A Foot in the Door
Your sneak peek into the new Academic & Research Center

Against the cool backdrop of a winter sky, the Academic & Research Center (ARC) welcomed its first occupants with winter quarter. The 100,000-square-foot, $35 million state-of-the-art facility houses most Russ College classes, and some additional research space.

Open spaces, modern classrooms with flexible furniture and break-out rooms, a café, a sky-lit atrium “living room,” gathering nooks, and a holographic fireplace are just a few of the places that encourage collaboration and new ways of working.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine will expand its research efforts with multiple new cutting-edge labs and research support space, providing additional opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration.
A view into the hangar from a second-floor classroom shows the large ceiling crane, which can be used to move heavy equipment.

Left exposed, an array of utility pipes serve as a teaching tool.

Offering natural illumination, the afternoon sky passes above the three-story living room skylight.

The largest classroom features electric glass along one wall—it can be switched from clear to opaque.

The third-floor holographic fireplace nook invites casual conversation.

Students meet, greet, and pass through the living room.

Host to a swirl of activity, the ARC café is a spot for students, faculty, and staff to gather.

Both the second and third floors feature a wing of state-of-the-art research labs.

With its garage-style doors opened to the atrium beyond, the “hangar” was designed to facilitate senior design and competition team work on large items such as automobiles.

A wall of blue boasts angled support beams.