



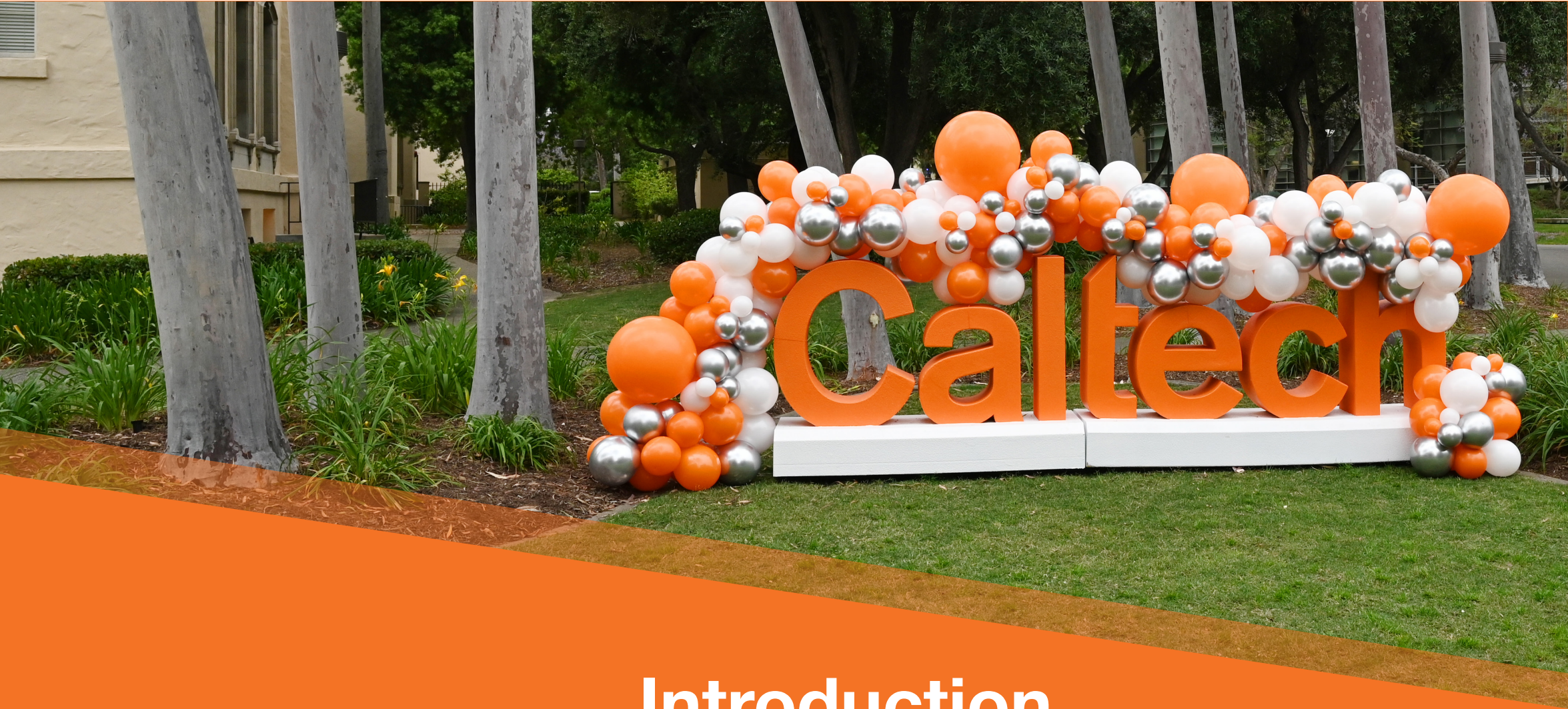
New Undergraduate Student Handbook

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Introduction

The Undergraduate Student Handbook is the resource guide for incoming students (and families) to learn about Caltech and how to make the most of your experience at the Institute. Here you will find information on the myriad opportunities, resources, and support systems available to you. Whether you are a first-year student navigating the beginning of your college experience or transferring into Caltech as an upper-class student, this handbook is designed with you and your personal, social, and academic interests in mind.

Inside this handbook, you'll find essential details about the first-year experience, campus policies, and key Student Affairs offices and support services—all designed to help you navigate life at Caltech. Think of it as your go-to reference, complementing the insights shared during orientation week

and the wealth of information available on Student Affairs websites. Since campus life is always evolving, be sure to check the Institute websites for the latest resources and updates.

As you embark on this exciting new chapter of your academic journey, remember you're not alone! At Caltech, you're part of a supportive, tight-knit community ready to help you tackle any challenges that come your way. Our dedicated faculty, staff, and fellow students are here to guide and encourage you at every step. If you ever have questions, concerns, or just need some advice, don't hesitate to reach out to the resources listed in this handbook or connect with a friendly face on campus. We're here to help you succeed!

Welcome, Caltech Class of 2029!

On behalf of the Undergraduate Deans' Office, I wish you a warm welcome to Caltech. You are joining a remarkable community, defined by its spirit of inquiry, its commitment to integrity, and above all by its people—by *you*. You are arriving in Pasadena from all parts of the world, with all variety of backgrounds and experiences. You have shared with us your love of physics and biology, computer science and mechanical engineering, literature and neuroscience, soccer and stargazing. Your talents, hobbies, and ambitions are now part of what makes Caltech such a special place to live and learn.

The core curriculum will ask you to keep working hard, in ways that will likely feel unfamiliar and new, especially at first. Generations of Techers will tell you the same thing: *Don't try to do it alone*. The curriculum is designed with collaboration in mind, and the Deans' Office is here to help you find study partners, academic coaches, and other support and resources you may need as you adjust to classes.

Reach out. One of the special aspects of our campus community is its closeness. Faculty want to hear from you and are here to help. Your first-year faculty advisor is just an email away and glad to talk over schedules, classes, and summer plans, as well as homesickness (and missing family pets!), setting realistic goals, and tricky midterms. During orientation week you'll learn about the many resources on campus—from the Student Wellness Services to the Caltech Center for Inclusion and Diversity to the student leaders and advocates—in place to help you navigate your first year and beyond.

Make time for the fundamentals (sleep, healthy food, relaxation). All of us do our best work when we're rested, nourished, and connected with friends and activities we enjoy. Unfortunately, these fundamentals tend to be the first things we sacrifice under stress. The first year at Caltech is a time not only to learn new material, but to learn how to learn in ways that are sustainable and lasting. The Deans' Office can help connect you with resources when you're feeling depleted, and we're always here to listen if you need to talk.



Get involved. There are as many ways to “do Caltech” as there are Techers. Maybe you’ve always wanted to try theater or learn how to rock climb. Maybe you love writing short stories or you see yourself joining your House leadership. Often, our most creative ideas come from our least-expected encounters, and this first year offers all kinds of ways to surprise yourself through clubs, electives, and residential life activities. And you never know. You may find an interest, hobby, or set of friendships that will shape not only your Caltech experience but the rest of your life!

My colleagues and I in the Deans' Office wait eagerly every year for the announcement of the incoming class, knowing that each of you will enrich our campus through your unique blend of creativity, ingenuity, and passion for STEM. We look forward to helping you thrive here.

Dr. Jennifer Jahner
Faculty Dean of Undergraduate Studies



Hello, Class of 2029!

It is with great pride that I welcome you to Caltech. It is an honor for you to have chosen our school to contribute your unwavering passion, talent, and tenacity. We eagerly anticipate your arrival on campus in the fall and seeing the incredible things that you will do with your time here.

I remember stepping on campus for the first time and having one thought: “I don’t know what I’m doing”. It’s been four years, and sometimes I still feel that way. But that is the unconventional strength of a Caltech student: even in the depths of the unknown, you move forward. You’ve probably heard people tell you that college is the time to explore. At Caltech, that statement only rings even more true. From the community of the houses to the intersectionality of research labs, you will be hard-pressed to find something you don’t want to engage in or learn about. Don’t stick to a single idea of what you want to accomplish here. You are surrounded by brilliance — dive into it headfirst. Embrace everything that you can, no matter how scary it seems.

Caltech will undoubtedly challenge you in more ways than you could imagine. But through these challenges, you will evolve into someone that you never dreamed you could become. You will become someone persistent and independent yet knows when you need to ask for help. You are intelligent yet you can always learn from other perspectives. Take every opportunity to grow.



Never forget that you are surrounded by some of the most intelligent, curious, and passionate people in the world. Your peers were carefully selected for their penchant for innovation and scientific discovery and for their niche interests in anything from health tech to rockets. You will learn a lot from your classes, but your peers will inspire and motivate you to see the world differently and step outside of your comfort zone. They will make your student experience all the more vibrant.

