The buildings at the University of Canterbury are as innovative as its students.

The University’s mathematics, statistics, and computer science building was declared the most significant example of world-standard environmental design built in New Zealand during the last 25 years, at the New Zealand Architectural Awards last night. Building architects Architectus, of Auckland, and Royal Associates, of Christchurch, were awarded the Owens Corning Silver Jubilee Award in recognition of their design. In awarding the prize, managing director of Owens Corning Asian Pacific Composite Systems Steven Zirkel said the building “addressed environmentally sustainable design in an integrated way that was significant at a number of levels”.