

Imperial College London, School of Public Health

A new facility to lead the way in healthcare research and education

£45m

/ Project value

June 2021

/ The build commenced

March 2024

/ The build completed

The new School of Public Health, located at Imperial's White City Campus, is a nine-storey, 58,000 sq ft building creating a new home for researchers, health workers and students to tackle society's most pressing public health challenges.

Two floors cater to postgraduate education, accommodating up to 200 students, as well as healthcare professionals, offering a modern learning environment with adaptable spaces. The remaining floors house offices, meeting rooms, plant space, and bike storage facilities.

The brief

Imperial wanted an innovative, interconnected and dedicated centre for the School of Public Health built at its White City Campus to bring scientists, researchers and students together in one place for the first time. This new state-of-the-art facility would enable research to thrive, positioning itself as a catalyst for positive change in public health.



"We take great pride in the fact we helped to build this transformative new facility, which unites research, education, and collaboration under one roof to support learning at the highest possible level."

Pat O'Hare
Regional Director for Building at GRAHAM

“The new School of Public Health building at the heart of Imperial’s White City Campus marks the realisation of a long standing vision to create a state of the art home for the School. This facility puts us in the strongest possible position to address the most pressing public health challenges at a local, national and international level.”

Neil Ferguson
Director, School of Public Health

The challenges

The project, initiated during the height of COVID restrictions, is located in the centre of Imperial’s White City Campus. It is surrounded by occupied academic and accommodation buildings, with hundreds of students and staff moving through daily. Due to the existing services infrastructure on the campus, it was impossible to place the tower crane outside the building’s footprint, preventing the building from being weather-tight until the tower crane was removed.

The solution

Weekly communication with the campus ensured a two-way flow of information, keeping the campus informed about on-site activities and allowing GRAHAM to stay updated on campus events. This co-ordination helped tailor our activities to Imperial’s needs.

During the design stage of the Reinforced Concrete Frame, GRAHAM decided to move the crane to the top of the lift shaft core once it was constructed. This decision allowed the building to be made weather-tight much faster than if the crane had remained on its original foundation at the basement level.

Additional temporary reinforcements to the lift cores and a steel grillage bolted to the top enabled the crane’s repositioning, facilitating the completion of the roof and the building’s fit-out.

Outputs & Benefits

- / **Flexibility and modern design:** The new building is a hive of flexible and dynamic spaces that can be adapted for various uses, including teaching, research, and community outreach.
- / **Enhanced collaboration:** It brings together world-leading public health researchers, academics, students and the local community under one roof, fostering closer collaboration and knowledge sharing across teams and disciplines.
- / **State-of-the-art facilities:** The building features cutting-edge amenities designed to support advancements in genomics, data sciences, community engagement and education.



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