The next four years of your life will pass by way too fast. Be present in every second of it. I have no doubt that you will leave a lasting mark on Caltech. Caltech chose you — out of thousands of applicants, our Admissions team and faculty chose to invest in your ability to revolutionize culture and society through science and technology. And I hope that even when it’s hard, you choose it back over and over again.

Ashlyn Roice
2025-2026 Associated Students of the California Institute of Technology (ASCIT) President

The Mission of Caltech and Student Affairs

Caltech Mission

Caltech is a community dedicated to scientific and engineering exploration and to academic excellence. At the heart of our mission are unwavering commitments to honor, integrity, equity, and diversity. Together these values help create and sustain a community where all are committed to the goals of academic and personal achievement.

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.

Student Affairs Mission

Student Affairs at Caltech supports the academic success of students and fosters their intellectual, personal, social, and professional development. Through a complement of programs, activities, and support services, we help students prepare for a lifetime of discovery, innovation, and leadership.



The Honor System

The Honor Code is the ethical foundation of Caltech, shaping the conduct of students, staff, and faculty alike. Though simple and direct, it is highly effective. This code enables professors to assign take-home exams with confidence that students will uphold integrity. It allows students to leave their laptops unattended, knowing they will remain untouched. More than just a rule, the Honor Code defines our community and is an essential part of what makes Caltech unique.

The Honor Code fosters a culture of trust at Caltech, while collaboration serves as another key pillar of the community. Reflecting the values of the broader scientific world, teamwork is an integral part of life at Caltech. Students can rely on the support of your peers and the guidance of exceptional faculty as you work through your assignments.

One of the most important roles served by the Deans' Office is that of helping students to observe and implement Caltech's community standards. For undergraduates the Honor System is enforced by two entities overseen by the Undergraduate Deans' Office: **The Board of Control (BoC)**, which is composed solely of students, and the **Conduct Review Committee (CRC)**, composed of students, faculty, and administrators. The BoC hears cases of academic dishonesty, whereas the CRC hears cases of non academic breaches of the Honor Code, as well as policy violations and house/club violations.

The Honor Code Handbook can be viewed [here](#).

Academic Calendar

View the 2025-2026 academic calendar [here](#).

If there are any questions, please contact Office of the Registrar: regis@caltech.edu

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No member of the Caltech community shall take unfair advantage of any other member of the Caltech community.”

CALTECH HONOR CODE HANDBOOK



Move-in Day is Sunday, September 21!

Moving onto campus is an exciting and transformative experience. Move-in day marks new students' official start to the residential experience on campus. Incoming students will be assigned a short-term housing assignment for the start of the academic year. While it is possible for students to elect to remain in the room that is assigned on move-in day for the duration of the academic year, most students participate in Rotation, which is a student-led process where new students have the option to learn about the different residential communities. After Rotation, students then move into final housing assignments for the year.

We have curated a list of items to bring to Caltech
(many of these suggestions come from current students!):

WARDROBE/LINEN

- Bed sheets (twin extra-long)
- Blanket
- Pillow/pillowcase
- Comforter
- Mattress pad
- Towel set
- Pajamas
- Bathing suit
- Clothes for special occasions
- Clothes for inclement weather

HEALTH AND GROOMING SUPPLIES

- Blow-dryer
- Hair straightening/curler
- Iron
- Personal-care items (soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Shower shoes

★ ACADEMIC SUPPLIES

- Calculator
- Pens/pencils
- Laptop
- Charging cables
- Surge protectors

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

- A few dishes (bowls, mugs, plates)
- A few pots and pans
- One or two sets of silverware

MISCELLANEOUS

- Flashlight
- Camera
- Storage containers
- Pictures of family and friends
- Small portable musical instrument
- Clothes hangers
- Laundry basket
- First-aid kit

KEEP THESE ITEMS AT HOME!

PETS

If you have an Emotional Support Animal (ESA), please find the guidelines and application materials [HERE](#).

APPLIANCES WITH HEATING COILS
(toasters, popcorn poppers, hot plates, etc.)

HEATING AND OPEN-FLAME DEVICES
(candles, incense, torches, fireworks, etc.)

WEAPONS/EXPLOSIVES
(firearms, chemicals, and other dangerous items)

For a comprehensive list of prohibited items in Caltech Housing, please review the [Resident Guide](#).



Orientation Week

The 2025 New Student Orientation
is Sunday, September 21 to Friday,
September 26.

Welcome to the exciting journey ahead at Caltech! During orientation week, you'll experience the vibrant Caltech community, making new connections and discovering the resources and support systems designed to help you thrive both academically and personally. This immersive experience is all about helping you feel at home, build lasting friendships, and familiarize yourself with the services that will support you along the way.

The [2025 Orientation Schedule](#) will be available online this summer, and we'll send you a link directly to your inbox.

To get ready for your big arrival, don't forget to check out the [to-do list](#). It's full of key deadlines and important steps to ensure you're all set for the academic year. Be sure to visit our [webpage](#) for the latest updates and information.

We can't wait to host you for orientation week!



Rotation

Rotation is the process by which new undergrad students visit Houses, meet new people, and learn about our housing communities. While Rotation is an optional process, most students choose to participate as these events are a great way to learn about the personality of the Houses and to get to know other students! The primary goal of Rotation is to help each student find a community on campus where they feel welcome.

Rotation includes a series of meals, activities, and events that help new students get to know Caltech's eight undergraduate Houses and the Bechtel residential community. At the end of rotation, participants will be asked to rank their preferences for housing.

Housing

First-year students have a choice to live either in one of the houses or in the Bechtel Residence. Below are some highlights for both:

Eight Undergraduate Houses:

- » Separate, co-ed residential communities
- » Equipped with double-occupancy bedrooms, bathrooms/showers, kitchenettes, laundry facilities, and common spaces
- » Some Houses offer single-occupancy rooms (not guaranteed)
- » Some Houses have triple-occupancy rooms

Bechtel Residence:

- » Not considered a House but available as a living option
- » Offers “suite-living” with single bedrooms
- » Students share a bathroom, living room, dining area, and kitchenette with others in the suite

During the summer, you will have the choice to “early decision” into Bechtel. This decision is binding.

House Membership

The Houses provide much more than a place to live. The Houses are communities that cultivate social connections and a family-like environment. Each House has unique traditions and activities, and over time each House has developed its own personality. The eight Houses include: Avery, Blacker, Dabney, Fleming, Lloyd, Page, Ricketts, and Venerable.

- » Students automatically receive membership to the House you rotate into.
- » Students in Bechtel can also obtain a full membership to a House.
- » Students may apply for membership to a second House later, allowing flexibility in your living situation.

House membership is not required; students can choose to be “unaffiliated” and later join a House if you change your mind.

There will be multiple opportunities to learn more about this fun and engaging process. Programs include a summer discussion over Zoom, several student communications, and an info session during orientation, all of which will help you prepare for this amazing experience.

How do Rotation and Housing Memberships work?

WILL YOU MOVE DIRECTLY INTO BECHTEL FOR THE YEAR?
(decision is binding)

YES! **NO!**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Once you move into Bechtel you will remain here for the academic year2 Participate in Rotation3 Rank all 8 Houses for House membership only (optional)4 Students have the option to remain in the room/suite they were moved into, or move to a whole new room/suite within Bechtel | <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Move into temporary room for the duration of (2) weeks2 Participate in Rotation3 Rank all 8 Houses and Bechtel for Housing preferences (mandatory) & Rank 8 Houses for membership (optional)4 Rotation results announced! Students move into their final Housing assignment on Sunday, October 5th |
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First-Year Experience Overview

There are two primary staff contacts, **Kristin Weyman** in the Deans' Office and **Isabel Peng** in Student and Family Engagement, to help you navigate your first year.

Kristin Weyman, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Students, serves as your first-year dean. Dean Weyman provides students with academic and personal support, and helps students navigate circumstances such as illness, financial difficulty, or family concerns. You will also interact with the first-year dean through the following programs and activities:



First-Year Advising

All new students are assigned a faculty advisor to support them during their first year and until they declare an option (major). The Deans' Office assigns first-year advisors and ensures they have up-to-date information on policies and trends, and that they are best able to assist new students in course registration and completion of the first-year core requirements. If you are ever having trouble getting in touch with your faculty advisor or need additional guidance, the first-year dean is available to help you. In addition, new students are also assigned a staff mentor. Staff mentors check in with you over the course of the year, refer you to resources as needed, and help cheer you along the way in your first year! Together, the first-year faculty advisor, staff mentor, and the first-year dean compose the core academic and administrative support team for each incoming student.

Class of 2029 Canvas Course

Over the summer, new students will be added to a Canvas course specific to the class of 2029. This course includes information about how to prepare for fall classes, as well as your first assignment: writing a letter to your first-year faculty advisor. The course will be updated throughout the year to provide new students with timely information.

