The University at Albany is seeking $20 million in capital to begin the interior renovation that will convert the 1912 Schuyler Building into the new headquarters of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS). This phase of the project will renovate the south wing of the building and allow classes to be held, labs to be conducted, and faculty to move in by 2021-22. With undergraduate engineering enrollment nearly tripling since Fall 2016, and new graduate programs launching now, CEAS is growing far faster than projected. Now CEAS needs a state-of-the-art home to ensure this remarkable growth continues.

The renovated Schuyler Building will cement the engineering college’s role as a powerful engine of access to academic excellence and economic opportunity on an urban campus in the heart of New York’s capital city. A model of smart, sustainable development through the adaptive reuse of a historic building, the Schuyler Building has been designated by the Capital Region Economic Development Council as a priority project for the region.

Through partnerships with the city, industry, K-12 educators and other community stakeholders, CEAS in the Schuyler Building will be a model for how campuses can leverage SUNY’s academic and research excellence to become nodes of economic and community development for the advancement of all of New York. Combined with UAlbany’s other new college, the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity, CEAS is estimated to have as much as $16 million in recurring annual economic impact on the Region. UAlbany’s Schuyler Building project is an engineering opportunity in the following ways:

- **Access:** Among SUNY’s four University Centers, UAlbany has the highest percentage of undergraduate students historically underrepresented in engineering careers. Those students now have access to a world-class engineering education at the value provided by a public research university, making CEAS not only a ladder for economic mobility but for much-needed diversity in STEM fields.
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- **Neighborhood revitalization:** Located on the Downtown Campus, the Schuyler Building represents UAlbany’s biggest investment in the heart of the city of Albany in decades; and through a close partnership with the city, renovation and restoration of this key neighborhood asset will help catalyze private investment in an important midtown corridor.

- **Economic development:** The job market for engineers remains strong, and CEAS will supply companies with a well-prepared workforce to fuel the growth of the regional and state economies. The college’s partnership with a nearby technology and arts incubator being developed by the Central Avenue Business Improvement District, meanwhile, will help seed businesses that will become the employers of tomorrow. As the region’s only comprehensive, public research university, UAlbany not only provides excellent, affordable higher education for nearly 18,000 students and generates world-class research that addresses society’s most pressing challenges, but also drives economic development, job creation and urban revitalization.

- **Academic excellence:** As part of UAlbany’s largest academic expansion in 50 years, CEAS leverages our strengths in computer science, mathematics, and physics. We currently offer the following degree programs:

  - BS Computer Science and Applied Mathematics Honors
  - BS Computer Engineering
  - BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - MS Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - Ph.D. Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - BA Computer Science
  - BS Computer Science
  - BS/MS Combined program in Computer Science
  - BS Computer Science Honors
  - BS Computer Science and Applied Mathematics

In order to reach their full potential, engineering students and faculty need the modern learning environment that the Schuyler Building will provide. Despite the challenges associated with reviving a century-old landmark, the University’s decision to locate CEAS in the Schuyler Building was an intentional and transformational one. This project powerfully embodies UAlbany’s commitment to be an engaged anchor institution in the city of Albany and its vision to become the nation’s leading diverse public research university.

Follow the project progress at: https://www.albany.edu/governmentrelations/

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