

# At a Glance

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

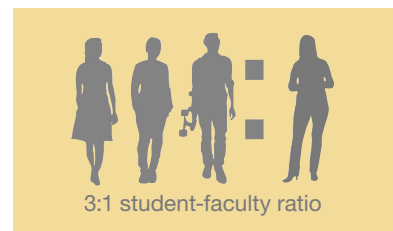
**RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**

**Academic Divisions**

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

28 academic options (programs)

**FACULTY**<sup>1</sup> Approximately 300 professorial faculty  
More than 600 research scholars



**HONORS**

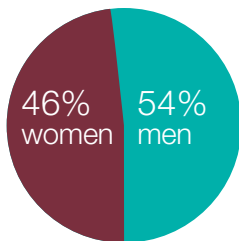
Nobel Laureates <sup>2</sup>	45
National Medal of Science recipients <sup>2</sup>	64
National Medal of Technology and Innovation recipients <sup>3</sup>	13
Memberships in the National Academies <sup>3</sup>	126

**STUDENTS**<sup>1</sup> 901 undergraduate students  
1,330 graduate students

**Top-Caliber Undergraduates**

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

Class of 2024



- 8,008 applicants
- 225 members of freshman class

*\*sex assigned at birth*

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 **51%**

Average need-based financial-aid package **\$52,493**

Average indebtedness for class of 2020 **\$16,950**

## 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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<sup>1</sup> 2020–21 academic year

<sup>2</sup> Faculty and alumni

<sup>3</sup> Includes trustees

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