Peer Academic Coaches (PAC)

PACs are upper-class students who have done well in various courses and now want to help incoming students succeed. Coaches are trained to help you and your peers develop effective learning skills and build a deeper understanding of course material. You can book a PAC appointment through an online platform for almost any time of day. Coaches are paid through the Deans' Office and there is no cost to the student.

Problem Set (Pset) Workshops and Group Tutoring

Pset Workshops are dedicated, structured times for first-year students to work on sets in a collaborative group environment. Problem sets at Caltech are difficult and are not designed to be done alone: Collaboration is key. Please see the pset workshop section in the next page for additional information. In winter and spring terms, PACs host drop-in group tutoring in place of pset workshops, to allow students to get more help with that week's challenging concepts.

When Should I Reach out to the First-Year Dean?

Any time you want! The deans manage processes like leaves of absence, underloads, overloads, E/I (Incomplete) grades at the end of the term, and a variety of other academic support resources, such as those mentioned in greater detail above. The deans will check in with any student who has received a midterm warning to encourage reflection and seeking help as you adjust to the rigors of the Caltech learning environment. The deans also manage a student emergency fund for those with unexpected financial challenges. Please don't hesitate to be in touch! Students can book appointments to discuss any of these matters or to meet with the first-year dean online at deans.caltech.edu.

Isabel Peng, *Director of New Student Transition Programs and First-Year Experience*, is here to help make the most of your first year at Caltech! Isabel is dedicated to helping first-year students build a strong sense of community, form meaningful peer connections, and smoothly navigate the social and cultural aspects of life on campus.

Isabel leads the charge on new-student transition programs, including summer resources to help you prepare before you arrive on campus, as well as an exciting orientation week in the fall to kick off your Caltech journey. But the support doesn't stop there! Throughout the academic year, the first-year experience team hosts engaging workshops and social events designed to enrich your co-curricular growth and make your first year memorable.

Check out the schedule below to see what's in store for you this year.

Summer 2025

Virtual Info Sessions

You are invited to join weekly virtual info sessions designed to help you navigate life at Caltech. From academic resources to wellness support, these sessions will introduce you to key offices like the Caltech Library, Hixon Writing Center, Student Wellness Services, Deans' Office, and Financial Aid—all dedicated to help you succeed. Each session gives you the chance to hear directly from staff, learn about the services available to you, and ask any questions you have before the school year begins.

Regular Communication

Keep an eye on your Caltech email for important updates, deadlines, and upcoming events just for incoming students. Make sure to check your inbox regularly throughout the summer.

Fall 2025

New Student Orientation Week

Orientation Week is an opportunity to fully immerse yourself in campus life, discover key resources, and build lasting connections. Through exciting activities and interactive sessions, you'll gain valuable insights into the support systems available to help you thrive.



You'll be placed in an orientation group with fellow incoming students, guided by First-Year Caltech Connectors (FCCs)—your go-to mentors and friendly faces on campus. Together, you'll explore student services, make new friends, and start your Caltech adventure.

Problem Set (Pset) Workshops

As classes kick off, you'll have weekly problem sets to complete—but you don't have to tackle them alone! Pset workshops are two-hour collaborative sessions where first-year students come together to work through core problem sets with support from peers. Each session is guided by a trained academic coach—an experienced upper-year student who has excelled in the course. They'll provide helpful insights, review key concepts, and offer strategies to get you started.



Lunch at the Athenaeum

Throughout the year, small groups of first-year students will be invited to have a meal at the Athenaeum, offering a unique chance to connect with classmates and engage with Student Affairs staff. The staff who join in are thoughtfully selected based on what's most relevant to you at different times of the year—occupational therapy during exam season, Student-Faculty Programs during SURF application time, and more. It's a great way to enjoy a delicious lunch, gain valuable insights, and build connections.

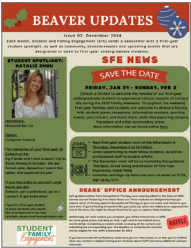
Family Weekend

Families of first-year students are invited to campus for a fun-filled weekend packed with exciting activities. The 2026 Family Weekend will take place on January 30 - February 1. Enjoy receptions, engaging lectures with faculty, campus tours, musical and athletic events, and more while getting a firsthand look at your student's Caltech experience. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with faculty, Student Affairs staff, and fellow families. We can't wait to welcome you!

Winter and Spring 2026

Beaver Updates

Each month, you'll receive a newsletter, Beaver Updates, which is your go-to source for important community announcements, upcoming events, and first-year student spotlights.



Ongoing Partnerships with Student Leaders and Campus Offices

Throughout the year, first-year students are also invited to workshops that support students' academic journey, with topics such as how to select your option (major), how to successfully transition from P/F to grades, résumé building, interview skills, and financial literacy.





Key Resources

Caltech offers a wide range of structured support systems designed to help first-year students thrive. While this isn't an exhaustive list, it's a great starting point! We encourage you to explore all the incredible resources available throughout your time here. Check out some of the key support options below to kickstart your journey at Caltech.

First-Year Caltech Connectors (FCCs)

Every incoming student is paired with an orientation group led by orientation leaders, or FCCs. These experienced leaders guide you through fun and engaging activities during orientation week and serve as invaluable resources, offering tips and insights on how to successfully navigate life at Caltech.

Interhouse Committee (IHC)

Representative and liaison for all members of the House system, organizes Rotation, interhouse sports, and selects student members of the faculty-student committees.

Associated Students of the California Institute of Technology (ASCIT)

Undergraduate student government at Caltech that hosts events for undergraduate students, oversees clubs, and works with staff and faculty to address students' academic and non-academic concerns.

Peer Advocates (PAs)

Student leaders who are trained through a weekly one-term course to listen, provide peer support, and connect students with professional resources. PAs focus on mental health, emotional well-being, and community support.

Title IX Advocates

Student leaders who are accessible resources for students seeking information or support around issues relating to equity, inclusivity, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other forms of discrimination.

Health Advocates (HAs)

Student leaders who respond to situations related to physical health and medical emergencies. HAs are trained in first aid, CPR, and basic medical care to assist students with minor injuries or health concerns. HAs often have first-aid kits.

Peer Academic Coaches (PACs)

Upperclass students who have done well in various courses and are trained in helping students develop effective learning skills and build a deeper understanding of course material through one-to-one and group coaching sessions.

Resident Associates (RAs)

Graduate students who live in undergraduate housing and provide mentorship, guidance, and support. RAs are trained in community building, mentorship, conflict resolution, and emergency response.



Students at Avery House social event.



Residential Life Coordinator Team

Residential Life Coordinators (RLCs)

Full-time professional staff members who oversee the residential experience and support student well-being. RLCs supervise RAs and advise PAs, House ExComm, and other student leaders. RLCs strive to uphold a safe and inclusive residential environment. RLCs also organize social events that foster community building.

First-Year Faculty Advisors and Staff Mentors

Each first-year student is paired with one faculty advisor and one staff mentor, establishing a well-rounded support network at Caltech. Students meet with their assigned advisor and mentor during orientation week and are encouraged to connect with them throughout the academic year to ask questions, seek advice, and build lasting relationships. Faculty advisors and staff mentors both play an essential role in helping students transition smoothly into college life, offering both academic guidance and personal support.

In the next section of the handbook, take some time to explore the extensive list of student services designed to support you as a first-year student. These tools and services are here to help you succeed both academically and personally. Whether you're looking for guidance on coursework, finding community, or navigating campus life, you'll find plenty of options to make your transition smoother and your experience more rewarding.

Dining Services

Caltech Dining Services (CDS) is responsible for providing high-quality, nutritious dining for the Caltech community. From flexible meal plans to personalized dietary accommodations, we ensure every student feels supported and satisfied. Plus, our commitment to sustainability means you can enjoy your meals knowing they're good for both you and the planet. Whether you're grabbing a quick bite or sharing a meal with friends, CDS creates welcoming, community-driven dining experiences that bring Caltech people together.

We offer:

- » **Meal Plan Advising:** Assistance in selecting and managing meal plans that best fit student lifestyles
- » **Special Dietary Accommodations:** In collaboration with Student Wellness Services and Caltech Accessibility Services for Students, we meet specific doctor-advised dietary needs and religious dietary needs through individual consultations.
- » **Engagement with Campus Events:** Active participation in campus events and special themed dinners
- » **Sustainability Education:** Promoting environmentally responsible dining practices
- » **Special Activities and Events:** We host exciting events like Midnight Madness during finals week, offering a fun and relaxing break for students. Our Pop-up Bistro events each term feature a three-course meal curated by our sous chefs, fostering connections and offering a unique culinary experience. Keep an eye on our Instagram for more information on other pop-ups like: Farmers Market and Boba Pop-up Shop



- » **Extended Operating Hours:** Our units are open seven days a week, with at least one of them open Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m., and Saturday to Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. during the regular school year. Services also include late meals to accommodate student athlete schedules
- » **Tours:** Interested in exploring our dining facilities? Contact dining@caltech.edu to schedule a tour.

