At University of Portland we’re looking ahead—to a time when some of the biggest challenges facing the world today are a thing of the past. To a place where people of all backgrounds have a seat at the table and the tools to succeed. And to a space—our new Shiley-Marcos Center for Design and Innovation opening this January 2024.

When our new LEED-certified, 45,000-square-foot innovation center opens this winter, it will bring the entire campus together to ideate, design, and test the next game-changer that shifts the boundaries of what we thought possible. It will also provide dedicated space for our industry partners, such as Hyster-Yale, Skanska, and Daimler North America, to join us on The Bluff.

“Engineering for impact” is the motto at Shiley School of Engineering, and hands-on collaboration across disciplines is just one way we work to fulfill our mission to solve the technical problems facing society. That’s why our Innovation minor, launched in 2020, is open to all University of Portland students, and why our innovation center will be a campus hub of creativity, imagination, invention, and ingenuity, harnessing the power of our entire community of scholars, critical thinkers, and problem-solvers driven to change the world.