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EAU CLAIRE — Governor Tony Evers today announced that his capital budget will include a \$109 million investment to help the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire replace Phillips Hall with a new Science and Health Sciences building, ensuring their ability to maintain world-class research and teaching in STEM and health sciences fields.

The project, a collaboration with Mayo Clinic, is critical to ensuring the stability of northwestern Wisconsin's science teaching, research, and healthcare needs.

Mayo Clinic's contribution to the project will allow their top researchers to work alongside UW-Eau Claire's talented students and faculty in a visionary, flexible research building, helping Wisconsin recruit physicians and researchers eager to be involved in the creation of new knowledge in addition to clinical practice.

"This partnership embodies the Wisconsin Idea, benefiting not only students but the communities they go on to serve after graduation," Gov. Evers said. "The state's investment will leverage taxpayer dollars to support the Chippewa Valley's emergence as a healthcare innovation hub, while also investing in a visionary campus that is tackling some of the most pressing healthcare and technology issues facing rural Wisconsinites."

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Since 2013, more than 225 organizations, government agencies, and businesses consulted programs in Phillips Hall for their expertise or collaborated with student researchers.

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