The student meal plan begins on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. For information on the student meal plan, please visit our website [here](#).

We invite new students to discover the variety of culinary options at Caltech Dining locations, from diverse meals at **Browne Dining Hall** to quick snacks at **Red Door Marketplace**, **Broad Cafe**, and **Avery Kitchen**.

Dining Plans

Anytime Plan

- » Weekday House Dinners
- » Weekend Brunch Service
- » Weekday Open Kitchen
- » Special Dinners
- » All food item purchases from Browne Dining Hall, Red Door Marketplace, Broad Cafe, Avery kitchen:
 - Breakfast • Lunch
 - Dinner • Snacks

Flex Plan

- » Weekday House Dinners
- » Weekday Open Kitchen
- » Special Dinners
- » Declining balance can be used at any dining location for:
 - Breakfast • Lunch
 - Dinner • Weekend meals
- » Purchases exceeding Meal Plan funds will be charged to student's Bursar's Account
- » Unused funds at the end of the term are forfeited

CONTACT

- dining.caltech.edu
- dine@caltech.edu
- (626) 395-2900
- @CaltechDining



Housing Office

The Housing Office provides convenient and comfortable housing to undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and guests participating in Institute-sponsored programs. Our staff focuses on housing operations, including:

- » Maintenance requests
- » Upgrades and changes in the residences
- » Room selection and the housing lottery
- » Summer conference services

Guaranteed Housing for Incoming Students

If you're a new student, we've got you covered! You'll be placed in one of our eight undergraduate houses or the Bechtel Residence. If you'd prefer a permanent spot in Bechtel, you can request one before you arrive in the fall. Otherwise, you'll receive a temporary assignment until the end of Rotation at the start of the fall term.

A Pro Tip for Move-in: Since most students relocate after Rotation, we recommend holding off on fully unpacking until your final assignment is confirmed!

Fall Term Assignments

Students who arrive early for First-Year Success Research Institute (FSRI), fall athletics, international-student orientation, and other approved academic programs will receive their temporary housing assignments upon arrival to campus.

CONTACT

- housing.caltech.edu/undergrads
- ughousing@caltech.edu
- (626) 395-6176
- 414 S. Holliston Ave.
(Center for Student Services, 1st Floor)

Students who arrive on September 21, 2025, will receive information about their temporary housing residence one week prior, but will not receive their specific room number until check-in on September 21.

Special Housing Arrangements

If you have a need for special housing arrangements due to a disability, please register for accommodations through Caltech Accessibility Services for Students. This can include:

- » Emotional support animals
- » Service animals
- » Need for a single room
- » Need for an unlofted bed

Housing Contract Requirement

All students with a housing assignment must complete a Housing Contract to secure their spot. Contracts will be sent electronically via Adobe sign-in July, so keep an eye on your inbox.

- » **Deadline:** Be sure to sign your contract by **August 1, 2025**, to finalize your housing.
- » **Under 18?** If you're a minor, your contract will be sent to both you and your parent/guardian for signatures.

Throughout the academic year, our office is here to help make your first year at Caltech smooth and comfortable. We provide:

- » Summer housing for FSRI participants and fall athletes
- » Temporary housing during orientation and Rotation
- » Assistance with room moves to your permanent assignment after Rotation
- » Year-round maintenance services to keep your space in top shape
- » The Stewardship Committee, where you can share ideas to improve campus housing
- » A chance to paint murals in the North and South Houses—leave your artistic mark!



Student and Family Engagement (SFE)

Student and Family Engagement (SFE) supports the academic and personal growth of all Caltech students by fostering safe, engaging, and inclusive environments that enhance learning and personal growth. Our office also works closely with families to provide a comprehensive support system for each student's success.

SFE comprises the following areas: New Student Transition Programs and First-Year Experience, Family Programs, Residential Experience, Student Engagement and Event Management, Finances and Operations, and the Faculty in Residence Program.

Our work is focused on these main objectives:

1. Welcoming new students and families to the Institute
2. Encouraging students' learning and development through academic and co-curricular programming

3. Connecting families to Caltech and their students' experiences
4. Engaging students in the community through clubs, events, and leadership opportunities
5. Responding to individual and campus emergencies

Supporting First-Year Success: Orientation, Resources, and Community Building

SFE plays a pivotal role in facilitating a smooth transition for incoming undergraduate students by hosting new-student orientation week, connecting students to resources for academic and personal success, and fostering a supportive campus community. Through strategic initiatives and collaborative efforts, we hope to create a positive first-year experience that sets the foundation for students' academic and personal growth.

Our office supports undergraduate students in their first year at Caltech by providing:

Pre-Arrival and Orientation Support

- » Summer resources (e.g., virtual info sessions, online learning modules, etc.) prior to students' physical arrival to campus
- » New-student orientation upon arrival
- » Rotation in the beginning of the fall term

Academic and Residential Support

- » Academic support workshops
- » Residential programming with residential life coordinators (RLCs) and resident associates (RAs)
- » Student-faculty interactions in an informal setting, through the Faculty in Residence program

Social and Campus Engagement

- » Monthly newsletter highlighting announcements and events for first-year students
- » Opportunities to get involved on campus through clubs, organizations, and leadership positions
- » Social events on and off campus (e.g., monthly lunches at the Athenaeum, weekly academic problem-set workshops, sporting events, musicals, museum trips)



CONTACT

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 255 S. Hill Ave.



Bursar's Office

The Bursar's Office is responsible for maintaining the accuracy of student tuition and fee accounts, as well as overseeing the billing process to ensure timely and accurate billing statements for students, faculty, postdocs, and club and House accounts. We are responsible for reviewing tuition and fees and approving account adjustments and accurate student refunds. In addition to collecting and disbursing funds, the Bursar's Office manages third-party billing, outside scholarships, and installment tuition payments.

As administrators for the Caltech and Institute loan programs, we can help answer loan-related questions.

Financial Support Services for New Students

We are here to support incoming undergraduate students with billing, collecting tuition and fees, processing payments, issuing refunds, managing student financial records, and addressing inquiries related to financial matters.

As new students, you can find information on our website regarding balance due dates, online payments, payment plan options, and FAQs: bursar.caltech.edu/newstudents.

Welcome letters for new incoming students will be uploaded to the student's portal in access.caltech.edu on August 11, 2025. The letters can be accessed through "My Student Documents."



The first billing statement for fall term will be released September 11, 2025.

- » Students receiving financial aid: To avoid a late fee please be sure you have turned in all necessary documents and accepted your award letter by September 5, 2025.
- » Students using a 529 plan to pay: You will need to request payment from your 529 plan as soon as the statement comes out on September 11 to make sure the payment arrives on time for the September 29 due date. (The 529 checks take about two-to-three weeks to receive by mail.)

Deadlines

Financial-Aid Documents Deadline

September 05, 2025

To avoid late fees, ensure all documents are submitted and the award letter is accepted.

First Billing Statement for Fall Term 2025

September 11, 2025

Billing statements will be released.

529 Plan Payment Request

September 11, 2025

Request payment as soon as the statement is released to ensure timely arrival.

529 Plan Payment Due Date

September 29, 2025

Payments from 529 plans should be received by this date. Estimated check arrival is two-to-three weeks.

Tuition & Fees Due Dates

Fall 2025: September 29, 2025

Winter 2026: January 5, 2026

Spring 2026: March 30, 2026

CONTACT

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(Center for Student Services, 1st Floor)



Caltech Center for Inclusion & Diversity (CCID)

The mission of the Caltech Center for Inclusion and Diversity (CCID) is to enhance the experience of all Caltech community members holistically through education, advocacy, cultural exchange, leadership development, and coalition building. We serve as a hub of resources and partner with various stakeholders to advance inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) at the Institute and within the scientific community.

The CCID hosts various events throughout the year, including affinity spaces, cultural exchange opportunities, cultural holiday celebrations, LGBTQIA+ community celebrations, identity development programs, IDEA-related dialogues, and IDEA-related workshops. CCID programming, support structures, and campus organizations are open to anyone in the campus community, regardless of race, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual identity, and/or any other protected characteristic.

The CCID signature programs and events are the First-Year Success Research Institute (FSRI), Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF), the STEMinar Speaker Series, the Unpacking Hate Series, the Dine and Dialogue Series, and the annual Celebration of Excellence event.

