

Live from Rice: New camera streams 24/7 video of iconic landmark

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A live television shot of one of the most iconic sights in Houston is now streaming at all hours of the day and night, providing 24/7 video of Rice University's Academic Quadrangle.

Television producers and meteorologists are welcome to use the shot during news and weather broadcasts. The camera mounted atop Rice's Fondren Library is linked to EarthCam, the leading network of livestreaming webcams deployed around the world.

The live video can be found at <https://www.rice.edu/earthcam>.

The image is dominated by Lovett Hall, Rice's original building opened in 1912, and the green landscaped grounds of what students affectionately call the Quad. Hermann Park and downtown Houston's skyline are visible in the background.

Every morning, the camera shows the sun rising over the campus and Hermann Park. In the evening, the setting sun casts a warm glow on Lovett Hall's red bricks made of clay excavated from Buffalo Bayou, the pink Texas granite trim and the gray Ozark marble incorporated in campus architecture. At night, the illuminated campus buildings are bathed in a golden glow.

"In the late afternoon, just before sunset, Lovett Hall to the east takes on a magical quality," wrote John Boles, a retired Rice professor of history, who made a point of claiming an office directly below the spot where the live camera is now mounted.

A video of the retired professor showing off the view from his window can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AwwEXHDT-fiw>.

