

Renovation of UBC NRC Building and Conversion to Secondary School

University Hill Secondary (NRC Building at UBC)

3250 East Mall, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1W5



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

The existing National Research Council (NRC) building at UBC is being converted and expanded to replace the existing University Hill secondary school at 2898 Acadia Road.

The building is a two storey structure. The exterior materials reflect those on the existing building but with transparent glazing introduced instead of the existing opaque tinted glass. Building entrances are easily identifiable, incorporating canopies and colour accents to assist wayfinding.

The multi-purpose room and south entry plaza face a large community open space. Classroom spaces are designed as integrated Learning Communities that are grouped around shared common spaces. The library is in the second floor rotunda area with an open Learning Lounge located below. This area is intended for individuals, small groups and teachers to pursue their projects.

SCHOOL FACTS

Working Capacity: 1000 student spaces

Grades: 9 - 12

Project Status: Completed 2013

Design Firm/Lead Architects: Graham Hoffart
Mathiasen Architects

Architectural Style: Contemporary