Washington University | McKelvey Hall

St. Louis, MO

James M. McKelvey, Sr. Hall

Wash U.'s New Home for Computer Science & Engineering

On the northern edge of the park stands the James M. McKelvey, Sr. Hall, designed by Washington, D.C.–based Perkins Eastman. The new building is an amalgamation of styles: the outer perimeter matches the traditional Collegiate Gothic campus architecture with the red granite and limestone while the recently formed inner courtyard is clad in a modern and transparent glass facade.

Here again, the building is transitional in design but includes some Collegiate Gothic architecture, such as the WINCO 1450S Hung Replica energy-efficient windows styled with grids and trimmed in the classic Revere Gray finish. The 1450S Simulated Hung Replica series has the aesthetic of a hung window with the configuration of a fixed, projected, or casement window. The frame has a 4" depth and 1/8" wall thickness providing exceptional strength for a snug, durable fit into oversized sliding window openings that take advantage of daylight.

McKelvey strikes a metaphorical balance of tradition and modernity with Gothic and contemporary architecture. Faculty offices, research labs, work areas, and collaborative student spaces have a solid foundation along the masonry perimeter. In contrast, the contemporary, state-of-the-art computational research work areas fit neatly along the courtyard-facing, multi-story curtain wall.