

**Steven Holl and Perry Dean Rogers & Partners**



**Simmons Hall  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA**

Designed by architect Steven Holl in collaboration with Perry Dean Rogers & Partners, this ten-story dormitory accommodates 350 undergraduates, housemasters, visiting scholars and graduate assistants. The design created an interior, punctuated by atriums and terraces, that is open to light and air, and promotes a sense of community that strengthens MIT's student life agenda. The project was occupied in August 2002 and public spaces were completed in the fall of 2002.

Documentation is currently being prepared to submit Simmons Hall for LEED certification. Features include a unique exposed concrete structural system that integrates a ventilation system with 6000 operable windows and solar shading. An innovative ventilation/dehumidification system for peak cooling periods allows year-around usage without air conditioning.

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