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The Gray Design Building

Our vision has become a reality. Thanks to a transformative \$5.25 million gift from Gray, Inc., the former Reynolds Building will become The Gray Design Building — the new home for the College of Design. Slated to break ground in late 2022, the project has been designed by internationally renowned architecture practice Studio Gang. When complete, it will represent one of the most significant examples of adaptive reuse on UK's campus.

The new building is not simply an act of preservation, but a plan for a polyculture of ideas, diversity of thought and equitable access to design education. It will be foundation for the college to expand its footprint and influence on campus. It is an opportunity for advancing sustainability, diversity and equity.

This generous donation will allow UK to realize a renovation and revitalization of a former tobacco warehouse into a vibrant new space that will facilitate greater collaboration within the College of Design's five programs, as well as Landscape Architecture and Biomedical Engineering.

Gray, Inc. is the guiding company for 12 separate Gray operating companies. These 12 Gray companies have a strategic presence in select locations in North America, Asia and Europe individually or collectively providing engineering, design, and construction, along with digital, equipment manufacturing, and real estate

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services. Consistently ranked as a leader in the industry, Gray focuses on the following markets for domestic and international customers: Food & Beverage, Manufacturing, Automotive, Distribution, Mission Critical and Commercial. Founded in 1960, Gray's robust offering enables the company to create one-of-a-kind solutions at the highest levels of customization, delivering unmatched precision and partnership to some of the world's most sophisticated organizations.

Our Relationship with Gray: Past and Future

- Gray, Inc. is considered one of the pre-eminent design-build companies in the country. The Gray family has deep roots in Lexington and the Commonwealth and is recognized as an industry leader in design-build.
- Gray has employed hundreds of UK alumni over the years, and there are 15 UK grads on the Gray leadership team.
- From several generations of UK alumni as employees to the Lois Gray scholarship, the Gray Design Building will only strengthen our relationship and help continue building the bridge between UK and Lexington.
- On August 8, 2022, we will publicly announce the gift at a special groundbreaking ceremony, to include CoD alumni, Gray alumni, UK administration and members of the Lexington community.
- To show our gratitude in perpetuity, the Gray company will be represented in a prominent location in the new building so visitors can see that there are opportunities to engage with an internationally renowned company, which will support our goal of retaining more Kentucky talent.

Your gift, their future.

There is still time to contribute to our Firm-to-Studio campaign, scholarships, and additional naming opportunities. We invite you to be a part of the next chapter in our mission. Please contact Assistant Vice President for Philanthropy Don Witt (dwitt@uky.edu) or Dean Mitzi Vernon (vernon@uky.edu) to learn more.