

At a Glance

Caltech

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

26 academic options (programs)

FACULTY

323 professorial faculty
558 postdoctoral scholars



3:1 student-faculty ratio

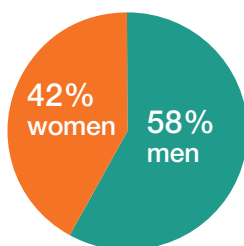
HONORS



Nobel Laureates	48
National Medal of Science recipients	66
National Medal of Technology and Innovation recipients	14
Memberships in the National Academies	120

STUDENTS

1,023 undergraduate students
1,440 graduate students



Class of
2027

- 13,136 applicants
- 267 members of first-year class

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

(Fall 2024) Students receiving need-based assistance	51%
(Fall 2024) Average Need-Based Scholarship or Grant Award	\$71,378
Average indebtedness for students graduating with loans (Class of 2024):	\$16,168
Graduating seniors with student loans (Class of 2024):	24%

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 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
- Owens Valley Radio Observatory, California
- Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO), Washington and Louisiana
- Chajnantor Observatory, Chile

EMPLOYEES

Caltech	2,500
JPL	4,600

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