

THE AWARDS 2021

Outstanding Estates Team

Institution name	Canterbury Christ Church University
Submission title or project name	Verena Holmes Building
Nominee/key personnel	Stephen Hawkins Assistant Director of Estates and Facilities and the wider Estates and Facilities Team.
URL	https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/student-life/our-locations/canterbury-campus/verena-holmes-building
Submission	<p>Collaborative design, sustainable development and a strong commitment to providing an excellent student experience, is fundamental to the work of Canterbury Christ Church University's Estates Team and the delivery of our 15-year Estate Master Plan to transform our city campus.</p> <p>Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, the team embraced and energetically delivered on these principles, delivering a £65m STEM Building in a World Heritage Site setting.</p> <p>The Verena Holmes Building, which opened in January 2021, is critical to the university's new STEM provision, realising a six-year regional vision for future workforce transformation in science, engineering, technology and medicine.</p> <p>Working with over 100 staff and students to design the building, infrastructure and specialist facilities, the team excelled at partnership working and dynamic problem solving. Rigorously managed during a uniquely challenging year for building projects, the team's positivity and inclusive approach ensured the successful and efficient delivery of this unique Kent and Medway facility.</p>