

2017-2018 FY Sustainability Rankings, Ratings, and Awards

I. Rankings & Ratings

- UC Irvine received an AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) STARS (Sustainability Tracking and Assessment Rating System) Platinum Rating in March 2018. It is the 4th campus in the world to receive a Platinum rating. A 2018 STARS Gold rating was awarded to UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, and UC San Diego. UC Riverside, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Merced received Gold STARS ratings in 2016.
- [2018 Sustainable Campus Index](#) (SCI) ratings, as measured by AASHE STARS.
 - UC Santa Barbara, San Diego, and Irvine tied for the #5 top performer of all STARS-ranked institutions for Investment & Finance, and UC Santa Cruz, Riverside, and Merced were all designated as #10.
 - UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara were designated as the #1 and #3 top performers for Buildings, respectively.
 - UC San Diego and UC Irvine tied for first as the #1 top performers for Research.
 - UC Santa Barbara was designated as the #8 top performer for Waste (reduction).
 - UC Riverside was designated as the #8 top performer for Public Engagement.
 - UC Irvine was designated as the #2 for Coordination & Planning, #5 for Diversity & Affordability, #6 for Transportation, and #10 for Curriculum.
- [2018 Sierra Cool Schools List](#)

UC Irvine tied for first as the coolest school in the nation. This is the third time UCI has achieved the top ranking, and the ninth consecutive year in Sierra's top 10. UCI's net-zero-emission housing construction and a pioneering power-to-gas hydrogen-pipeline injection project were highlighted. UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, UC San Diego, and UC Riverside ranked 34th, 36th, 44th, and 93rd in the nation, respectively.
- [2018 Princeton Review Green Colleges](#)

UC Davis ranked 11th, UC Santa Cruz ranked 16th, and UC Santa Barbara ranked 26th in The Princeton Review's Top 50 Green Colleges. UC Irvine made The Princeton Review Green Honor Roll for the 6th consecutive year, earning the highest possible green rating score of 99 points.
- UC Davis was recognized as the third greenest university in the world in the [2017 University of Indonesia GreenMetric Rankings](#).

II. Awards & Recognition

A. *Climate and Energy*

- The University of California was honored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with a [2018 Green Power Leadership Award](#) for its strong commitment to using clean, renewable energy sources.
- In June 2018, UC San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography climate scientist Veerabhadran Ramanathan shared the [\\$1.33M Tang Prize in Sustainable Development](#) with former NASA climate scientist and advocate James Hansen “for their pioneering work on climate change and its impact on the sustainability of the earth.”

B. *Green Buildings and Operations*

- UCLA Wasserman Football Center was awarded the 2018 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) / USG Corporation [Sustainability Award](#).
- UC Merced’s new Downtown Campus Center won a [2018 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Award](#) for “Smart Growth.”
- The Medical Sciences C Deferred Maintenance and Smart Lab Retrofit at UC Irvine received the 2018 CHESC Best Practice Award for Energy Efficiency at the Building Level.

C. *Healthcare*

- UC San Diego Health won an [ASHE Energy to Care 2018 Award](#) for reducing the energy use intensity (EUI) of the La Jolla campus by 14%.
- For the second year in a row, UCSF Health won the Practice Greenhealth Emerald Award.
- UCLA Health received the 2018 Practice Greenhealth Emerald Award in recognition of its efforts to support sustainability and environmental stewardship.
- UC Davis Health was awarded the Green California 2018 Leadership Award.
- UC Davis Health received the Practice Greenhealth 2018 Partner for Health Environmental Excellence Award.
- UC San Diego Health won a 2018 Practice Greenhealth Partner for Change Award.

D. *Procurement*

- UC Santa Barbara received a Two-Star [EPEAT Purchaser Award](#) from the Green Electronics Council for its leadership in the procurement of sustainable IT products. UCSB was recognized for its purchases in two IT product categories: PCs and Displays, and Imaging Equipment.
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory was a Four Star Award Winner for the 2018 EPEAT Purchaser Award.
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory won the GreenBuy Gold Award for FY2017.
- UC Irvine received an “A+” rating on the PETA 2 Vegan Report Card, and UC Davis received an “A” rating.
- UC Irvine was designated a Fair Trade University in May of 2018.

- UCOP, UC San Diego, and UC Santa Barbara received recognition from I2SL (International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories) for leadership in sustainable procurement for laboratories.

E. Transportation

- UC Santa Barbara was named a Gold Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists.
- UC San Diego is the first higher education institution to receive a [2018 Grid Edge Innovation Award](#) for its innovative research, development and commercialization of smart electric vehicle charging.
- UC San Diego received a [2017 San Diego Regional Clean Cities Coalition Green Fleet Leadership Award](#) for its fleet of electric, compressed natural gas, hybrid, and biofuel vehicles.

F. Waste

- UC Merced received \$100,000 for a CalRecycle Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant 2018.
- UC Berkeley achieved its 4th consecutive victory in the [Pac-12 Road to Zero Waste Competition](#) on February 24, 2018, during the men's basketball game against University of Washington with a 95.4% diversion rate.

G. Water

- UC San Diego received the 2018 Industrial Environmental Association (IEA) Earth Month Award for expanding the use of recycled water to replace cooling tower potable water, reducing annual potable water use by more than 60 million gallons.
- UCLA was given the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 2018 Sustainability Award in Water Efficiency for a water reclamation program.

H. Additional Sustainability Achievements

- UCLA was honored with the inaugural [Excellence in Sustainability Award](#) from NACUBO (National Association of College and University Business Officers). The award honored overall programs.
- *Money Magazine* listed UC San Diego in the No. 2 spot in its [2018 Best Colleges for Your Money ranking](#), joining *The New York Times*, *Washington Monthly*, and other organizations in ranking the university highly for serving high numbers of low-income students and ensuring their success as college graduates.
 - *Money Magazine* also ranked UC Irvine as 3rd, UCLA as 4th, UC Berkeley as 7th, UC Davis as 11th, UC Riverside as 32nd, UC Santa Barbara as 38th, and UC Santa Cruz as 96th.
- The Joint Genome Institute (JGI) received honorable mention for their entry in the North American Freezer Challenge where they collected points for their efforts such as cleaning out freezers, inventorying samples, and migrating samples from -80°C to -70°C freezers.