

UC IRVINE ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

2020–2021

Two-time recipient of the **AASHE STARS Platinum** rating (2018 & 2021); UCI's 2021 sustainability report received the **highest score ever** obtained by an institution.

UCI is **No. 2** in Sierra magazine's 2021 'Cool Schools', 12 straight years being in the top 10.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Certified as a **Bee Campus USA**, a student-led effort to educate the campus community on the environmental importance of bees.

STAFF ENGAGEMENT



Established the online **Sustainability Fundamentals Training for Staff**, providing an overview of sustainability and simple actions that can be integrated on campus, remotely, or hybrid.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Developed the **Health Equity Contact Tracing Workshop** in partnership with the OC Health Care Agency and the OC Health Equity COVID-19 Community-Academic Partnership, providing education about the pandemic and contact tracing assistance.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Over **\$112 million** was dedicated to offer grants to **low and middle income students** to minimize their cost of attendance, reduce the need for borrowing, and promote access and affordability.



TRANSPORTATION

Awarded the **2020 Fleet Merit Award and Green Fleet Award** from The NAFA Fleet Management Association, recognizing UCI's reduction in fuel consumption and use of electrified student transportation.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The **UCI Green Labs** program transitioned to a successful online certification format, certifying five labs (the most labs certified over the course of an academic year).



GREEN BUILDINGS

UCI has **21 LEED Platinum** buildings, with the Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building obtaining the most recent certification.



WASTE REDUCTION

Awarded the **2021 Winner for the "Large Campus Food Organics Category"** in the Campus Race to Zero Waste; and maintained an **80% waste diversion rate** throughout the pandemic.



DINING

UCI Dining added **200 new plant-forward menu items** making 30% of campus dining options vegan- or vegetarian-friendly.



WELLBEING

UCI is among the inaugural US cohort to adopt the **Okanagan Charter**, recognizing a dedication to infusing health and wellbeing into the campus environment.

