

FCR 12

Office of the President
September 18, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

CONSTRUCT/IMPROVE RESEARCH SPACE (EDUCELAB IMPROVEMENTS)
CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Construct/Improve Research Space (EduceLab Improvements) capital project.

Background: Pursuant to University regulations, any capital project with an estimated scope of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

The EduceLab is currently located in a facility on Export Street in Lexington that supports research for both the EduceLab and Department of Anthropology. Continued growth in sponsored research, faculty activity and student engagement has increased demand for specialized laboratory space. This project will provide the additional wet and dry laboratory facilities needed and make minor improvements to the existing space. This investment is necessary to strengthen the University's research enterprise by expanding capacity and enhancing opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration.

This \$2,000,000 project, authorized by the 2026 Kentucky General Assembly, is well within the total legislative authorization of \$100,000,000 and will be funded with agency funds.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other



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