

Fast Facts – Wigton Heritage Center

Location:

Located between University Tower and Wittson Hall on the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus (about one block west of 42nd Street, midway between Emile Street and Dewey Avenue)

Total cost:

\$26 million

The project features two key buildings and is paid for through a combination of public and private funding:

- \$18 million – Renovation of Wittson Hall was supported by LB 957 funds;
- \$8 million – Construction of Wigton Heritage Center was supported by philanthropic support from the Olson Family Foundation and Robert Wigton, M.D.

Construction:

Renovation of Wittson Hall has already begun. Construction of the Wigton Heritage Center will begin this summer. Completion of Wittson Hall will be in the second half of 2020, and Wigton Heritage Center is planned to open in the first quarter of 2021.

Size:

- 10,000-square-foot, four-floor facility.
- Connects to Wittson Hall on levels 3, 4 and 5.
- Connects to University Tower on levels 3 and 4.
- From the sixth floor of Wittson Hall, you will be able to look down into the Wigton Heritage Center from an observation deck.



Features:

The facility will include:

- Meeting and reception space for events;
- Interactive displays that would include archives, instruments and books that pertain to the history of medicine at UNMC;
- Open collaboration, meeting and seating space; and
- A link to the McGoogan Library of Medicine from University Tower.

Naming:

The facility is named in honor of the lifetime of service of its principal benefactor, Robert Wigton, M.D., a 1969 alumnus of the College of Medicine. Dr. Wigton served as a professor in internal medicine and in several key administrative areas in the UNMC College of Medicine. He currently serves as professor, internal medicine, and assistant dean of special projects in the College of Medicine.