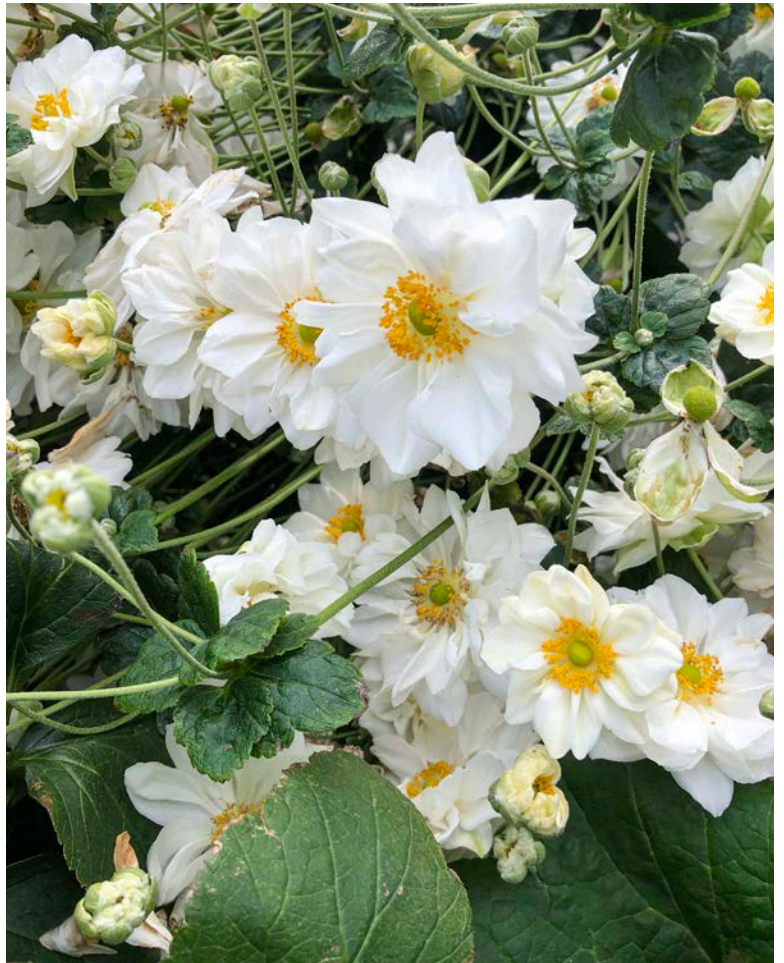
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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$2 MILLION

## South Terrace Garden

### SNF–DR River Campus

The South Terrace Garden is the last unnamed space on the Stavros Niarchos Foundation–David Rockefeller River Campus. Tucked next to the south end of the Kravis Research Building, this pocket garden features stunning views of the East River and native plantings that rustle in the breeze off the water. Wood benches provide the perfect place for lunch with colleagues or a mid-afternoon break.





**“What makes Rockefeller stand apart is the warmth and dedication of our community—the sense of a shared mission where everyone brings their ‘A game’ every day.”**

–Lulu C. Wang, Trustee Emerita, pictured at right

10,125 SQUARE FT

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LARGE EVENTS HOSTED EACH YEAR: 4-8

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RENOVATED AND RESURFACED IN 2022

