



## Triton Center

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What is the purpose of Triton Center?**

Triton Center is dedicated to expanded and centralized support for students at the heart of the UC San Diego campus. The Student Health and Well-Being Building will consolidate and expand access to health, mental health and well-being resources. This includes urgent care, primary care, pharmacy services, wellness and the new home of [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) (CAPS). Co-locating mental health and medical providers facilitates improved access to both services, increased referral completion rates from both provider areas, improved collaboration of care for co-treatment and immediate access to urgent consults and referrals.

In addition, to further students' academic success and personal development, the Student Academic Resources Building will feature an expansion of the [Teaching + Learning Commons](#) program and facilities for the [Transfer Student Success Hub](#), [Global Initiatives](#) and campus support and administration. The tutoring and academic counseling provided by the Teaching + Learning Commons has helped improve graduation rates and shorten time-to-degree.

Triton Center will also include an Alumni and Welcome Center, serving as a home away from home for our alumni as well as an engaging campus gateway for students, faculty, staff and visitors alike. A multipurpose building with a 500-person event space and art gallery will provide space for celebration and connection.

Student Academic Resources Building/ six stories / approx. 126,000 square feet

Student Health and Well Being Building/ four stories / approx. 88,700 square feet

Alumni and Welcome Center/ six stories / approx. 34,000 square feet

Multipurpose Building/ four stories / approx. 70,000 square feet

The project will also feature a total of 5,500 square feet of retail space. The four buildings of Triton Center are designed to create an integrated, energetic central hub for UC San Diego, and finally assigns the main campus address of 9500 Gilman Drive to a specific location.

#### **What is the timeline of this project?**

Construction started in the summer of 2023, and the project is anticipated to open in 2026.

#### **What are some of the design elements in the project?**

The four buildings of Triton Center house distinct programs, with complimentary architecture that takes care to differentiate each of the buildings surrounding the central plaza. The design of the Alumni and Welcome Center features a six-story, 34,000-square-foot tower wrapped in a special transparent shade screen, a media mesh that can display visuals, acting as a beacon. The public realm is as important a design feature of Triton Center as the buildings, with a central plaza designed for gathering and making connections.

### **Are there any green features in this project?**

The project is targeting Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. Design aspects provide abundant daylight in nearly all occupied spaces, increased indoor fresh air and low-flow water fixtures. Orientation-specific window-to-wall ratio and solar shading improves thermal comfort, reduces peak energy loads and annual energy use. Additionally, the exterior plant selection leads to a 50% landscape water use reduction, recycled for irrigation.

This welcoming epicenter for campus activity is close to multiple bus and shuttle routes at the Gilman Transit Center and also the Central Campus station of the UC San Diego Blue Line trolley. Emphasis is placed on accessible pedestrian and micromobility routes connecting to Triton Center. Rupertus Lane, the primary east/west route to and from the Central Campus trolley station will be transformed with new paving, lighting and landscaping. New pathways will also facilitate north/south travel between Gilman Transit Center and the rest of the campus.

### **How many parking spaces are included in the design?**

Parking is necessary to meet the specific needs of Triton Center visitors, including alumni, donors, prospective students and their families. Triton Center includes an above ground parking structure with approximately 175 spaces and additional parking is available a five-minute walk away at the Gilman Parking Structure.

### **What used to be on the project site?**

A collection of eight low-density facilities were on the nine-acre project site. They were among the oldest buildings on campus, constructed in 1942 when the land was still part of U.S. Marine rifle range Camp Matthews. The buildings were outdated, insufficient to meet current needs and continued to deteriorate. Some of the structures were already vacant due to health and safety concerns.

### **What is the project cost?**

The project cost is \$428 million, which includes \$30 million in state funding (State General Fund) for the Student Health and Well-Being Building, thanks to the support of Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins.

### **What can the University Center District expect during construction?**

Every effort will be made to minimize construction impacts in the area. Measures to minimize construction impacts include, but are not limited to:

- Outfitting equipment with manufacturer-approved sound abatement measures where possible

- Limiting construction hours to 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday - Saturday, except when absolutely necessary.
- Limiting the staging of construction trucks in surrounding areas.
- Working with UC San Diego Facilities Management to increase filtration on mechanical systems in nearby buildings

**Where can I get more information?**

In addition to sharing information at community meetings and open houses, the university maintains comprehensive websites with project information. Please refer to the [PlanDesignBuild.ucsd.edu](http://PlanDesignBuild.ucsd.edu) website for detailed information on [Triton Center](#) and other current construction projects that are enabling UC San Diego's physical, cultural and intellectual transformation.