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UF INNOVATION ACADEMY CLASSROOM AND OFFICE MOVES TO CSE BUILDING

GAINESVILLE, Fla. [March 11, 2025] — Change is on the horizon for the University of Florida Innovation Academy (IA): We're moving to the Computer Sciences and Engineering (CSE) Building, and new student opportunities are coming with it.

The IA office will move during the UF spring break, March 17-21. The IA classroom moved to the third floor of the CSE building at the start of the spring semester in January.

“Our move to the UF CSE building marks an exciting new chapter for the Innovation Academy,” IA Director Jeff City said. “We’re expanding by approximately 1,000 square feet — creating even more opportunities for students to collaborate, create and launch their ideas into the world.”

Located next to Turlington Plaza and Marston Science Library, the new classroom brings space for two IA-exclusive opportunities: Startup Springs and a prototyping studio.

Startup Springs is our new student-business incubator, providing students the physical, professional and technical resources to develop their startup ideas. From mentorship to industry connections and business workshops, the program is designed to help student businesses at any stage grow and succeed.

The prototyping studio will be a makerspace for students to bring classroom and personal projects to life. Equipped with 3D printers, small hand and power tools, and prototyping materials, the studio will be staffed by IA’s technical assistants, who will hold office hours, lead equipment training and provide support for students’ creations.

Our new office address is as follows: 432 Newell Dr., Bldg. #0042 Suite 300, Gainesville, FL 32611

Our new mailing address is as follows: 432 Newell Dr., 300 CSE P.O. BOX 117545, Gainesville, FL 32611-7454

The business incubator and prototyping studio are expected to remain under construction until the end of the spring semester.

As a program that embraces change, we are excited for this new chapter of growth from the heart of UF's campus. IA continues to evolve and cultivate student success, and we look forward to academic breakthroughs for years to come as we welcome the Class of 2029.

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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.

For more information, please visit the UF IA website at <https://innovationacademy.ufl.edu/>