

New labs fuel Tulane's continued downtown expansion

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Tulane University leaders came together to celebrate the debut of the newly renovated fifth floor in Hutchinson Memorial Building. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

A bright collaboration area on the newly renovated 7th floor.

New workspaces on the 7th floor.

Two researchers walk past labs on the newly renovated 7th floor of the Hutchinson building.

Tulane University is entering a pivotal moment in its presence in downtown New Orleans. Not only is the university planning the multi-million-dollar redevelopment of the former Charity Hospital building, but it is also nearing completion of its most significant renovation in nearly a century at the Hutchinson Memorial Building, home to the School of Medicine since 1930.

“The transformed space is almost as large as the Steven and Jann Paul Hall for Science and Engineering on the uptown campus,” Tulane President Michael A. Fitts said. “This project is the equivalent of adding a new building to our downtown

campus. Its scale and scope strengthen Tulane's commitment to bringing researchers from a wide array of fields and specialties together to discover the cures and treatments of tomorrow." [Read the full story here.](#)