At a Glance

Caltech

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

27 academic options (programs)

FACULTY

323 professorial faculty
558 postdoctoral scholars

3:1 student-faculty ratio

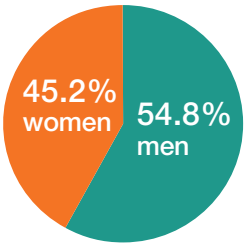
HONORS

Nobel Laureates	48
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 members of first-year class

91% Percentage of undergraduates who participate in research

From US News: The median salary of a Caltech graduate 6 years after graduation is $132,140.

AFFORDING CALTECH

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 (Fall 2024)	51%
Average need-based scholarship or grant award (Fall 2024)	$71,378
Average indebtedness for students graduating with loans (Class of 2024):	$16,168
Undergraduates graduating without student loans (Class of 2024):	75%

LIVING ALUMNI

Over 26,000 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 OCO-2
- 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

CALTECH'S OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

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

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