

Sample Questions to Explore Health-Promoting Space Needs

A practical resource for interviews, focus groups, walkthroughs, or surveys

For Students and Learners

- Which spaces best support your learning, wellbeing, and sense of belonging?
- Are there enough spaces to rest, decompress, study privately, or connect with others?
- Have you experienced accessibility, safety, or inclusion barriers within academic or clinical spaces?
- Are learning and clinical environments easy to navigate and use?
- What changes would most improve your day-to-day learning environment?

For Faculty and Clinical Educators

- Do current teaching, learning, and clinical spaces effectively support education and collaboration?
- What space-related factors affect learner wellbeing, engagement, or performance?
- Are there barriers related to accessibility, workflow, privacy, or psychological safety?
- What changes would improve teaching, supervision, or team functioning?
- Are current environments supporting sustainable and respectful work practices?

For Administrative and Operational Staff

- Which spaces create operational challenges, inefficiencies, or barriers to collaboration?
- Do current workspaces adequately support day-to-day responsibilities and wellbeing?
- Are there accessibility, safety, or workflow concerns that should be addressed?
- What small improvements could meaningfully improve the work environment?
- Are there opportunities to improve flexibility, sustainability, or shared space use?

For Facilities, Operations, and Planning Teams

- What environmental or accessibility concerns are most commonly identified?
- Which spaces are most difficult to maintain, adapt, or keep accessible?
- Are there recurring issues related to safety, wellbeing, or functionality?
- What improvements could increase sustainability, usability, or operational efficiency?
- How are users currently engaged in identifying space improvement priorities?

For Equity, Accessibility, and Wellbeing Partners

- Which groups may be underserved by current learning or work environments?
- Where do you see the greatest barriers related to accessibility, inclusion, belonging, or psychological safety?
- How can EDIA, universal design, and cultural safety principles be strengthened in future planning?
- Are current environments responsive to diverse physical, sensory, cultural, spiritual, or caregiving needs?
- What processes would help ensure ongoing accountability and community engagement?