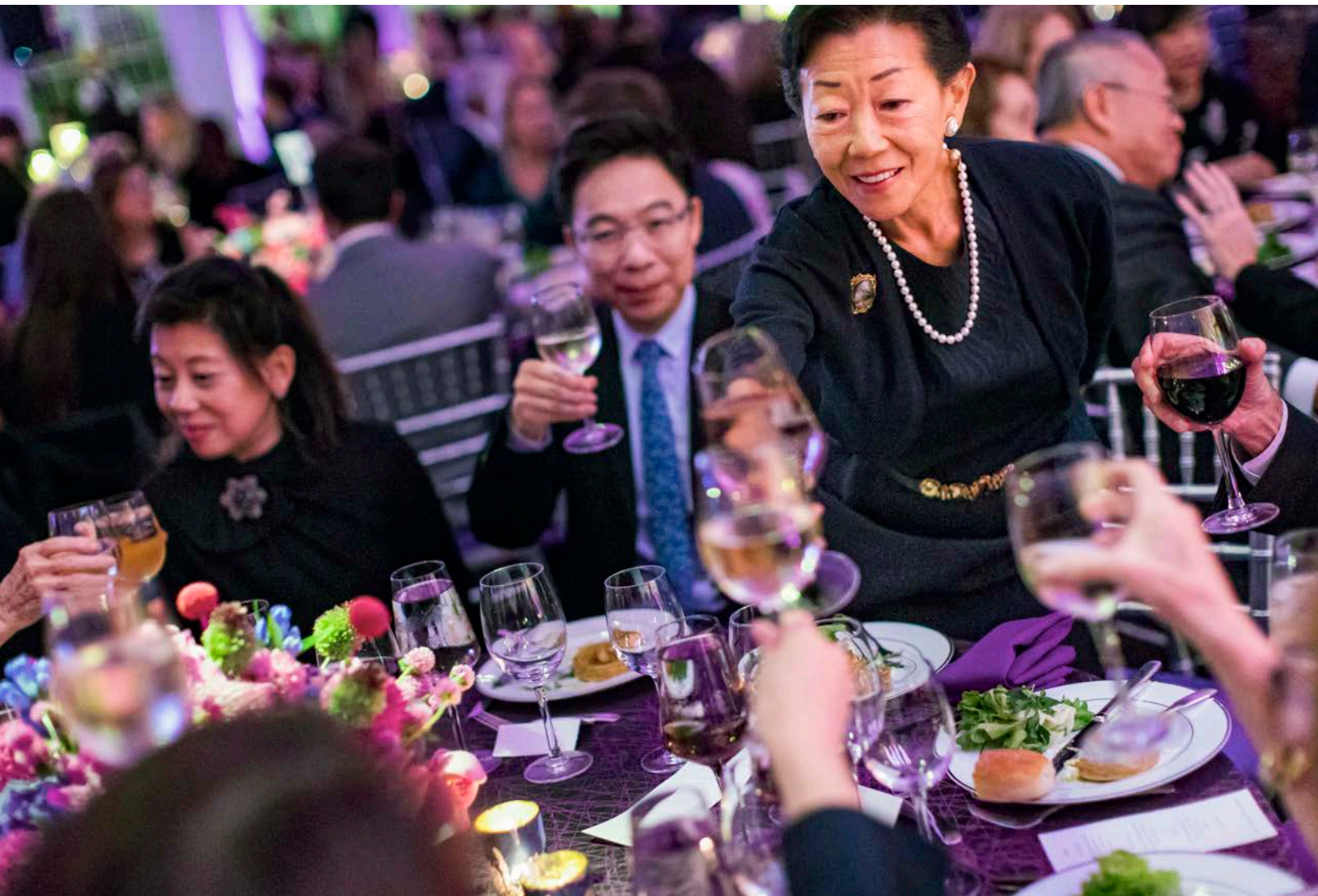
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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$7.5 MILLION

## The Esplanade

Adjacent to Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Hall, the esplanade is most recognizable to Rockefeller visitors as the site of the annual Women & Science Spring Luncheon. It is a versatile venue for large events, including Science Saturday and the annual Celebrating Science benefit. It is reachable from the north by an elegant floating staircase and from the south through the cathedral-like allée of London plane trees.

When not being used for campus events, the esplanade is home to the university's tennis court. Renovated and resurfaced in 2022, the esplanade now accommodates games of pickleball, badminton, futsal, and basketball.



15,190 SQUARE FT

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: DANIEL KILEY

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ADJACENT TO THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS CLUB

