



MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

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Architect's Rendering: Science & Engineering Building

MOREHEAD STATE PAVES THE WAY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Morehead State University has come a long way since its founding as a single building in 1887. Over more than 135 years, the institution has remained a “light to the mountains” by growing and evolving to meet its students’ academic, social, and residential needs.

That spirit of change, progress, and improvement for future generations of Eagles fuels MSU’s current efforts to revitalize its campus.

Renovation projects will improve the campus community’s experience over the next several years through strategic budgeting, state funding, and generous private gifts.

“We are actively trying to make a generation leap with our facilities that students can enjoy for years to come,” said Dr. Jay Morgan, president of Morehead State University.”

Upcoming new construction projects include:

- Science and engineering building - \$98 million, 123,000-square-foot facility (construction starts Fall 2024, completed Spring 2027).
- Multidisciplinary classroom building - This \$90 million, 120,000-square-foot facility will house the business administration and music programs (construction starts in Fall 2025 and will be completed in Summer 2028).
- Residence hall - \$38 million, 80,000-square-foot residence to house 310 students across four floors (construction starts Fall 2024, completed Spring 2026).

Through bringing select facilities back online and razing other campus buildings, MSU is also renovating Nunn Hall, Cooper Hall, Ginger Hall, and Camden-Carroll Library while also providing an additional 400 new parking spaces to increase parking access to students, faculty, staff, family, and guests.



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Morehead State launches MSW program to meet regional need

Morehead State University is launching a Master of Social Work (MSW) program next year, supported by a \$310,000 grant from the Kentucky Association of Health Plans (KAHP).

“Behavioral health and substance use disorder are major priorities for commercial and Medicaid managed care plans in the Commonwealth,” said Tom Stephens, president and CEO of KAHP. “We know this investment in a great institution will help Kentucky in its efforts to enlist more well-trained social workers. To play a role in kickstarting something new is really exciting for our membership.”

MSU will receive \$145,000 in the first and second years and \$20,000 in the third year of the grant while the social work program navigates the accreditation process with the Council on Social Work Education. MSU collaborated with Mountain Comprehensive Care and Primary Plus to apply for the grant. The program plans to launch in the fall 2025 semester, pending final approval from the Council on Postsecondary Education.

MSU receives NSF/KCV funding for academic research

The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded more than \$8.25 million to Kentucky Commercialization Ventures (KCV), an initiative of the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC), for a program addressing inequities in academic research funding. It will support underrepresented higher education institutions with research infrastructure like Morehead State.

The project, Granting Emerging and Developing Institutions a Competitive EDGE (Equitable and Diverse Grant Ecosystem), or KCV EDGE, will provide holistic support for research grant administration to partner institutions MSU, Kentucky State University (KSU), and Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

MSU receives National Science Foundation climate change research grant

Morehead State will receive more than \$1 million in grant funds from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support research to combat climate change.

The funding comes from the NSF Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NSF EPSCoR). It is part of a statewide project, “Climate Resilience through Multidisciplinary Big Data Learning, Prediction & Building Response Systems (CLIMBS).” NSF EPSCoR invested \$20 million into the CLIMBS project in Kentucky.

Veterinary technology program ranked #1 in state, 13th in nation

Morehead State’s veterinary technology program has once again been ranked among the top programs in the nation and the top program in Kentucky by BestColleges.

MSU is ranked 13th in the nation and first in Kentucky for its associate veterinary technology program. MSU also offers a Bachelor of Science degree in veterinary technology. BestColleges determined the rankings by looking at admissions rates, student loan default rates, retention and graduation rates, and the percentage of students enrolled in online classes. Information provided by colleges and universities to the National Center for Education Statistics determined the data points.