Steinhardt Museum of Natural History  
Tel Aviv, Israel

This building will serve two distinct purposes, containing a public section open to visitors and a section for academic research intended for use by permanent staff. It is designed to separate these two functions through different areas of activity as well as different patterns of circulation. Yet in designated areas, the two functions will meet in a series of orchestrated vistas, enriching the experience of the visitor and revealing the work of the scientists. Visitors will enter the building via the large entrance plaza overlooking the botanical gardens and with a series of terraces providing shade for visitors prior to entry. Inside, ramps will lead through the various types of exhibits. In this way, a visitor passes from light to darkness, from open to enclosed spaces, and from small exhibits to diorama-type exhibits.
**Project Facts**

**Competition name:** Steinhardt Museum of Natural History Competition.
**Competition-organizer / Client:** Tel Aviv University.
**Year of the competition:** 2009.
**Competition scale:** invited, national, 5 entries.
**Award:** 1st prize.
**Realization:** yes, by 2012.
**Total area:** 7,000 m².