Math Building at the University of Waterloo



LOCATION

Waterloo, Ontario

CLIENT

University of Waterloo

SIZE 142,000 SF

PROJECT TEAM

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The Math4 building will provide space for expansion of Computer Science, Statistics, and other growing programs while liberating space in existing math buildings. It will also provide new space for the faculty's server room, the brain of this internationally renowned program's research. Additionally, as the University continues to attract faculty and graduate students, there will be a mix of dry labs and numerous private offices. The design also prioritizes connections to the existing Math buildings, completing and supporting the Math community as a whole.

This new state-of-the-art academic building will also connect the existing math buildings - the Davis Centre, the Math and Computers Building, and Math 3, to become the nucleolus of the faculty, a hive of innovation with light and space to inspire collision, collaboration, and contemplation. It will host research institutes in vital fields such as fintech, data science, and cryptography. It will feature classrooms and collision spaces to encourage interaction and collaboration among faculty, students, staff, and external partners. By creating a vibrant and singular environment, the new building will accelerate leading-edge math and computer science research as well as foster a culture of innovation and collaboration.