CCID is the perfect place for first-year students to connect with students, staff, and faculty to find community and opportunities for learning and development.

How does the CCID Support Incoming Undergraduate Students?

- » Year-round programming and advising support (one-on-one and in groups)

- » Office hours for one-on-one support and advising of multiple clubs and organizations
- » Affinity spaces each term on the programming slate for students to connect with others with similar identities, experiences, and allies
- » Cultural exchange programs, cultural celebrations, and educational workshops
- » Affinity spaces that are open to everyone, regardless of race, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual identity, and/or any other protected characteristic

First-Year Summer Research Institute (FSRI) and QuestBridge:

The CCID supports first-year students participating in the First-Year Success Research Institute (FSRI) program and the Caltech QuestBridge chapter through support programming during the transitional summer and throughout the academic year.

FSRI's first-year programming includes a comprehensive summer orientation and year-round educational program that consists of an engaging research project and community-building activities. The program also helps students adapt to a collaborative learning environment, build a solid research foundation, receive dedicated staff-and-faculty mentorship, and develop meaningful relationships within a community.

The Caltech QuestBridge chapter provides programming throughout the year to welcome new Questbridge scholars to campus and foster community among the scholars throughout the year.

CONTACT

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Caltech Security and Parking Services



Caltech Security and Parking Services supports Caltech's research and educational mission by providing extensive security and safety services to the campus community. Faculty, students, staff, visitors, and guests of the Institute are welcome to contact Security for immediate incident response, including emergency medical response, safety escorts, lockouts, access and card systems, parking permits, investigations, and many other services.

The Department is led by Chief Hampton Cantrell and supported by a team of more than 35 security professionals, including management staff. Eight Special Response Officers (SROs) are certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). Campus Security conducts patrols and provides security services 24 hours a day.

Emergency Communications

Confirm your contact information is up to date in **My Personal Information** in [access.caltech](https://access.caltech.edu) to receive emergency notifications called Caltech Alerts. Caltech Alerts are also posted on caltech.edu/emergency.

The Institute has 28 emergency telephones located throughout the campus. These telephones dial directly to Security. Each unit has operating instructions.

Emergency Preparedness for New Students

Emergencies can happen at any time, often without warning. There are a few things every new student should do in order to be prepared for emergency situations. [Learn about them here.](#)

Caltech has planning and response teams prepared to respond to emergencies, including natural and human-induced disasters. These plans are continuously reviewed and exercised to ensure a state of readiness. Caltech's [Emergency Preparedness website](#) provides information on emergency procedures, training opportunities, and resources on personal preparedness.

Personal Security Tips

Protect your personal belongings by keeping laptops, phones, and wallets with you at all times, especially in shared spaces like libraries, lounges, and hallways. Lock your doors and windows during the day while in



your residence, and always secure them at night or whenever you step out, even for just a moment. A few simple precautions can go a long way in keeping our campus safe for everyone.

Parking on Campus

All vehicles parked on campus must display a valid parking permit, which can be purchased through the [Parking Office](#). Discounted rates apply for owners of qualified low-emission vehicles.

Other Services

- » Caltech students can receive a [Free Metro Pass](#), which is valid for unlimited rides on all Metro bus and rail lines, as well as many local bus systems, including Pasadena Transit.
- » Caltech students can register their bicycles through Campus Security, which will help identify your bike if it is lost or stolen and later found. Security will provide a free U-lock when you register.
- » Caltech students can [register for Zipcar](#) at the discounted rate of \$35 per year. There are four Zipcars housed on the Caltech campus. Zipcars can be rented by the day or by the hour for the fees listed in the Zipcar registration with the membership plans.

CONTACT

security.caltech.edu

EMERGENCY: (626) 395-5000

NON-EMERGENCY: (626) 395-4701
Requests for escorts, reports, lock-out, general questions, etc.



Career Achievement, Leadership, and Exploration (CALE)

Career Achievement, Leadership, and Exploration (CALE) is dedicated to helping Caltech students, postdocs, and recent alumni turn their ambitions into reality. Whether you're exploring career options, planning your next steps, or actively applying to grad school, med school, industry roles, or entrepreneurial ventures, CALE is here to support you at every stage of your journey. From personalized career advising and application reviews to on-campus recruiting and alumni networking, we provide the resources that open doors. Plus, we oversee on-campus student employment, helping you gain valuable experience along the way.

Our Values Include:

- » Collaboration: We are a community of dreamers, builders, and innovators, working together to turn aspirations into achievements.
- » Empathy: We approach the world, ourselves, and the future with understanding, compassion, and a commitment to positive change.
- » Integrity: In our work, character, and responsibility as scientists and engineers, we hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards.
- » Diversity & Inclusion: We celebrate different perspectives and experiences while recognizing that inclusion is an ongoing journey of growth.
- » Dependability: As the foundation of all successful future endeavors, we strive to be a trusted and unwavering source of support for the Caltech community.

Our Office Supports First-Year Students by Providing:

- » Targeted programming and resources throughout the academic year, including résumé building and networking workshops
- » Support for exploring and deciding among SURF, internships, and other options
- » Opportunities to engage with alumni, faculty, recruiters, and more-senior students regarding career exploration and planning for summer
- » Finding work-study and other on-campus employment opportunities such as research in a lab

As a first-year student, adjusting to college life—both academically and personally—takes time, and that's completely okay! Give yourself the space to find your rhythm, and don't feel pressured to take on too much at once. Pace yourself, focus on your well-being, and know that we're here to help you explore professional development opportunities whenever you're ready.

CONTACT

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Center for Student Success

The Center for Student Success brings together key resources to help you navigate the full arc of your academic journey—supporting you not just as a student, but as a whole person.

Whether you're managing the intensity of coursework, navigating a disability, or facing a personal challenge, we're here to make sure no one falls through the cracks.

Our mission is to ensure every student has access to the tools, guidance, and support you need to thrive—academically, personally, and beyond. Whether you're requesting accommodations through accessibility services, seeking support from the CARE Group, or simply trying to figure out where to turn when things feel overwhelming, we're here to help.

Accessibility Services

Caltech Accessibility Services for Students (CASS) provides equitable access for students with disabilities and medical conditions—whether permanent or temporary.

How We Help:

- » Academic accommodations
- » Housing accommodations
- » Dietary accommodations
- » Support for neurodiverse students
- » Ongoing case management

Start the Process:

- » Complete the [CASS Registration Form](#)
- » Submit documentation from a licensed provider
- » Meet with a CASS case manager (via Calendly)

2025-26 Deadlines for Incoming Students:

- » May 5: Housing & Placement Testing requests open
- » June 9: Deadline for Testing Accommodations
- » June 20: Deadline for Housing Accommodations
- » Sept 1: Deadline to ensure Academic Accommodations by Fall term

Learn more about accessibility services here:
cass.caltech.edu



CARE Team

The CARE (Campus Assessment, Response & Education) Team is a multidisciplinary group supporting students through:

- » Mental health & well-being
- » Academic & social adjustment
- » Crisis response & referrals

When to Reach Out:

- » Mood/behavior changes
- » Absences or missed assignments
- » Social withdrawal
- » Talk of self-harm or suicide
- » Academic burnout or distress

Submit a private referral: caltechcares.caltech.edu

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Emergency Preparedness for New Students

Emergencies can occur unexpectedly at any time. Caltech has dedicated response teams ready to handle both natural and human-induced disasters.

The Caltech Emergency Preparedness [website](#) offers details on emergency procedures, training programs, and personal preparedness resources.

To stay prepared, every new student should review the following steps:

1. Learn What To Do in Emergency Situations.

- » Take time to learn specific emergency procedures for responding to particular events, e.g., earthquakes. This information can be found on the Caltech Student Resources (CSR) app and the Caltech Emergency Preparedness website.
- » Once on campus, students will be provided with additional information about their residence's emergency plan, evacuation routes, and assembly area.

2. Stay Connected and Be Informed.

- » During an emergency, official information will be sent through [Caltech Alerts](#) and posted on the Caltech [website](#).
- » Keep your personal contact information up to date in access.caltech.edu to ensure you will receive emergency information. Please include a current cell phone number to receive Caltech Alerts via text and phone call. Students can add family contact information to the “add another phone” option.
- » Download the Everbridge app. You will receive Caltech Alerts and be able to communicate with Campus Security directly. Instructions for download [here](#).
- » Make a communication plan for your family, including how everyone will reach one another in different situations. If you live locally, identify an out-of-state contact in case Los Angeles area codes become overwhelmed. A text message may be the best way to get in touch.

3. Prepare a Personal Emergency Kit.

- » You can make one or buy one from a variety of vendors or at the Caltech Bookstore.