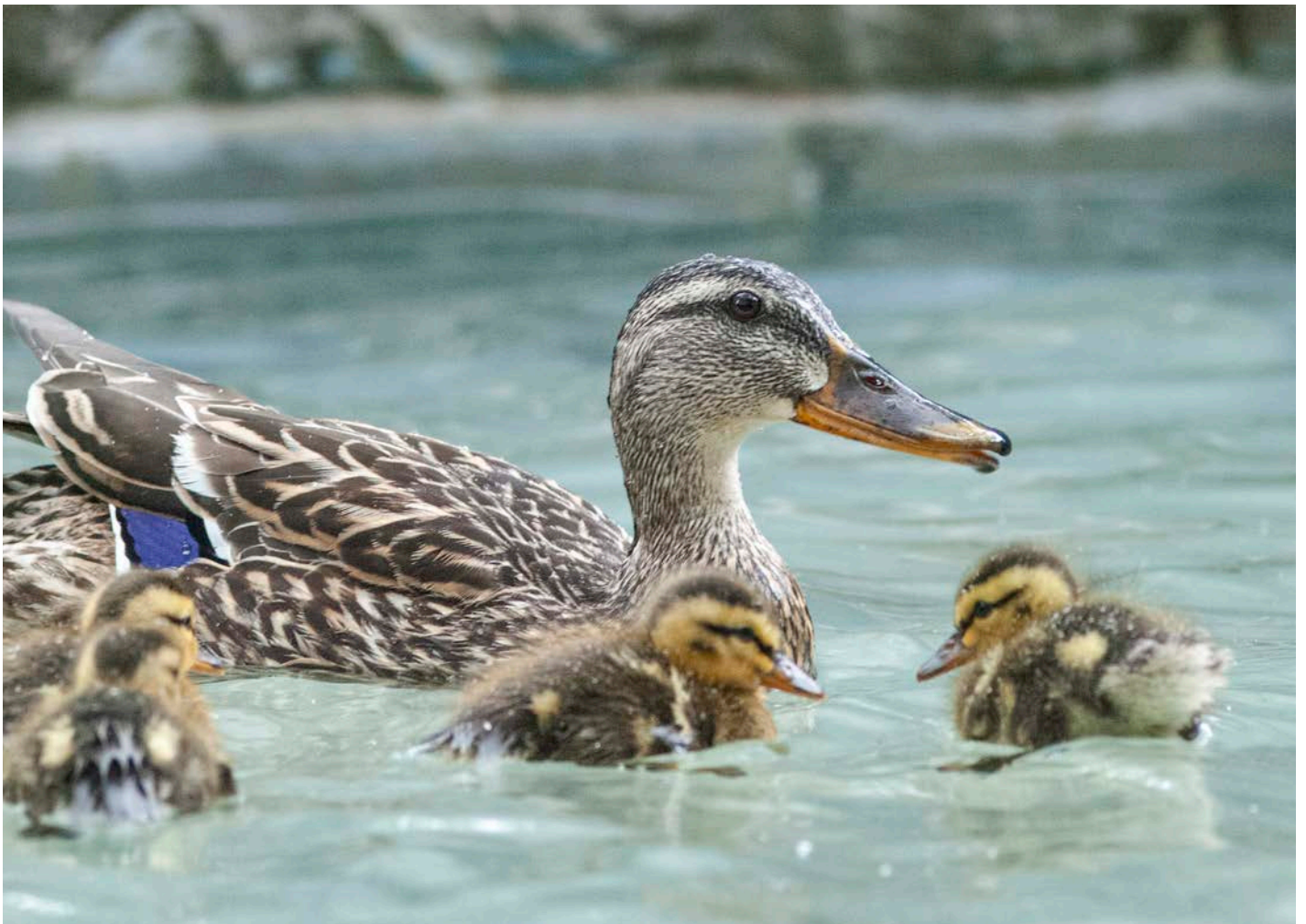
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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$5 MILLION

## Philosophers Garden

One of the most beloved outdoor spaces on campus, Philosophers Garden was designed by renowned landscape architect Daniel Kiley as part of the masterful mid-century reconceptualization of the Rockefeller campus. The gardens and walkways offer a refreshing contrast to the asphalt and concrete beyond the university gates.

For seven decades, this space has been a campus gathering place for scientists, their families... and now generations of ducks.







“At Rockefeller, we are all motivated by a common mission. It permeates the campus, from the students to the heads of lab, from the electricians to the mail room. It makes it a thrilling place to do science.”

– Vanessa Ruta, Ph.D., Gabrielle H. Reem and Herbert J. Kayden Professor

# Living Spaces







41 APARTMENTS

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ARCHITECT: WALLACE HARRISON

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BUILT IN 1959

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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$10 MILLION

## Graduate Students Residence

In 1955, Rockefeller expanded its mission to include doctoral education and admitted its first class of graduate students. The university also undertook an ambitious construction project that reshaped the campus, adding five new buildings, including a research building, a modern auditorium, and the gracious four-story Graduate Students Residence (GSR).

Flanked on two sides by long lawns and shaded in summer by rows of London plane trees, GSR lies at the heart of the campus, a reminder that graduate scholars are an integral part of Rockefeller's thriving scientific community. A naming gift will provide funds for the building's upkeep and help support the cost of the university's David Rockefeller Graduate Program.



38 STORIES

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248 APARTMENTS

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BUILT IN 1989

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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$15 MILLION

## Scholars Residence

Attractive residential options are key to recruiting and retaining scientists and critical on the upper east side of Manhattan where affordable housing is scarce.

Completed in 1989, Scholars Residence (shown above) is the 38-story younger sibling of Faculty House (described on the next page). The apartments in Scholars are larger and feature enviable views of the East River.

26 STORIES

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250 APARTMENTS

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BUILT IN 1974

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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$12 MILLION

## Faculty House

Since 1974, thousands of graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, faculty, and their families have called Faculty House home. Located on 63rd Street—and shown below on the bottom left with midtown Manhattan in the background—Faculty House is the primary residential building for Rockefeller's young scientists.

