

At a Glance

HISTORY Founded as Throop University in 1891 in Pasadena, California, and renamed the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in 1920.

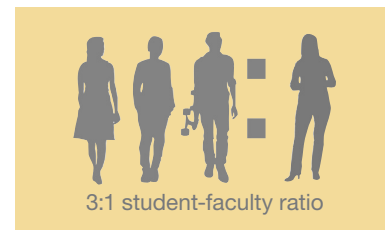
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Academic Divisions

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

28 academic options (programs)

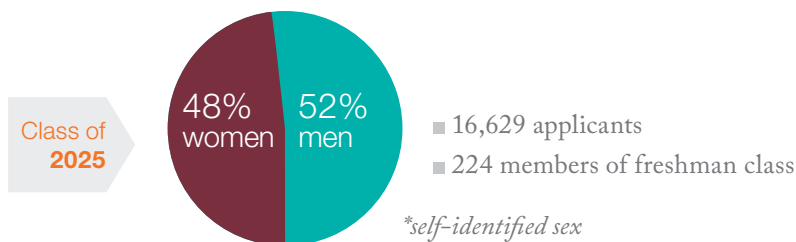
FACULTY¹ Approximately 300 professorial faculty
More than 600 research scholars



HONORS

Nobel Laureates ²	46
National Medal of Science recipients ²	64
National Medal of Technology and Innovation recipients ³	13
Memberships in the National Academies ³	122

STUDENTS¹ 982 undergraduate students
1,419 graduate students



Top-Caliber Undergraduates

99% placed in top tenth of high-school graduating class

The mission of the **California Institute of Technology** is to **expand human knowledge** and **benefit society** through research integrated with education. We investigate the most challenging, fundamental problems in **science and technology** in a singularly collegial, **interdisciplinary** atmosphere, while educating **outstanding students** to become creative members of society.

AFFORDING CALTECH

Students receiving need-based assistance **52%**

Average need-based financial-aid package **\$55,957**

Average indebtedness for class of 2021 **\$16,787**

LIVING ALUMNI

Over 24,000 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 InSight, Mars Science Laboratory, Juno, Jason 3, and NuSTAR
- 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, and mineral physics
- Preeminent source for earthquake information in Southern California and around the world

International Observatory Network

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

EMPLOYEES

Caltech	3,500
JPL	6,500

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¹ 2021–22 academic year

² Faculty and alumni

³ Includes trustees

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