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## Virginia Commonwealth University's New Institute for Contemporary Art to Open in 2018

The Virginia Commonwealth University has announced that it will open its new Institute for Contemporary Art (ICA) in April 2018. Designed by Steven Holl Architects, the new noncollecting contemporary arts institution will be free to the public.

“We need institutions dedicated to creative, civil, and intellectually grounded discourse now more than ever,” said ICA director Lisa Freiman. “When the ICA opens in April, it will become a platform for open dialogue and sharing perspectives. We can’t wait to welcome Richmond, VCU, and the world into the ICA and begin engaging our visitors through contemporary art and ideas.”

The university successfully completed a \$37 million capital campaign in support of construction for the new 41,000-square-foot building, which will be located at the Markel Center at the intersection of Belvidere and Broad Streets. It has also launched an endowment campaign, for which it hopes to raise \$12 million. The ICA will boast a thirty-three-foot-high central forum and flexible gallery spaces that will support exhibitions, performances, films, and other interdisciplinary programs.