Here is a list of personal preparedness items that may be helpful to have:

- ☐ Water (2 gallons per person per day)
- ☐ Medicine (30-day supply)
- ☐ Nonperishable food (2 weeks)
- ☐ Flashlight and batteries
- ☐ Sturdy shoes
- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Cash (small bills and coins)
- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Dust mask
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Local map
- ☐ Car charger for cell phone
- ☐ ½ tank fuel in your car
- ☐ Toiletries/personal sanitary items
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags, plastic ties, bucket (personal sanitation)
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Blanket (foil or fabric)
- ☐ Fire extinguisher (personal household size)
- ☐ Work gloves

Equity and Title IX Office

The Equity and Title IX Office serves the entire Caltech community, including staff, postdoctoral scholars, faculty, students, and those participating in education programs at JPL. We provide support, guidance, and resources to address concerns about unlawful harassment, sexual misconduct, and discrimination. Our work ensures compliance with Title IX, Title VII, state law, and Caltech policies while fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment.

We empower the Caltech community by offering:

- » Clear guidance on options to address concerns
- » Preventive education and outreach to promote awareness and inclusivity
- » Informal and formal resolution pathways under Caltech's policies and procedures

Our processes and preventive measures focus on promoting respect and inclusion. By treating everyone fairly and working transparently, we provide response options and training that support our community, address problematic behavior, and reflect our commitment to a safe campus.

Our mission is to eliminate barriers so that every member of our community can reach their full potential. We work collaboratively to create a campus free from discrimination, unlawful harassment, and sexual misconduct using education, outreach, and intervention to drive meaningful change. Together, we can build a safer, more inclusive Caltech where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

We actively engage with community members, including faculty, staff, and student House leadership, peer advocates, and Equity and Title IX Advocates, to develop training and events. Our goal is to equip individuals with the tools to be active observers, trauma-informed peers and colleagues, inclusive community builders, and positive influencers on campus.

For first-year students looking to deepen their understanding and make a difference, we offer the Equity and Title IX Advocate program. This program provides in-depth training on policies, trauma-informed support, and bystander intervention, while connecting individuals to resources. Want to get involved or learn more? Email our office for details on these opportunities!



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Financial Aid

Caltech Financial Aid is dedicated to providing access to educational opportunities in support of student success by offering need-based aid in alignment with the principles of vertical and horizontal equity, while attending to the distinctive needs and resource disparities of our students.

Caltech Financial Aid plays a crucial role in supporting incoming undergraduate students by helping them receive and navigate financial assistance for their education through:

- » Application Assistance: Providing guidance on the financial aid application process, helping students understand the required documentation and deadlines
- » Financial Aid Decisions: Notifying and explaining to students the types and amounts of financial aid they are eligible to receive
- » Individual Counseling: Offering one-on-one appointments for students to discuss their unique situations and receive personalized guidance
- » Financial Aid Appeals: Reviewing appeals for additional financial assistance in consideration of special circumstances, such as sudden changes in financial situation
- » Communication: Communicating important updates, reminders, deadlines, and eligibility information to students throughout the year

New students are able to accept their financial aid offers in the early summer when access.caltech log-in credentials have been provided by the Information Management Services and Support (IMSS) department. All aid should be accepted by and all related loan documents should be completed by the end of July to ensure the timely disbursement of aid in the fall.

Other relevant information for new students:

- » Deadlines for applying, accepting, and changing financial aid: finaid.caltech.edu/applying/deadlines
- » Policies related to maintaining financial aid eligibility: finaid.caltech.edu/policies
- » Information for appealing the financial aid offer: finaid.caltech.edu/appeal
- » Federal loan information: finaid.caltech.edu/typesofaid/loans/stafford

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 Chatbot: finaid.caltech.edu/#bot
 Schedule a Meeting

Information Management Services and Support (IMSS)

The Information Management Services and Support (IMSS) department provides essential computing support, including email and calendar, voice and data networks, software, research computing, and information security.

Prior to your arrival as a new student, you will receive your Caltech account details via the email address you used in your application.

Getting Started with Your Caltech Account

- » [Your Caltech Account](#) provides access to campus-wide online tools.
- » [Duo \(multi-factor\) authentication](#) is required for incoming students.
- » [access.caltech online portal](#) is a web platform for Caltech services. Log on and “Set Security Questions” to recover your password if needed.

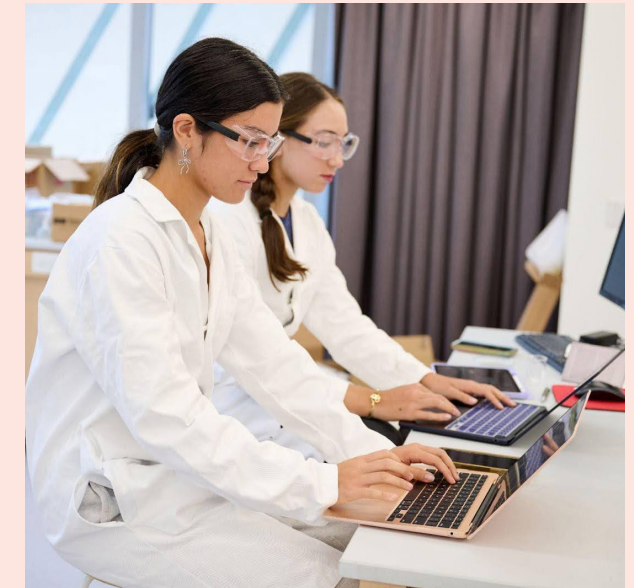
Connecting to the Caltech Network

Before connecting to the Caltech network, ensure your operating system and software are updated with the latest security patches, run antivirus software, and enable a firewall.

- » [Register Your Mac Address](#): enables IMSS to contact you if issues arise
- » [Wired, Wireless, and VPN access](#)
 - [Caltech Secure](#): main wireless network
 - [Eduroam](#): wireless access worldwide
 - [Virtual Private Network \(VPN\)](#)

Getting Started with Key IT Services

- » [Email, Calendar, Messaging](#)
- » [Online Learning](#) on [Canvas](#): course management system that supports online learning
- » [Collaboration, Backup, and Storage](#)



- [Zoom](#): Video conferencing
- [OneDrive for Business](#): 200 GB individual storage
- [Box](#): 50 GB cloud storage
- [Crashplan](#): secure cloud backups for your PC
- [LabArchives](#): electronic notebook that enables researchers to securely store, organize, and publish their research data
- » [Information Security](#)
 - [Duo and MFA](#): multifactor authentication for secure computing
 - [DMCA Infringement](#): copyright-infringement policy
 - [Password Guidelines](#)
 - [Phishing Emails](#): avoid email scams
 - Is my computer blocked from the network? [Click here](#) to find out.
- » Site-licensed Software
 - software.caltech.edu: webstore for Matlab, Mathematica, SolidWorks, etc.
 - [Microsoft software](#) for students
- » [Voice, Mobile, and Conferencing](#)

CONTACT

imss.caltech.edu
help@caltech.edu
 (626) 395-3500
 367 S. Holliston Ave., Room 204



International Student Programs (ISP)



International Student Programs (ISP) believes Caltech thrives as a diverse international community. ISP supports international students in pursuit of academic, professional, and personal goals through individualized immigration advising, intercultural programming, and advocacy.

ISP advises international undergraduate, graduate, and non degree students, as well as recent alumni on all immigration-related matters. We are here to help if you have questions regarding:

- » Visa acquisition and renewal
- » Internships and post-completion employment authorization
- » SEVIS (Student & Exchange Visitor Information System) transfers

At ISP, we are excited to be a part of every student's academic journey in the United States. ISP provides a friendly, welcoming space for international students to ask questions about immigration and the U.S.

Important documents to bring when entering the U.S.:

- » Passport with valid student visa
- » Printed Caltech admission/decision letter
- » Printed SEVIS document (I-20 or DS-2019)
- » Printed SEVIS I-901 fee receipt (downloadable from fmjfee.com)

CONTACT

- » international.caltech.edu/about/isp
- » isp@caltech.edu
- » (626) 395-6330
- » 414 S. Holliston Ave.
(Center for Student Services, 2nd Floor)

New students who have questions are encouraged to access walk-in advising hours, which are **Monday through Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Outside of walk-in hours, please email ISP to request an appointment.

iBegin@Caltech

iBegin@Caltech is a special orientation for new international students, Thursday, September 18 through Saturday, September 20, 2025. International students will meet ISP team members and participate in welcome activities and cultural events to start their journey at Caltech.

ISP Signature Programs

VIP Global Lounge is a monthly event for international students to enjoy meals, activities, and meaningful moments together. What does VIP stand for? Very Important Person! Or, Very International People!

