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

**26 academic options** (programs)

FACULTY
Approximately 300 professorial faculty
More than 600 research scholars

HONORS

- Nobel Laureates
  - 37
- National Medal of Science recipients
  - 58
- National Medal of Technology recipients
  - 13
- Memberships in the National Academies
  - 125

STUDENTS
979 undergraduate students
1,261 graduate students

Class of 2021
- 46% women
- 54% men

- 7,339 applicants
- 235 members of freshman class

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.
GLOBAL FACILITIES

Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Founded by Caltech in the 1930s and managed for NASA since 1958
- 19 spacecraft and 10 instruments employed in active missions
- Recently launched missions include the 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

AFFORDING CALTECH

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<td>Students receiving need-based assistance</td>
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<td>Average need-based financial-aid package</td>
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<td>Average indebtedness for class of 2016</td>
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LIVING ALUMNI

24,958 in the U.S. and around the world

EMPLOYEES

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1 2016–17 academic year
2 Faculty and alumni
3 Includes trustees
4 Faculty only

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