

# Volunteer First Impressions Contest



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
TENNESSEE  
KNOXVILLE



# **VOLUNTEERS FIRST IMPRESSIONS**

**» CONTEST «**

Do you know of an area on campus that needs sprucing up?

**Facilities Services can help!**

**10 WINNERS CHOSEN**

**PROJECTS \$10,000  
OR LESS**

**[tiny.utk.edu/volfirstimpressions](https://tiny.utk.edu/volfirstimpressions)**

---

The **Volunteer First Impressions** contest is for campus projects only. Projects typically include one or more of the following: carpet, paint, plants or landscape, signage or other similar items.

Entries will be judged on their overall impact to the campus community, and scope is within the limit of **\$10,000 or less to complete**. This \$10,000 MUST be spent with Facilities Services.

Entries should be for public spaces; private areas or offices will not be considered. Entries should also demonstrate how they impact student, faculty, staff, or visitor first impressions at UT Knoxville.

**Anyone can submit an entry for the contest and 10 winners will be chosen.**

## To enter you can do one of the following:

Submit a written statement on how fixing up this area will enhance campus life at UT Knoxville;

or

Send 2-5 photos or a quick video (limited to two minutes) taken on your smart phone to show Facilities Services the area involved and explain how this project will enhance campus life at UT Knoxville.

## You can submit your entry in one of the following ways:

Email Sam Ledford at [sjones80@utk.edu](mailto:sjones80@utk.edu)

Post your entry on the FS Twitter Account: [@utfacilities](https://twitter.com/utfacilities)

Post your entry on the FS Instagram Account: [@utkfacserv](https://www.instagram.com/utkfacserv)

# Contest Dates & Deadlines:

Entries are due no later than

**Friday, January 31, 2020**

One winner will be announced each  
weekday **March 2 through 13, 2019.**

# Project Examples:

Claxton Rain Garden: ≈\$4,000

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



3,500-square-foot space filled with more than 2,000 plants

# Graphics/Interior Improvements

## Mossman



Approximately \$10,000 would cover the costs of installing wall graphics or improvements like you see at the new Mossman and Student Union Buildings.

## Student Union





# Street Furniture/Groupings

## Engineering Quad



## Volunteer Boulevard



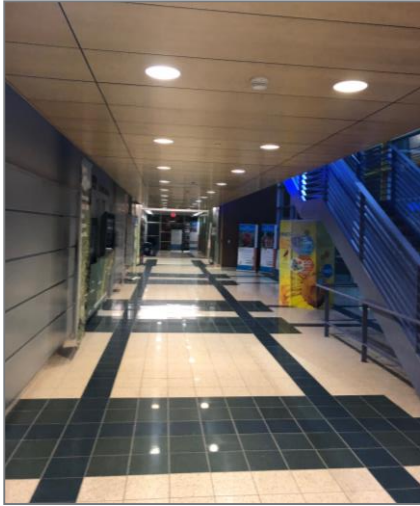
Site furniture and furnishings like tables, chairs, bike racks, etc. are another example of what could be covered by the \$10,000 offered for a project if chosen.

# Vest Pocket Parks



# LED Lighting Upgrades

## Plant Biotech



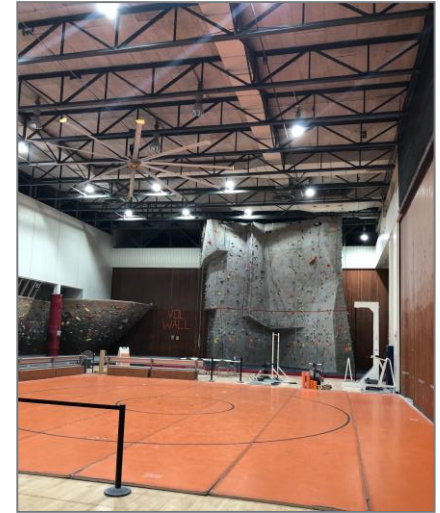
Replaced the fluorescent with LED bulbs in the common areas. ≈\$6,000

## AMB Dance Studio



Replaced the fluorescent fixtures with LED hi-bay fixtures in dance studio. ≈\$6,000

## HPER



Replaced the fluorescent fixtures with LED hi-bay fixtures in rock climbing wall area. ≈\$9,900

**Communications Building:**

≈\$2,200

Removing shelves, cabinets, countertops to create multiple work stations.

**Stokely Management Center:** ≈\$1,600

Paint and carpet one room and paint one small room

**Science and Engineering Building:** ≈\$4,300

Paint walls and install floor vinyl in one room.

**Morgan Hall:** ≈\$4,000

Paint walls, ceilings & closets in four different rooms.

**College of Nursing:**

≈\$1,600

Remove door between two rooms and drywall space. Soundproof and paint impacted areas.

**Hodges Library:** ≈\$1,800

Refinish eight wooden doors.

**Perkins Hall:** ≈\$8,000

Installation of cubicle including power and a network connection.

**Dougherty Engineering Building:** ≈\$7,000

Upgrade lighting and paint one room.

**Veterinary Medical Center:**

≈\$1,500

Removing shelves, cabinets, countertops to create multiple work stations.

**Office of Equity and Diversity:** ≈\$9,000

Scrape and paint doors and windows on exterior of building.

**UT Gardens:** ≈\$5,600

Install boardwalk at Wetlands.

**Law Complex:** ≈\$5,500

Remove wallpaper from first floor hallway and paint where paper was removed. Also paint where all electronic bulletin boards are located.

# Frequently Asked Questions:

***Can departments add money to the \$10,000 project in order to recommend a larger Project?***

No. The Facilities Services Department does not want those departments or areas without the resources to provide additional funding to be at a disadvantage. For that reason, for this initial contest we will keep the competition to \$10,000 projects.

***Can you suggest two projects right next to each other in order to have a \$20,000 project?***

Yes. However, those submitting need to understand both projects may not be funded. Any suggestion needs to be able to be accomplished by itself regardless of whether other submissions are chosen.

***Are any areas eligible? What about auxiliaries like Residence Halls, Athletics, etc?***

Yes, any area or space is eligible as long as it is on campus.

***What if your submission is not chosen? Will we find out why?***

Yes. Facilities Services will respond to everyone who submits a project to the contest.

***What if the project you submit is not chosen at this time? Will there be other opportunities?***

The Facilities Services Department hopes to make this an annual competition.

***If we do not know what \$10,000 will buy how do we know our submission will be eligible? How do we estimate the cost of what would be required?***

Those submitting do not need to estimate the potential cost. Facilities Services will do cost estimates for ideas submitted that are finalists. PLEASE submit any idea you have for consideration.

***Other questions?***

Contact Sam Ledford at [sjones80@utk.edu](mailto:sjones80@utk.edu) or (865) 297-3027