

2016-2017 FY Sustainability Rankings, Ratings, and Awards

I. RANKINGS & RATINGS

- UC Davis was declared the [greenest university in the world](#) in the 2016 University of Indonesia GreenMetric Rankings
- [2017 Sierra Cool Schools List](#)
UC Irvine was ranked 8th, placing in the top 10 for the eighth consecutive year. Sierra highlighted Irvine's power to gas hydrogen pipeline injection project, the first in the United States. UC Santa Cruz and UC Merced placed 18th and 84th respectively.
- UCSB was recognized as a Gold Level Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists. The campus has held this designation since 2011, when the award was first launched
- [2017 Princeton Review Top Green Colleges](#)
UC Davis was ranked 10th, and UC Santa Cruz was ranked 13th in The Princeton Review's Top 50 Green Colleges. UC Irvine made The Princeton Review's Green Honor Roll for the 5th consecutive year, earning the highest possible green rating score of 99 points.
- UCSF was named 2017 Best Workplace for Commuters by the Center for Urban Transportation Research
- [UC San Diego won the 2017 IBCON Digital Innovation Award](#) for Most Intelligent College Campus for its microgrid and energy management innovations.
- UC Merced, UC San Diego, and UC Santa Barbara were named 2017 Climate Leadership finalists by Second Nature

II. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

A. *Climate and Energy*

- UCSD was the 2016 Energy Champion of Higher Education at San Diego Gas and Electric's 11th annual Energy Showcase
- Lawrence Berkeley National Lab and the Energy Technologies area of Berkeley Lab were awarded funding by the Department of Energy to begin a multi-year research project on the deployment of advanced mechanical and lighting system controls in a large office space
- [UC Merced's Associate Professor Gerardo Diaz](#) received a \$1 million dollar contract from the California Energy Commission to install his solar powered water heating technology in residential and commercial buildings
- UC San Diego won the 1st National Freezer Challenge, which promotes best practices around cold storage management, and is sponsored by the International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories and My Green Lab
- US Energy Department recognized UC Berkeley for leadership in [Campus-Wide Energy Innovations](#)

B. Green Buildings and Landscape

- UCLA Green Buildings received several awards
 - [Luskin Conference Center](#) - LA Business Council LA County Sustainability Award
 - [Semel IPCN](#) - Platinum Recognition USGBC-LA Municipal Green Building Conference
 - [Jules Stein Eye Institute Renovation](#) - Westside Urban Forum Design Honor Award - Built
 - [Ostin Basketball Practice Facility](#) - Westside Urban Forum Design Honor Award - Unbuilt
 - [Hitch Suites and Commons](#) - 2016 USGBC-LA Sustainable Innovation Award, Material and Resources Merit
 - [The Meyer and Renee Luskin Conference Center](#), one of the few Platinum certified hospitality projects in the nation won a sustainability award at the LA Architectural Awards
- UC San Diego's was awarded the [USG National Association of College Directors of Athletics \(NACDA\) Sustainability Award](#) for work on the Spanos Athletic Performance Center
- UCSB won a 2017 Best Practice Award in Lighting Design and Retrofits for the Student Affairs and Administrative Services Building Advanced Lighting and Controls Project
- UC Irvine's Mesa Court Towers received the Best Practice Award for Overall Sustainable Design at the 2017 California Higher Education Sustainability Conference
- Berkeley's Lower Sproul Redevelopment project received the first ever [Jury's Choice Award](#) by the Society of College and University Planning (SCUP)
- [UCLA's water reclamation program](#), which saves over 28 million gallons a year, won Water Efficiency Project of the Year from the LA Better Buildings Challenge

C. Waste

- [UC Berkeley and UCLA recognized in Pac-12 and Green Sports Alliance Road to Zero Waste Bowl](#)
Berkeley won the competition for the third year in a row, UCLA received the Most Improved award, with a nearly 50% increase in its diversion rate to 63.9%.
- UC Santa Cruz was awarded an Environmental Impact Achievement award from the [Kimberly-Clark RightCycle Program](#) for diverting 1620 pounds of single-use recyclable laboratory gloves from landfill
- [UC Davis](#) was the US EPA Food Recovery Challenge Source Reduction Winner and won 2nd place in Organics Reduction (Per Capita) and Conference Diversion rate in the 2016 Game Day Recycling Challenge
- UC Irvine placed 5th in Recyclemania, a national collegiate recycling competition, for Total Recycled Material and 7th in Campus Total Diversion Rate amongst 214 schools.

D. Transportation

- [UC San Diego received a 2016 Diamond Award](#), Platinum Tier, from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) in recognition of the campus' commitment to alternative forms of transportation
- [UCLA became the first public university in California with electric buses](#), replacing the only remaining diesel buses in the fleet with two zero-emission electric buses

- The Pump2Plug Electric Vehicle Adoption Program at UC Irvine is recognized as the first university incentive program for EV adoption through the replacement of gas powered vehicles

E. Healthcare

- [The Bulk Sterilizer replacement project](#) at UCSF was a CHESC Best Practice Award Winner, it will save an estimated 10 to 12 million gallons of water a year
- UCSF Health System was awarded both the Practice Greenhealth Emerald Award and the Greening the OR Award
- [UCSF's Matthew State Lab](#) become the first laboratory to achieve a LivingGreen Lab Platinum level certification
- UCLAH received the Partners for Change Award and the Making Medicine Mercury Free Awards from Practice Greenhealth