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Plans for the School of Veterinary Medicine's new \$51 million Teaching and Research Building were approved last fall by the University's Board of Trustees. More than \$43 million has been raised to date. The architectural firm of Polshek Partnership Architects, LLP of New York, in collaboration with Ballinger of Philadelphia, has been selected to design the building. Polshek-designed buildings include new and renovated space for Columbia, Cornell, Stanford and Yale.

The building will provide state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces, replacing the antiquated facilities currently in use. Among the areas of investigation in the new building will be infectious diseases, a major reemerging threat to animal and human health; animal transgenesis and germ cell research, an exciting biomedical research area that promises healthier and more productive food animals; comparative medical genetics; and comparative oncology.

According to Veterinary School Dean Alan M. Kelly, "The facilities will enable the School to attract and retain the new generation of research and clinical scientists who will train the veterinarians for the new century. Clinicians and basic researchers will work side by side, and students will be exposed to groundbreaking research."

Marking the largest commitment to the building by a Veterinary School graduate to date, an alumnus who wishes to be anonymous has made a pledge of \$600,000. As gifts of all sizes to the new building will sustain Penn's preeminence in veterinary medicine, a special "Reserve a Seat" campaign to raise \$780,000 was kicked off successfully last fall.

More than 125 of the School's faculty and staff responded enthusiastically and "reserved" a seat for \$3,000 each in the building's two, 130-seat classrooms. Remaining seats are being offered to alumni and friends this spring to leave their legacy.

\$51 million goal

\$43 million raised

Veterinary School Buildings in Philadelphia



Quadrangle Building
1907



Gladys Hall Rosenthal Building
1963



Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
1981



Site of Teaching & Research Building Planned Groundbreaking
2003



The Teaching and Research Building site is bounded by University, Woodland and Baltimore Avenues.