

# 2015-2016 FY Sustainability Rankings, Ratings, and Awards

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## I. RANKINGS & RATINGS

- UCLA achieved the designation of [Fair Trade University](#), becoming the largest Fair Trade University in the nation.
- UC Davis achieved top spot as the “Most Sustainable University in the World” in the seventh annual [GreenMetric Global Ranking](#), a survey of more than 400 colleges conducted by the University of Indonesia that lauded UC Davis’s teaching, research, campus lifestyle and management. The university has previously placed [third](#).
- [2016 Sierra Cool Schools List](#)  
UC Irvine was ranked 3rd, placing in the top 10 for the eighth consecutive year. Sierra highlighted Irvine’s progress towards reducing single occupancy vehicle commuting and leadership in green buildings and energy efficiency. UC Davis placed 8th, and UCSC placed 18th respectively.
- In the [2016 Princeton Review Top 50 Green Colleges](#), UC Santa Cruz placed 7th, while UC Santa Barbara took 13th place.
- UC Riverside was highlighted in the Campus Engagement section of the [2016 AASHE Sustainable Campus Index](#) for its Green Lab Program and three campuses (Merced, Riverside, and Santa Cruz) were recognized for their investment and finance approaches.
- UC Riverside earned its first STARS Gold rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. UC Merced achieved a Gold rating as well.

## II. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### *A. Climate and Energy*

- UC San Diego received commendation as the 2016 Energy Champion of Higher Education at San Diego Gas & Electric’s annual Energy Showcase.
- UC San Diego became a founding member of the White House’s MetroLab Network to research, develop and deploy innovative technologies to address pressing sustainability challenges like climate change.
- UC Merced was a Second Nature 2015 Climate Leadership Awards Finalist.
- UCLA was recognized by the LA Department of Water and Power as first in Energy Efficiency and third in Water Efficiency in their inaugural citywide sustainability awards.

### *B. Green Buildings and Landscape*

- The University of California added over 2 million square feet of LEED-certified buildings in 2015-16 such that almost 20 percent of UC’s building space is now LEED-certified.
- Completed in fall 2015, UC Santa Barbara’s Sierra Madre Villages is the first residential complex in the UC system to attain LEED for Homes Platinum certification.

- UC Merced earned recognition from the USGBC Central California for Owner with Most LEED Buildings Award.
- UCLA received a building award for Best Design Project from the LA Business Council.

### **C. Waste**

- UC Berkeley won the 2015 and 2016 PAC-12 Zero Waste Challenges, as well as the Recyclemania title for the fourth straight year.
- UC Davis tied for second place in Recyclemania's "Basketball Diversion Rate" category.

### **D. Transportation**

- UC Irvine was awarded the EPA "Clean Air Excellence Award" for its Sustainable Transportation program as well as the "Best Workplaces for Commuters" (part of the National Center for Transit Research "Best Of" standing in the University category).
- UC Davis campus fleet received Tier 3 Fleet Sustainability accreditation from the National Association of Fleet Administrators (NAFA).
- UCLA received the 2015 NAFA Pacific Southwest Chapter Sustainable Fleet Award, operating more alternative-fueled vehicles than any other UC campus.
- UC San Diego received a Diamond Award at the Platinum Level from the San Diego Association of Governments and the regional Commute program as recognition for its alternative transportation programs.
- Six UC campuses have been recognized as Bicycle Friendly Universities by the League of American Bicyclists (Platinum: UC Davis; Gold: UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara; Silver: UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Santa Cruz).

### **E. Healthcare**

- UCSF Health System was named one of the 50 Greenest Hospitals in America for the second year by Becker's Hospital Review. UCSF also received REAL certification from the U.S. Healthful Food Council, the first health care organization to receive this recognition.
- UCLA Medical Centers Ronald Reagan and Santa Monica both received the Practice Greenhealth Partner in Change award for the sixth year in a row, and the Santa Monica Medical Center was also recognized as a 2016 Grand Prize Winner at the annual Santa Monica Sustainable Quality Awards.
- UCSF Medical Center won two Circles of Excellence Awards from Practice Greenhealth for Climate and Green Buildings as well as recognition for Greening the OR.