

UC Santa Barbara Henley Hall

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

YEAR 2018–2020
SIZE 1.25 acres
USE Academic mixed-use, walking paths, bike parking, courtyard, outdoor seating

MAJOR AWARDS

2021 AIA Pennsylvania Merit Award
2021 AIA Pennsylvania COTE Award of Excellence
2021 AIA Philadelphia Gold Medal
2021 AIA Philadelphia Sustainability Award
2021 AIA Santa Barbara Honor Award
2021 Chicago Athenaeum American Architecture Award

Henley Hall provides a new home for UCSB's Institute for Energy Efficiency (IEE), a world-ranked program whose facilities were previously dispersed across eight different buildings. The new facility allows for increased research efforts, and features a lecture hall, laboratories, conference rooms, and offices with three levels of collaborative space. The 50,000 SF addition was completed in Fall 2020 and achieved LEED Platinum certification. It is regarded as the most sustainable building project in the university's history.



- + Sited along the exterior edge of campus, Henley Hall balances the natural landscape with a contemporary campus-facing design.
- + Bike parking and new pathways that improve circulation were integrated within the site's grading constraints.
- + The site's proximity to a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA) required significant coordination with the Coastal Commission.
- + OJB protected and recovered existing habitats through tree preservation, and a modification of the existing campus palette to include species of the Fynbos ecoregion that are able to adapt and thrive in Santa Barbara's climate.
- + A flexible tree-covered courtyard maximizes open space and creates a cool, inviting, and rejuvenating public space.

