Designing the ultimate campus experience

Higher Education
Students want it all; a space to think outside boundaries, a community to grow and be creative in, and a meaningful way to connect with the world. We work with you to give students, faculty, and researchers everything they want and more. Through global design, intuitive planning, and local support, we help you create the ultimate campus experience.
Community by design

We design campus experiences that allow all to learn, grow, and achieve their greatest potential.

Inside the flexible classroom space, students are free to open their minds and embrace collaboration. Faculty have the tools, technology, and space to connect with students and do what they do best. Outside of the classroom, every square foot is used to create nooks and common spaces where ideas can flow.

The student center feels like a comfortable living room, making it everyone’s favorite hangout. Students rest and recharge in residence halls that meet their every need. Curious minds can explore individual or group learning opportunities in the creatively designed libraries and information commons, while researchers can test assumptions and make new discoveries in the flexible, safe, and well-equipped lab spaces.

In campus communities large and small, private and public, we create experiences that lead to lifelong learning, enduring friendships, and self-discovery.
Applying what we’ve learned

A lot of knowledge goes into creating a memorable campus design.

Our educational practice is built around knowledge we’ve gained from our past work, both locally and internationally. And we continue to expand our understanding by learning and collaborating. Using our multidisciplinary approach and market expertise, we study, introduce, and apply technological advancements from various fields (e.g., medicine or urban planning) to help you realize your vision.

We do our research

Part of our work includes providing data to support your project. Whether you’re planning a new 100-million-dollar-plus science building or rethinking your student center layout, you can support your decisions using our Research and Benchmarking (R+B) program.

Through the R+B program, our team sees firsthand what’s happening on campuses across the globe. We tour institutions, meet with staff, hold charrettes, and do the research to understand best practices and emerging trends. With this valuable information you’ll be able to create the ideal campus experience and have the competitive edge you need to stay ahead of the class.
We’re also students, parents, and teachers. As members of the community, we’re personally invested in creating memorable campus experiences.

Our process is participatory, collaborative, and fun! We’re constantly working across offices, disciplines, and sectors to innovate, improve our process, and discover solutions. From project start to finish, we partner with campus communities to deliver design solutions that meet your unique needs.
450+ higher education institutions now offer the ultimate campus experience

1 project team dedicated to meeting your campus needs

Creating campus communities since 1954

Cornell University, Physical Sciences Building
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Campus Planning

What will your campus look like in five years? Ten years? Twenty years? Are your facilities competitive? Are you optimizing your physical resources? We use a data-driven approach to answer tough planning questions like these for your institution. Applying rigorous analysis and creative thinking, we design a solid framework that balances today’s market realities with the needs of tomorrow’s students.
We inspire you to dream big, and we’re here to help you figure out how to get there.

Tired of those old master plan books? Try mApp, our dynamic campus-planning app.
Students want to learn in a variety of styles and settings, and at their own pace. We understand this and are rethinking our campus designs in an effort to support these collaborative, 24/7 student lifestyles. Whether they're flexible, technology-enhanced classrooms, student lounges, and learning commons or just cozy alcoves, the spaces we create encourage learning and discovery.
The intersection of design excellence and education has a profound impact on society as a whole.

A recent George Brown College student survey demonstrates higher student satisfaction and an 87% increase in graduate employment satisfaction.
Today’s student centers are integral to campus life—just ask any student. A crossroads of academics, social activity, and campus culture, the student center is an important deciding factor for students comparing post-secondary schools. We work with administrators and students to design facilities that enhance your brand and improve your ability to attract and retain top-quality students.
There is no greater compliment than seeing students thriving in their surroundings, in spaces that have learning and enjoyment at their heart.

2M+

Square feet of student center spaces designed to embody the unique community spirit of each campus.
Student Housing

We understand the business of student housing and can design a variety of spaces that will attract and retain students, as well as support your business case. From single-room to multi-story suites, we craft living experiences that support students’ well-being and purpose on campus as they progress from new freshmen to graduates. Our designs help students connect, learn, and find their place in the campus community.
East Carolina University, College Hill Suites Residence Hall

University of Saskatchewan, Graduate House

Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Tree House Residence Hall

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The environments we design make a difference and have a direct impact on students’ lives.

15,000+

students rest their minds each night in housing facilities designed by our team.
Quality of space, flexibility for future change, and ability to foster multidisciplinary research appeal to elite students and researchers. For researchers who spend long hours in the lab, we design spaces with safety, ergonomics, natural light, and view in mind. Equally important are the support spaces—cafes and collaborative places outside the lab—where students and faculty can meet to share ideas.
Cornell University, Physical Sciences Building

Thomas Jefferson University, Dorrance H. Hamilton Building

Marist College, Chemistry Laboratory

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Through collaboration and the exchange of ideas, science and technology advances our lives on a daily basis.

120+ laboratories showcase our experience designing modern science facilities.
Academic Medical Centers

The most successful academic medical centers are integrated platforms for interprofessional education focused on healing, discovery, and learning. Our designs support brand development; promote translational research, efficient clinical care, and wellness; and help bridge the gap between practice, education, and research.
Design matters and with that comes a huge responsibility to drive innovative, creative, and relevant solutions.

30,000 scientists and engineers earn PhDs in the U.S. each year. Through our design of academic laboratories, we’re helping to educate these next-generation leaders.
Put our knowledge to the test

Our broad knowledge of educational design comes from experience gained around the world. We apply this global expertise with local knowledge to help you create campus experiences that are nothing short of inspiring.
Have questions about your project? We offer answers and support in the following areas:

- Architecture
- Buildings Engineering
- Campus Planning
- Environmental Management & Engineering
- Asset Management
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Interior Design
- Landscape Architecture
- Program & Project Management
- Space Utilization
- Sustainable Solutions

- Energy Modeling
- Building Commissioning
- Traffic Engineering & Transportation Planning
- Visioning
- Branding & Experience Placemaking
- Visualization

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Design with community in mind

We’re active members of the communities we serve. That’s why at Stantec, we always design with community in mind.

We collaborate across disciplines and industries to bring buildings, energy and resource, and infrastructure projects to life. Our work—professional consulting in planning, engineering, architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, surveying, environmental sciences, project management, and project economics—begins at the intersection of community, creativity, and client relationships.

Since 1954, our local strength, knowledge, and relationships, coupled with our world-class expertise, have allowed us to go anywhere to meet our clients’ needs in more creative and personalized ways. With a long-term commitment to the people and places we serve, Stantec has the unique ability to connect to projects on a personal level and advance the quality of life in communities across the globe. Stantec trades on the TSX and the NYSE under the symbol STN.