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**IA Welcomes Spring Class of 2027 Admits and Announces Simpson Hall as New IA LLC**

Gainesville, FL, [March 9, 2023] – The UF Innovation Academy (IA) is pleased to have welcomed its newest admits from the UF class of 2027 on February 24<sup>th</sup> and received 1,778 applications, marking a 22% increase over last year in applications. Admitted students will have until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to confirm their enrollment.

The UF Innovation Academy is also excited to announce Simpson Hall as the new Innovation Academy Living Learning Community starting in the fall of 2024. Simpson Hall is a traditional residence hall located on the corner of Museum Road and Gale Lemerand Drive making it a short distance from the Reitz Union, athletic venues, fraternity row and recreational fields. This Living Learning Community is exclusive for students admitted to the Innovation program and explores the dimensions of innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship.

“Welcome to your new home, Simpson Hall. This Living Learning Community is not only where you will live on-campus but also learn and grow,” IA Director Dr. Jeff Citty said. “This community is exclusive for IA students and is where you will make lasting friendships, explore new ideas and challenge yourself in ways you never imagined. We are thrilled to have you here and can’t wait to see all the fantastic things you will accomplish!”

For more information on student housing, please visit the [IA housing page](#).

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The Innovation Academy (UF IA) is one of the nation’s most forward-looking undergraduate programs – at one of its most dynamic research universities. UF IA gives motivated students a small-college experience focused on innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship, ethics, and leadership on a unique spring-summer schedule. UF IA enrolls and supports academically talented students focused on developing knowledge to grow new business opportunities, services, and products through curricular and co-curricular experiences.

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