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BicyCAL Student Co-operative Berkley University

BicyCAL is a cooperatively run and student founded organization that offers peer-to-peer bicycle repair and maintenance education within UC Berkley campus. The co-operative has eight volunteers who work three hours per week on average at the UC Berkeley campus.

Mission

The mission of the BicyCAL is to provide a space where members of the community can learn how to maintain, operate and love their bicycles in an inclusive and safe space and aims to empower UCB students, faculty and staff to successfully integrate the bicycle into their daily life.

Beginnings

BicyCAL began three years ago as a bike share, which allowed students to rent bikes for \$15 to \$20 a semester. Justin Wiley, founded the co-op after winning \$10,000 from UC Berkeley's annual campus wide "Big Ideas" competition in 2008 for "improving student life."

Yet after running the bike share for two years, Wiley said the group realized there was a need for a bicycle maintenance program on campus, which resulted in a shift in the group's focus.

The co-op is currently able to provide free resources because of a \$12,000 grant from The Green Initiative Fund - a campus program supported by student fees that provides money for projects that make the campus more sustainable.

Sources: <http://ww.bicycal.com>

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<http://www.facebook.com/BicyCAL>

