To encourage interaction and collaboration among three different cancer-related research departments, Rafael Viñoly Architects designed the Helen Diller Family Cancer Research Building as two interlocking, five-story, L-shaped wings, one containing research labs, the other containing offices for principal investigators and research fellows. A five-story atrium is enclosed in the residual space between the two wings. This design strategy not only maximizes contact between researchers, but also reflects the varied urban context that surrounds the building.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, HELEN DILLER FAMILY CANCER RESEARCH BUILDING
San Francisco, California, USA

FACTS + FIGURES

Completion
2008

Size
174,020 gsm

Awards
Outstanding Architectural Design, Best of 2009, Northern California, California Construction Magazine, 2009
Winner, Higher Education/Research, Best of 2009, Northern California, California Construction Magazine, 2009

Media Coverage

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University of California, San Francisco

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WSP

Structural Engineer
Nabih Youssef Associates

Civil Engineer
KCA Engineers, Inc.

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Marta Fry Landscape Associates

Laboratory Planner
Jacobs

Associate Architect – Lab Interiors
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