Leading Interdisciplinary Research Buildings: Emerging Best Practices

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This guide draws on the insights of leaders of interdisciplinary research buildings. Participants from 11 colleges and universities came together during the first annual Interdisciplinary Research Buildings Workshop, held on June 3, 2021 and facilitated by Boston College’s Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society and the Vice Provost for Research and Academic Planning. This document compiles 12 emerging best practices in leading interdisciplinary research buildings in four domains: 1) designing for success, 2) fostering a collaborative culture, 3) managing buildings thoughtfully and 4) clarifying expectations.