

# UC San Diego North Torrey Pines Living Learning Neighborhood

La Jolla, CA

*The Living and Learning Neighborhood gives a locus to interdisciplinary collaboration – a foundation for innovation and discovery.*

Our work at UCSD over the past 15 years has catalyzed campus activation and landscape opportunities, while connecting networks and preserving ecological character. These planning blueprints are now coming into sharp focus in a new model for academic collaboration and residence life. Focusing on the arts and humanities, the Living and Learning Neighborhood gives a locus to interdisciplinary collaboration – a foundation for innovation and discovery. Covering more than 10 acres, the program integrates 2,000 residential beds with dining facilities, academic facilities, retail and community support spaces, a below-grade garage and a craft center, all with a walkable and open character.

As the new Sixth College at UCSD, the focus on interaction was an intentional signal by the University that learning happens in all moments of residential and academic life – both inside buildings and immersed in the outdoors. Connective pathways and open spaces are as critical to fostering community as the building program. The design includes outdoor classroom spaces, event lawns, a performance area, community gardens, roof terraces, basketball courts, and two large public plazas. Additionally, the neighborhood includes bike parking for all 2,000 residents, as part of the University’s larger initiative to increase connectivity, activation, and student wellness.

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## Client

University of California San Diego

## Size

7.3 acres

## Dates

2017 - 2021

## Team

Architect: HKS Architects, Safdie Rabines Architects  
Civil Engineer: Michael Baker International  
Structural Engineer: Magnusson Klemencic Associates  
MEP Engineer: McParlane & Associates  
Lighting Designer: Elen Consulting  
Irrigation Designer: Sweeney & Associates  
Graphics/Wayfinding: RSM Design  
General Contractor: Clark Construction

## LEED

Gold

## Awards

San Diego Architectural Foundation 2021 Orchid Award  
San Diego Green Building Council, LEED BD+C Registered Built Merit Award  
San Diego Green Building Council, Most Efficient EUI Built Merit Award

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