

# At a Glance

Caltech is a world-renowned research and education institute. A purposely small, close-knit, and collaborative community, Caltech empowers the brightest minds to address fundamental scientific questions, develop cutting-edge technologies, and expand the horizons of human knowledge.

## RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

### Academic Divisions

- Biology & Biological Engineering
- Chemistry & Chemical Engineering
- Engineering & Applied Science
- Geological & Planetary Sciences
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Physics, Mathematics & Astronomy

26 undergraduate options (majors)  
27 graduate options

## FACULTY

323 professorial faculty  
558 postdoctoral scholars



3:1 student-faculty ratio

## HONORS

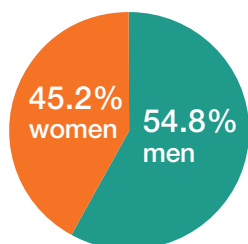


Nobel Laureates	49
National Medal of Science recipients	68
National Medal of Technology and Innovation recipients	15
Memberships in the National Academies	126

## STUDENTS

971 undergraduate students  
1,398 graduate students

Class of  
2029



- 11,285 applicants
- 248 students in the first-year class

# 91%

Percentage of undergraduates who participate in research

The median salary of a Caltech graduate six years after graduation is \$132,140. (Source: US News)

## THE CALTECH COMMITMENT

Caltech believes that qualified prospective and continuing students should not be prevented from attending the Institute because of financial concerns; Caltech offers comprehensive financial aid packages to make that possible.

Students receiving need-based assistance (Class of 2028)	51%
Average need-based scholarship or grant award (Class of 2028)	\$71,378
Average indebtedness for students graduating with loans (Class of 2024)	\$16,168
Undergraduates graduating without student loans (Class of 2024)	76%

### LIVING ALUMNI

Over 25,000 in the U.S. and around the world

### GLOBAL FACILITIES

#### Jet Propulsion Laboratory

- Founded by Caltech in the 1930s and managed for NASA since 1958
- Current missions include SPHEREx, Europa Clipper, Perseverance, NuSTAR, and NISAR
- More than 100 research and mission collaborations with Caltech faculty

#### Caltech Seismological Laboratory

- Internationally recognized for excellence in geophysical research
- Provides research centers for seismic studies, high-performance computing, mineral physics, and ice physics
- Preeminent source for earthquake information in Southern California and around the world

#### International Observatory Network

- W. M. Keck Observatory, Hawaii
- Palomar Observatory, California
- Owens Valley Radio Observatory, California
- Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO), Washington and Louisiana
- Chajnantor Observatory, Chile

### EMPLOYEES

Caltech	2,500
JPL	4,600

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

**2,000+**

Active US patents support the transfer of science and engineering knowledge created by Institute researchers to maximize societal impact



**100+**

Caltech-affiliated start-ups have launched over the past decade

**\$1.5 million**

Deployed by the Caltech Seed Fund each year to help promising Caltech-affiliated start-ups get off the ground

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