Intercultural Discussion Group is hosted by ISP and in collaboration with Student Wellness Services. This monthly program encourages conversation to increase cross-cultural awareness, empathy, and respect, with emphasis on building community by sharing the challenges and successes of the international student experience. This is a safe space for international students to explore a variety of topics, such as navigating power dynamics, incorporating one's cultural traditions into life in Pasadena and beyond, mental health and wellness concepts and practices, family life and expectations, managing feelings around immigration, and much more.

Globe Throopers is the summer intramural softball team that welcomes players of all levels. Beginners welcome! Students are encouraged to come to learn the game and have some fun in the summer sun.

Mail Services



Mail services provides on-campus mail delivery and facilitates external delivery and receipt of packages and letters. All undergraduate mail is processed and distributed at the Tech Express, located in the Keith Spalding Building lobby. **It is staffed Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.**

Package Shipping Guidelines

Incoming students' mail service codes (MSC code) will be emailed in advance of your physical arrival to campus. Mail services can begin receiving packages two weeks prior to your arrival on campus.

For example:

If your arrival on campus is...	You may send packages starting...
Sunday, August 3, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025
Sunday, September 21, 2025	Sunday, September 7, 2025

Please do not send packages early, as the facility does not have space to hold items.

Mailbox

Your mailbox assignment remains the same while you are an active student. If you go on leave or withdraw from Caltech, the mailbox is not held and will be reassigned to a different student. Mailboxes should be checked daily.

Use the following address format for inbound mail and packages through the U.S. Postal Services and Express Services (FedEx, overnight, OnTrac, DHL, Amazon, etc.)

Undergraduate Student's Legal Name
MSC Number
1200 E. California Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91126

CONTACT

- » mailservices.caltech.edu/mail-services
- » (626) 395-3703
- » 1200 E. California Blvd.
(Keith Spalding Building, Room 104)



Tips for Sending Mail/Packages

- » Use your legal name (avoid using nicknames unless they are also listed in the directory).
- » Do not use a parent's name.
- » Keep your online directory address updated through access.caltech.edu.
- » Mail services is closed on weekends and Institute holidays.
- » Once your items arrive on campus, mail services staff will directly email you to retrieve your items at the Tech Express. Your items are not ready until you receive an email from us, rather than the sender.

Mail Services Offers:

- » Campus mail distribution
- » Undergraduate mail delivery
- » Mailbox key distribution (and replacement key if needed)
- » Full-service post office
- » Special services (certified, delivery confirmation, insured, registered)
- » Processing of outgoing mail
- » Priority Mail and First-Class Mail
- » Stamps and shipping supplies
- » Accepts outgoing intercampus mail
- » Accepts prepaid packages and letters
- » FedEx Ship Center offering discounted rates to the Caltech Community
- » Fax services
- » Passport photo services

Student Wellness Services



Student Wellness Services is committed to supporting the health and emotional well-being of Caltech students. Our office consists of health, counseling, and occupational-therapy services. We support our students through providing caring, inclusive, and individualized health care.

Office visits, events, and workshops are free to all enrolled Caltech students.

Services are not dependent on enrollment in any insurance plan. You may choose to keep your existing home insurance plan or elect the student health insurance plan for coverage.

Health Services

- » Comprehensive care: offering primary care and urgent visits for illnesses or injuries
- » Guidance and referrals: your first point of contact for health needs, including referrals for specialty care, imaging, and specialized testing
- » Convenient lab services: onsite lab draws with processing through Labcorp

Counseling Services

- » Sessions are confidential and free to enrolled Caltech students.
- » Plans are holistic and individualized depending on a student's needs.
- » We offer short-term counseling, consultations, and crisis support.
- » We facilitate workshops, groups, and referrals to community providers.

Occupational Therapy

- » Teaches practical skills and strategies to improve your routines and habits
- » Popular topics include time management, productivity, organization and planning, and sleep

Our office also offers a range of workshops and groups throughout the year. Examples of workshops include:

- » Caltech Connect: suicide prevention training
- » Mindfulness meditation
- » Getting better sleep
- » LGBTQ+ support group

How to Book Online for Health and Occupation-Therapy Appointments:

1. Log onto the [Student Health Portal](#).
2. Select Appointments.
3. Select Schedule an Appointment and select desired service (Health or OT) when prompted.

Health Checklist for New Students

Before you dive into college life, there are some health entrance requirements to complete in the summer. Submit all required information through the Student Health Portal by July 30, 2025 (it opens in June!). Our health team will review your info and let you know if anything is missing so you'll have time to handle vaccines or blood work before arriving on campus.

If you haven't submitted your info or contacted Health Services by the first day of classes, the registrar will drop your classes for the fall term. Yikes! Let's avoid that.

To help you prepare:

- » Gather your vaccine records and health info ahead of time.
- » Keep an eye on the New Student Health Entrance Requirements section on the Student Wellness Services website.
- » Monitor your Student Health Portal Secure Messages for important messages from SWS.

CONTACT

-  wellness.caltech.edu
-  **Health and Counseling**
1239 Arden Rd.
at Student Wellness
Services South
-  **Occupational Therapy:**
1245 Arden Rd.
at Student Wellness
Services North

CENTER HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Closed on Institute holidays)

LAB HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(closed 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

Registrar's Office

The Registrar's Office is here to help you navigate your academic journey at Caltech. From course registration to graduation, we manage student records, enrollment, and key academic policies. As an incoming first-year student, you might have questions about:

Enrollment & Course Selection

- » Your fall schedule: we build it based on your preferences
- » How to register for classes online through REGIS (the Registrar's Information System)
- » What to do if you need exceptions or adjustments

Academic Policies & Requirements

- » Grading policies for core, introductory, and advanced courses
- » Understanding core requirements and how to track your progress with the degree audit

The Registrar's Office also handles all things related to your academic records. Need official documentation? We've got you covered with:

- » Enrollment verifications: Track down proof of your student status for insurance, scholarships, or other needs
- » Grades: Access your academic performance.
- » Transcripts and academic records: Request official and unofficial transcripts anytime.
- » FERPA compliance: Your records are protected, and we ensure your privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Advising on Procedures & Requirements

- » Fall schedule approval: Make sure your fall schedule is approved by your advisor by the end of the first week of classes. Have questions about core requirements? Start by consulting your advisor, and if you need further clarification, we're here to help!
- » Core requirements and policies: We have a [web page](#) summarizing core requirements straight from the catalog. Keep in mind that incoming first-year students will follow the 2025-26 catalog, which will be published in September 2025.



- » Requesting an academic exception: Need to request an exception for course enrollment or core requirements? Begin by speaking with a Registrar's Office team member—we'll guide you through your options and the process.





Managing Your Academic Eligibility

At the Registrar's Office, we're here to help you stay on track with your academic goals! To remain enrolled for the next term, students must meet eligibility requirements by the first day of classes. Generally, this means:

- » Completing at least 27 units per term
- » Maintaining a 1.9 GPA and earning a total of 108 units by the end of the year

Be mindful that extensions (E or I grades) can impact your eligibility. If you have questions or concerns, our team is here to help you navigate different scenarios and ensure you stay on track.

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Center for Teaching, Learning, and Outreach

The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Outreach (CTLO) supports Caltech's multifaceted educational efforts, including undergraduate and graduate courses and curricula, formal and informal teaching and learning, and partnerships with Pre-K through 12 teachers and students.

The CTLO offers programs and services to undergraduate students to support Caltech's culture of peer-to-peer learning, studying, teaching, and mentoring, such as:

- » Learning Resources for improving your study habits and helping you to study smarter, not harder
- » For example: tools to identify why you missed points on an exam or quiz, concept maps to construct your knowledge and find connections in course materials, various strategies for effective learning
- » Training for undergraduate students who would like to become Peer Academic Coaches and group tutors
- » Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (UTA) orientation and training

Academic Resources





As an incoming student, you may have questions about finding help in your courses, including how office hours, recitation sections, and peer academic coaching compare. Visit our website to learn more about the

differences among these three academic resources and how you can use each effectively for your needs.

Outreach Opportunities

- » We also offer several opportunities for undergraduate students to connect to the broader educational community in Pasadena and beyond. PreK-12 outreach support includes:
 - » Mentoring and tutoring opportunities with local middle and high school students
 - » Educational outreach office support for development and implementation of hands-on demonstrations and lessons designed for PreK-12 students
 - » Coordination and support for campus clubs that bring PreK-12 students and families to campus or that visit local PreK-12 schools
 - » Seminars and workshops for students interested in outreach

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Fellowships Advising and Study Abroad (FASA)

Fellowships Advising and Study Abroad (FASA) provides advising, resources, and workshops to help students navigate the application process for Caltech's official study-abroad programs, all listed in the course catalog.

