

# New U.S. chemical screening center to open

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A new U.S. chemical screening center designed to perform up to 30,000 experiments a day is to open Friday at the University of California-Santa Cruz.

Scientists will use six robots and a library of 55,000 compounds to test chemical for usefulness in fighting disease or understanding fundamental aspects of a cell's life, officials said.

The screening center will be used by university faculty from its departments of chemistry and biochemistry; molecular, cell, and developmental biology; and environmental toxicology.

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