The population of these two residential buildings are a microcosm of the world's cultures, all speaking the shared language of science.



An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, featuring a wide river in the foreground and a suspension bridge on the right. The skyline is filled with various skyscrapers and buildings under a cloudy sky.

4,370 SQUARE FT

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BRIDGES VISIBLE: 8

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READING ROOM, GYM, PARTY SPACE

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CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$750,000

## Community Penthouse Scholars Residence

Atop Scholars are shared facilities available to residents. A party room stretches the length of the south side of the floor and features sweeping views of the East River—actual view shown here!

An adjoining kitchen makes the space a hotspot for kids' birthday parties, post-graduation festivities, and holiday gatherings.

On the north side of the floor is a gym with cardio machines and free weights. A smaller room provides space for stretching and floor exercises. The floor also has a cozy reading room.



20,100 SQUARE FT

FAMILIES WITH ACCESS: ~500

PICNIC TABLES, GRILLS, PLAYGROUND, SPRINKLER AREA

CAN BE NAMED WITH A GIFT OF \$5 MILLION

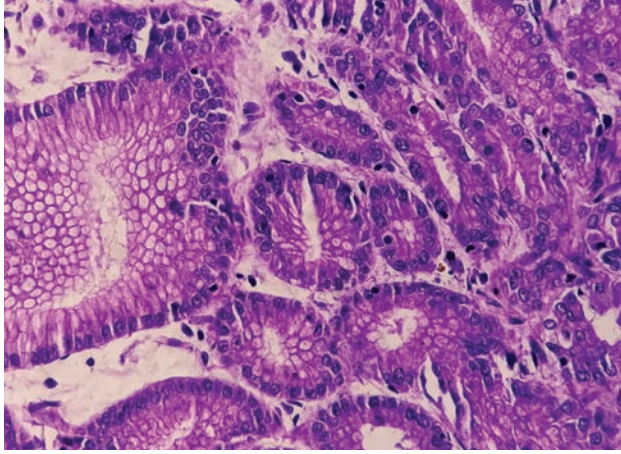
## Plaza Courtyard & Playground

Faculty House and Scholars Residence share a lobby, playrooms, a parking garage, laundry facilities, and a large, tiered courtyard with picnic tables, grills, and a playground. These spaces help to build community; they are a vital resource for a diverse international population.

Parks were a lifeline during the pandemic and remain a residential necessity. With a gift of \$5 million, the plaza courtyard and playground situated between Rockefeller's two main residential buildings can be transformed into an inviting multi-use park with play areas, new landscaping, and flexible seating.



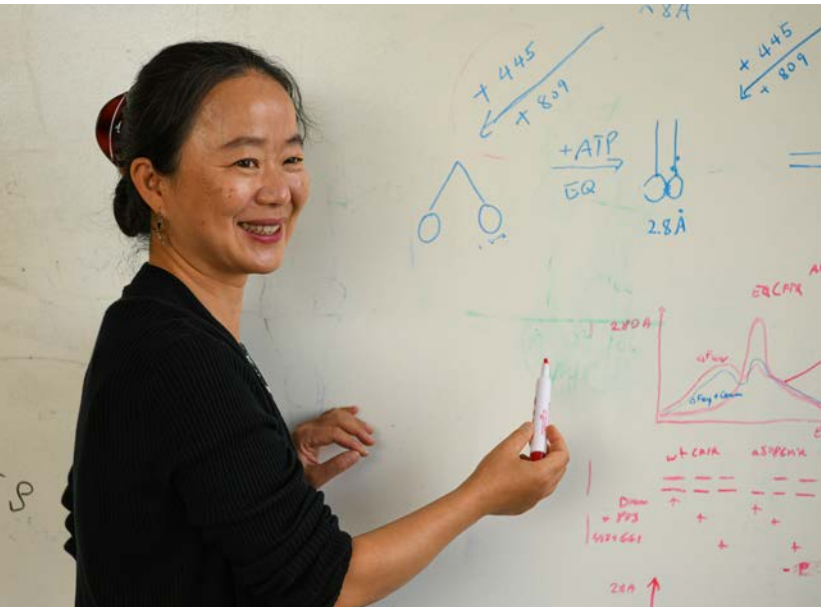




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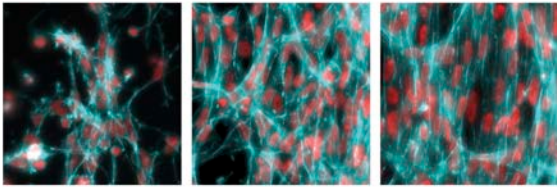
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## Genus loci: the pervading spirit of a place

