

MIT Graduate Student Housing

Cambridge, MA

The new MIT Graduate Student Housing on Vassar Street features an outdoor multimodal connection between two new residence halls, central gathering space for pedestrians and bikers, and a multi-use platform with an open lawn area that could be used for community events.

Gathering space for students abound in courtyards to the east and west sides of the area and stoops for units on the north side. The north side of the residence building also contains private, gated amenity areas.

The project site borders a rail line and the historic Fort Washington Park district. OJB worked to connect the buildings through a Center Plaza to Fort Washington Park by using a distinctive paving pattern and an urban grove comprised of honeylocust trees. Along Vassar are courtyards for informal student gatherings featuring a raingarden system, breaking down the long facades of the buildings while still meeting streetscape standards.

OJB has worked through a number of opportunities to meet challenges on this project, including managing the scale and balancing public thoroughfares with spaces intended for the student residents, creating a lush campus environment and sense of place for all.

Client

KieranTimberlake

Size

2.2 acres

Team

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