**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
Approximately 300 professorial faculty
More than 600 research scholars

### STUDENTS
987 undergraduate students
1,410 graduate students

#### Class of 2025
- 45% women
- 55% men

- 13,026 applicants
- 270 members of freshman class

*self-identified sex

### HONORS

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### 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.
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

AFFORDING CALTECH

Students receiving need-based assistance 52%
Average need-based financial-aid package $55,957
Average indebtedness for class of 2021 $116,787

LIVING ALUMNI
Over 24,000 in the U.S. and around the world

EMPLOYEES

Caltech 3,500
JPL 6,500

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1 2021–22 academic year
2 Faculty and alumni
3 Includes trustees