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USC's Bustling Plaza Pairs Ancient European Architectural Details with Modern Functionality

In between the stately brick buildings and Romanesque architecture of the Ronald Tutor Campus Center at University of Southern California (USC), an airy, open plaza welcomes students, faculty, and visitors with graceful prestige. The courtyard's construction features high-set archways, commanding columns and a dramatic fountain that calls to mind ancient Roman architecture and the Italian city's erudite history.

Indeed, while the Tutor Campus Center inspires scholarly pursuits, the courtyard is also designed as an engaging plaza with open outdoor seating for working, lounge spaces for relaxing, and meeting areas for studying. For USC's recent Campus Center revamp, the talented team at Pacific Office Interiors was tasked with creating a fulfilling environment that flowed with the university's existing structures and enhanced the experience for the center's daily users as well as new visitors.

Working in collaboration with USC university personnel and JANUS et Cie, Pacific Office Interiors designed a welcoming yet highly functional installation offering scholars the ability to connect with nature by studying outdoors, grabbing lunch with fellow classmates, or meeting with faculty in a casual

setting. A multitude of umbrellas in USC's signature bright crimson provide some much-needed shade during warm Los Angeles summers while the center's modern furnishings revamp the traditional architectural details with contemporary touches. An open, free-form center adjacent to some of USC's most important buildings—admissions center, pharmacy, art exhibits—the plaza at Ronald Tutor Campus Center forms a bustling piazza, reminiscent of an ancient forum and early scholarly gathering spaces, sure to inspire the university's bright young minds.

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