

Space Allocation Request #: RAMP Center Upgrade

Space Allocation Request Basics

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Division Submitting Request: Academic Affairs

MBU: Academic Programs

Department Name: RETENTION THRU ACAD MENTORING

Department ID: D20104

Nature of Request: We have identified a potential larger space but it is currently occupied. Our entire staff exceeds the fire marshal limit for our current space.

Is this change expected to be temporary?: No

Preferred Move-in Date: 6/1/2026

Type of Space Needed

RAMP currently occupies 1 building 4 rooms with 1161 ASF. Currently we have a staff of 3 professional staff and 57 student assistants and exceed the current RAMP Center fire marshal limit of 53. There is 1 professional staff office inside the RAMP Center and the other 2 in the same hallway as the RAMP Center. We need a larger space to accommodate our student staff that matches our enrollment growth. We expect to grow our staff next academic year with 60-75 student assistants.

Space Allocation Request Details

Alignment with University Principles

1. How does this request support Cal Poly Humboldt's Strategic Plan?

1: Academic Roadmap, 4: Future Proofing Cal Poly Humboldt, 5: Resources Stewardship
& Sustainability, 6: Student Experience & Success

2. How does this request support each of the goals selected above?

"1: Academic Roadmap (1 - Leveraging Unique Strengths Rooted In Place, 2 - Advance Academic Access And Inclusive Student Success, and 4 - Align Academics With Greater Needs.)

RAMP is committed to updating curriculum to match the needs of the students we serve and support their sense of belonging at Cal Poly Humboldt. We focus on retaining the students we serve, first time freshman and transfer students, as well as our student staff. Peer mentors encourage mentees to attend class and connect them with resources on and off campus to build the foundation of support for the remainder of their time at Cal Poly Humboldt. The RAMP professional staff provides ongoing support to the student assistant to meet their needs and adapt curriculum to the ever-changing landscape of higher education.

4: Future Proofing Cal Poly Humboldt (1 - Support Adaptive And Transformative Teaching And Learning, 2 - Build A Culture Of Continuous Improvement, 3 - Nurture A Culture Of Innovation, 4 - Include Diverse Employees And Students)

As enrollment grows our student assistants need to grow which requires us to provide a larger space for confidential conversations. RAMP regularly collects data and narratives regarding the needs of the students we serve in addition to our student staff which consists of transfer students, second, third, fourth year, and beyond. We work closely with other campus partners to regularly monitor enrollment growth allowing us to make efficient decisions when it comes to hiring student assistants for a full academic year. RAMP originated as a first generation program and those values are still maintained as we have moved to serving all first time students attending Cal Poly Humboldt. We prioritize uplifting students with marginalized identities including but not limited to first generation, BIPOC, and 2SLGBTQIA++ students. RAMP professional staff regularly engage in professional development to meet these goals and grow the program.

5: Resources Stewardship & Sustainability (1 - Prioritize Student Need)

As a student facing department this is our top priority. If we are not prioritizing the needs of both mentees and our student assistant we are not serving our purpose.

6: Student Experience & Success (1 - Build A Culture Of Shared Responsibility For Student Success, 2 - Center Student Diversity And Intersectionality, 3 - Maintain And

Grow Consistent And Accessible Student Services, 4 - Integrate Curricular And Co-Curricular Activities, 5 - Build A Strong Shared Sense Of Humboldt Identity And Community)

RAMP is committed to connecting first time students to curricular and co-curricular activities. Mentors meet mentees where they are at and build a sense of belonging to the campus community. This provides mentees with a sense of agency beyond their first year encouraging them to return and utilize the previously identified resources and support. With a larger space, mentors will be able to better serve all mentees with the support of professional staff and other campus partners.

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3. How does this request support, sustain, or enhance current initiatives with proven patterns of success?

As we continue to grow as a Polytechnic, a larger space is needed to accommodate mentors and mentees within new major programs. Having mentors with a variety of majors is a recruitment tool for incoming and returning students. Providing a larger space will allow us to offer more mentor positions which allows students to have more opportunities for professional development. Students with more experience will be more job ready when they graduate and more marketable to employers.

Needs Analysis

As we continue to experience enrollment and Polytechnic growth, our student staff will grow to meet that need. A larger space aligns with those larger university goals and positions us to provide more confidential meeting locations and support students as they navigate unionization. RAMP mentors are using more spaces on campus which limits the conversations they can have with their mentees. Mentors need a confidential space to support the needs of first time students and have regular access to RAMP professional staff for higher levels of support. RAMP mentors continue to increase the amount of meetings they have which supports retention across all class standings.

Funding

1. Has funding been identified?

No

2. If funding has been identified, do you have an estimated cost?

RAMP has a few items within the budget that are not regularly utilized and possibly could be used.

3. If a chartfield has been identified, please provide.

No

4. Have you consulted with Planning, Design and Construction Unit?

This has been an ongoing conversation with our past and present AVP.

Additional Relevant Information not Previously Addressed

Do you have additional information pertaining to your request that has not been previously addressed?

Would you like a colleague or colleagues to be provided a copy of your space request? If so, please provide their email address below.

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