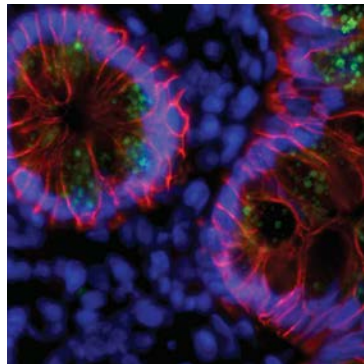
When you support the spaces featured in this brochure you are underwriting great science! You are supporting the community of scientists who explore, innovate, create, and live on the Rockefeller campus. And you are nurturing the university's unique culture of curiosity, conversation, collaboration, and discovery!



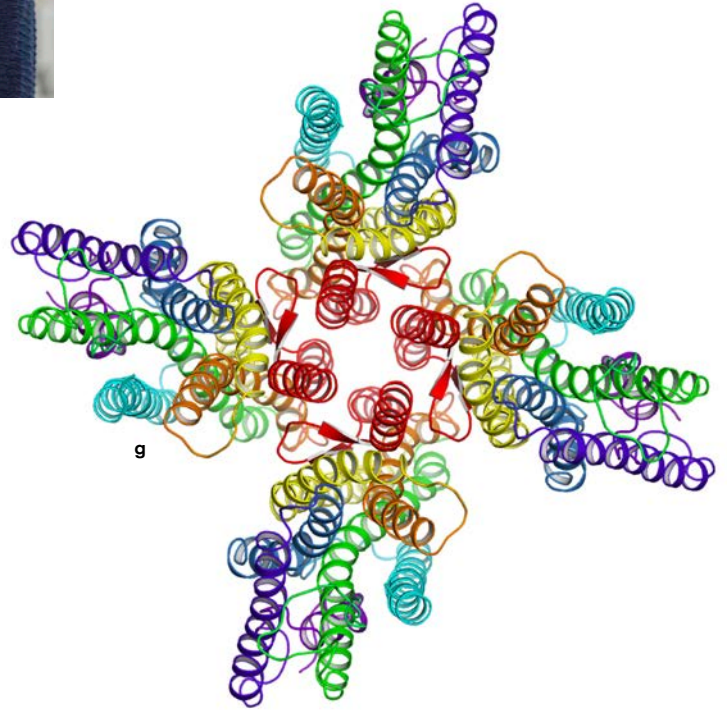
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a. The Tavazzo lab identified arginine as a key amino acid for cancer cell growth b. Homegrown technology: optics for a lights-bead microscope (Alipasha Vaziri) c. Structural biologist Jue Chen d. Ant colonies behave like neural networks when making decisions (Daniel Kronauer) e. Sebastian Klinge with model of ribosomal subunit f. Embryo cells set pattern for growth by pushing and pulling (Amy Shyer) g. Cryo-EM structure of an olfactory receptor (Vanessa Ruta) h. SARS-CoV2 in human intestine (Michel Nussenzweig, Marina Caskey, Paul Bieniasz) i. Biophysicist Viviana Risca with graduate fellow Hera Canaj

# Campus Map

## INDOOR SPACES

- 1 CAFE (\$1 M)  
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTER
- 2 LARGE CONFERENCE ROOMS (\$250,000)  
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTER
- 3 SOUTH ROOM (\$1 M)  
BASS CENTER FOR COMMUNITY LIFE
- 4 NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM (\$500,000)  
HESS ACADEMIC CENTER
- 5 SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM (\$500,000)  
HESS ACADEMIC CENTER
- 6 ROCKEDU TEACHING LAB (\$3 M)
- 7 THE CHILD & FAMILY CENTER (\$15 M)

## GREEN SPACES

- 8 SOUTH TERRACE GARDEN (\$2 M)  
SNF-DR RIVER CAMPUS
- 9 THE ESPLANADE (\$7.5 M)
- 10 PHILOSOPHERS GARDEN (\$5 M)

## LIVING SPACES

- 11 GRADUATE STUDENTS RESIDENCE (\$10 M)
- 12 SCHOLARS RESIDENCE (\$15 M)
- 13 FACULTY HOUSE (\$12 M)
- 14 COMMUNITY PENTHOUSE (\$750,000)  
SCHOLARS RESIDENCE
- 15 PLAZA COURTYARD & PLAYGROUND (\$5 M)



LONDON PLANE TREES: 130

ACRES OF GREEN SPACE: ~8

SCIENTISTS ON CAMPUS: ~1,000



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