

## U-Spatial: Supporting the Spatial Sciences at the University of Minnesota

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The U-Spatial project started in July 2011. With time, U-Spatial will provide support for Twin Cities researchers and also will provide support across the entire UMN system, including Duluth, Crookston, Morris, and Rochester campuses. U-Spatial consists of nine nodes, which later can be expanded. Each node will offer a specific blend of equipment and expertise in four core areas. For example, some nodes will offer remote imaging experts and specialized workstations for the Imaging Core, while other nodes will offer immersive visualization hardware and experts on interactive decision making for the Analysis Core. Three nodes will provide Central Core services including help desk services and training as well as support the Imaging, Data, and Analysis Cores. Secondary nodes will generally focus on a single infrastructure core in which they are experts, supporting scholars who require this specialized expertise, but also collaborate with other cores.