

# American Museum of Natural History plans addition

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The American Museum of Natural History has announced plans to build an addition to house a new science and education center.

The \$325 million Gilder Center for Science, Education and Innovation is slated to open in 2019, the museum's 150th anniversary.

Museum President Ellen Futter says the 218,000-square-foot center will fully integrate science, education and immersive exhibitions.

The center will be on the Columbus Avenue side of the museum's sprawling grounds near Central Park.

Chicago-based Studio Gang Architects has been selected to design the addition. Ralph Appelbaum Associates will design the exhibitions.

More than \$100 million has been raised for the center. It's named for museum trustee Richard Gilder, who donated \$50 million.

The museum's graduate school also is named for Gilder. It offers a [doctoral program](#) in comparative biology.

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