We’re preparing Minnesota’s future leaders with critical skills to pursue big ideas.

Pillsbury is no longer adaptable to modern science research or teaching.

Built in 1889, Pillsbury Hall is one of the U of M’s iconic buildings.

Pillsbury has extensive code and abatement requirements.

We’re all experiencing the information revolution, from the morning’s first email to the evening’s final post or tweet. That’s why University of Minnesota trains our students in the liberal arts—so they can think critically across global perspectives and pursue big ideas.

A renovated Pillsbury will serve over 6,000 U of M liberal arts students each year.
In 1889, Pillsbury donated funds for a science hall in exchange for a promise that land-grant funds would remain with the U forever.

John Sargent Pillsbury, “Father of the University,” served as governor of Minnesota 1876–82.

At the U, students are educated to think critically across global perspectives.

Pillsbury Hall Renovation

Project Description

Convert a 60,000-square-foot, obsolete science building into a humanities center

- Create flexible, multipurpose classrooms and collaborative spaces equipped with media systems
- Upgrade the building’s systems to comply with current standards and codes
- Increase accessibility throughout the building
- Preserve the building’s historic exterior

Benefits

- Create new research and learning opportunities in journal editing, video making, digital storytelling, website building, and web-based research
- Advance students’ understanding of Minnesota’s grand challenges
- Foster collaboration in spaces that are more cost effective and require less relative investment than the building’s currently mismatched science uses
- Centralize the Department of English
- Renew a historic, iconic campus building

State request: $22 million

- University investment: $11 million
- Total project cost: $33 million

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