Renovation of Macdonald Institute

The historic Macdonald Institute (MINS) is one of the most renowned and iconic buildings on campus. The goal of this campaign is to preserve the significant heritage of this beloved building while creating unique, cutting-edge space to support various disciplines. To achieve this, we must raise $17,000,000.

Impact Statement:
Since its creation in 1903, Macdonald Institute has grown into an excellent academic institution. The needs of today’s society, researchers and students require that it continue to evolve. Through thoughtful transformation, this initiative will honour the building’s past while supporting critical work being done to improve life. The result? Discovering sustainable solutions to the social and economic challenges faced all over the world.

Pressing issues such as climate change, mental health, poverty, and feeding the world, all involve and affect people. Technological, economic, social, and policy solutions to these problems will only work if they are accepted and adopted by people. This is where CSAHS and FRAN play a key role in addressing the human dimensions of these problems.

Help us to create spaces for innovative teaching, research and engagement at Macdonald Institute.

Goals:
The revitalized Macdonald Institute will be the innovative home to the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences (CSAHS) and the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition (FRAN). We also hope to include the Community Engaged Scholarship Institute (CESI) in order to advance their role as leaders in university-community engagement.

Our goal is to create an environment that promotes:

- Innovative, state-of-the-art formal and informal learning spaces
- Curriculum renewal
- The implementation of experiential learning and evidence-based best practices
- The research needs of FRAN
- Relevant and rigorous research and effective training of future human service professionals

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