

# ECUAD receives \$7-million gift to kick off Big Idea funding drive

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A Vancouver developer has donated \$7 million to Emily Carr University of Art and Design. Reliance Properties' gift, the largest ever given to an arts-only university in Canada, will help build the Libby Leshgold Gallery and Reliance Lecture Theatre at ECUAD's new Great Northern Way campus. The theatre and the gallery will host university events as well as provide space for public social interaction. ECUAD President Ron Burnett described the gift as "transformative" and "unparalleled." ECUAD Chancellor John C Kerr added, "This is the largest [donation] of its kind and is an absolutely auspicious way to commemorate the public launch of this campaign ... This is an exceptional level of philanthropy and sets a new standard for Canada and the arts." With the new donation, Emily Carr has raised \$15 million of its \$25 million campaign goal. The Great Northern Way campus is scheduled to open in 2016.

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