

## Stuckeman School Strategic Plan

The overarching goal of the Stuckeman School strategic plan is to support the three units of the Stuckeman School while fostering the overall mission of the Stuckeman School endowments. While progress is moving forward slowly in relation to the endowments' goals, the school continues to face challenges regarding meaningful collaborations and in infusing a pervasive interdisciplinary perspective among faculty and students.

The School's strategic plan can be considered as an "umbrella" over the units' plans. Emphasis is placed on three themes noted below, which represent key aspects of the unit strategic plans combined with the School facilities committee's strategic plan and the overall goals of the Stuckeman School endowment.

\* = important in more than one theme/ area.

### **Students/ Curriculum:**

- Prepare students for a life of creative engagement and personal fulfillment in their chosen profession.
- Encourage the creation of exemplary works of design, theory, and research.\*
- Increase cultural, religious, ethnic, and gender diversity in the student body, the faculty and in the curricular subject matter.
- Provide educational environment that encourages the cross-fertilization of knowledge from a variety of disciplines.
- Incentivize students and faculty to participate in the most urgent contemporary social, cultural, and environmental issues.\*
- Educate in the areas of ethical behavior, critical thinking, life-long learning, and service to society.
- Develop an environment that encourages collaboration and teamwork, but also respects individual research and creative activity.\*

### **Research/ Creative Scholarship:**

- Encourage the creation of exemplary works of design, theory, and research.\*
- Incentivize students and faculty to participate in the most urgent contemporary social, cultural, and environmental issues.\*
- Develop an environment that encourages collaboration and teamwork, but also respects individual research and creative activity.\*
- Exploit the breadth of faculty expertise to fulfill University expectations for meaningful research and creative accomplishment
- Expand our contribution to general education and awareness-building courses outside of our disciplines

- Maintain and enhance our effective contribution to solving challenging issues through externally funded research
- Utilize School's funded Centers and endowments as catalyst to further those missions, enhance research and raise visibility of the School and the professions.

**Facilities:**

- Analyze, assess and reformat Stuckeman Family Building spaces to promote flexible, open and shared equitable use of the facility to promote increased instructional and curricular flexibility/efficiency, intensified research focus for faculty and graduate students, increased collaborative teaching and research, and public/community interaction.
- The complexity and continued evolution of the School's Centers and facilities necessitate increased oversight by year-round staff dedicated to these facilities and specialized equipment. Lack of proper staffing support may present a barrier to effective expansion and collaboration in the future.