Beyond international opportunities, FASA also supports undergraduates preparing to apply for graduate fellowships, whether you're considering a master's degree, a year of research abroad, or a PhD. Fellowships fall into three main categories: funding for graduate study abroad, STEM-specific fellowships, and broader fellowships that support STEM and other fields, including professional school.

First-Year at a Glance

Fall Term

You just arrived at Caltech, and already your first year is a good time to begin considering studying abroad. The Study Away program is an exchange with the University of Chicago. Applications are accepted from eligible sophomores and juniors who intend to study abroad the following academic year.

During this term you can:

- » Attend one of the fall study-abroad information sessions.
- » Review proposals and surveys from previous study-abroad participants in the FASA library.




Winter Term

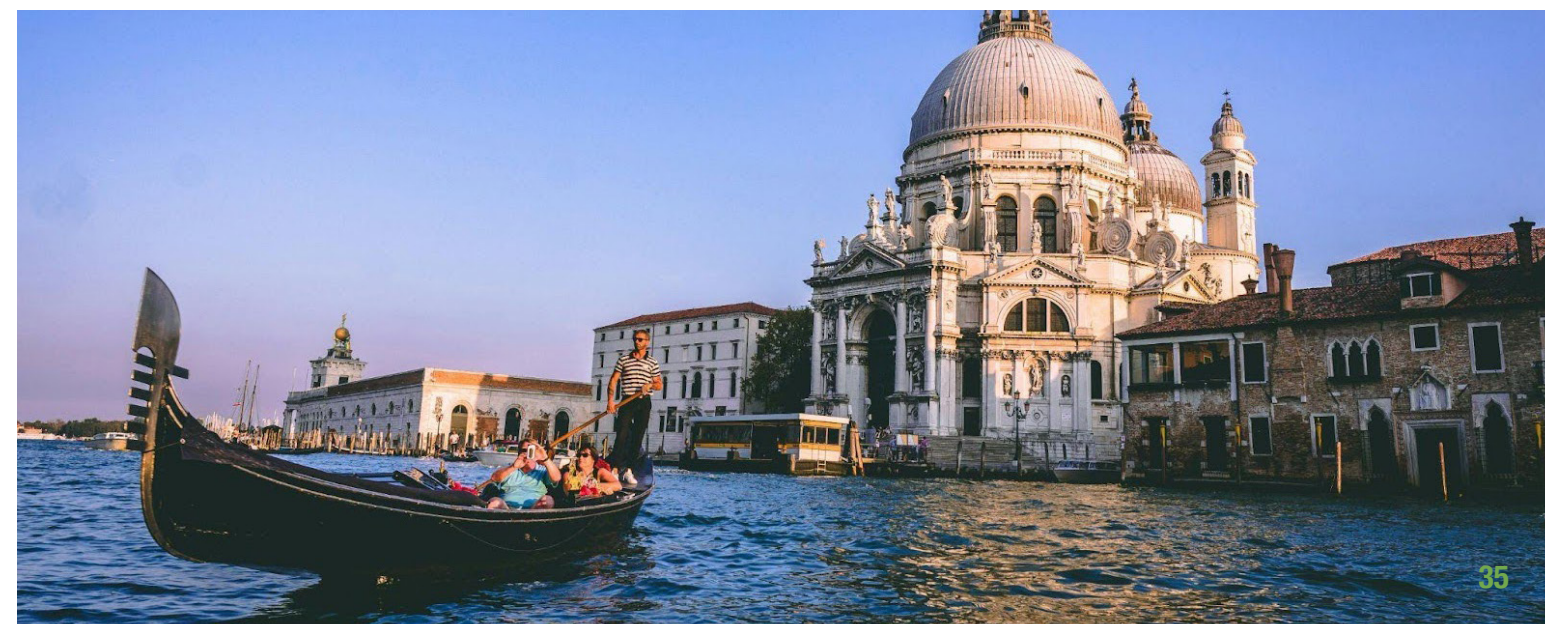
First years are eligible to apply for a summer study-abroad fellowship through the Amasa Bishop Summer Study Abroad Fellowship. Interested students should attend the information session during this term and visit the [Bishop Fellowship web page](#) for more information.

Spring Term

Undergraduate students do not apply for graduate fellowships until the spring of their junior year or fall of their senior year, however, first-year students may attend fellowship information sessions (e.g., Fulbright, Gates, Churchill, Rhodes, or Marshall) to learn about these options early on. A strong academic record is essential for these fellowships, as are non-academic activities. You can begin building the foundation for fellowship applications by joining clubs, pursuing leadership positions, participating in community service, and building professional relationships with faculty for strong references.

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Hixon Writing Center (HWC)

The Hixon Writing Center (HWC) assists Caltech students in becoming better writers and communicators, supporting their success in coursework, research, and career preparation. Its resources can be used when struggling with a writing task, but they are also beneficial when students aim to elevate their work from good to great.

The HWC assists undergraduate students at all stages of the writing process, from helping to brainstorm at the start of a project to reviewing work in progress or consulting on the final polishing or editing of a piece. This support is offered through in-person and online one-to-one meetings with professional writing specialists and peer tutors focusing on the writer's goals. We also offer written feedback letters on developed drafts. Students regularly meet us to reach the following goals:

- » Understand a writing assignment
- » Overcome writing procrastination
- » Brainstorm and generate new ideas
- » Make a plan for an important writing project
- » Understand a new genre or style of writing
- » Identify and reach a particular audience
- » Find targeted resources and models
- » Identify strengths and weaknesses in a draft
- » Enhance the clarity of writing
- » Respond effectively to feedback from a professor
- » Gain confidence in writing and enjoy the writing process

Academic Writing Assistance

We work with writers in all academic disciplines. We support writing across academic genres, including lab reports, abstracts, proposals, research papers, argument-driven essays, statements of purpose, research proposals, and slide decks/presentations.

Workshops and Events

Students in some humanities courses will attend small group workshops organized by their professors in the Hixon Writing Center. The center also hosts events and workshops to support student learning, such as an introduction to writing a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) proposal.

Becoming a Peer Tutor

Undergraduates who enjoy supporting peers and are strong academic writers may consider applying to join our team as a peer tutor. We recruit new tutors annually during the winter term.

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Caltech Library

The [Caltech Library](#) provides students, faculty, and staff with access to collections and repositories, research and instruction support, publication services, and preservation of data and archival materials. The Library partners with faculty, students, and staff across the Institute in the creation, dissemination, and discovery of knowledge. The Library also catalyzes information discovery and sharing while functioning as a center for scholarship and innovation to advance the Institute's mission to expand human knowledge and benefit society through research integrated with education. Search across all our collections through LibSearch, the Caltech Library's online search discovery center.

Find Us on Campus

The Sherman Fairchild Library (SFL) is the main library on campus. SFL is open seven days a week late into the evening and offers a range of collaborative and private study spaces, including study rooms and booths that can be reserved. All textbooks assigned for courses are available for short-term use through the Library's Course Reserves. Users can also obtain books and articles not owned by Caltech Library typically within 24 hours through our DocuServe interlibrary loan service.

Caltech Library Locations and Resources

1. Main Library: The primary library on campus is the Sherman Fairchild Library (SFL).

2. Branch Division Libraries

- Dabney Library: Focuses on Humanities and Social Sciences
- Cahill Library: Specializes in Astronomy and Astrophysics
- North Mudd Library: Dedicated to Geology

3. Specialized Library Locations in Caltech Hall

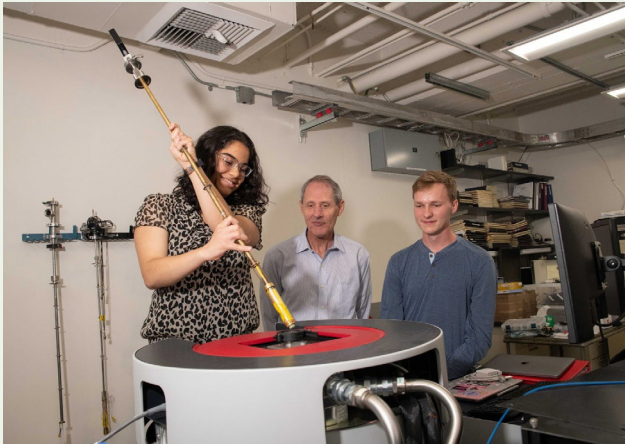
- The Lookout (9th floor): A flexible collaboration and study space
- The TechHub (1st floor)
 - » Features a 3D-printing lab
 - » Provides large-scale poster printing
 - » Offers laptop, camera, and other equipment-lending services
 - » Includes a variety of DIY machines and tools for research and fostering creative curiosity

Visit our [Welcome Guide](#) for more details about how to find and access what you need and get expert help, including subject and division-specific research guides.

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Student-Faculty Programs (SFP)



The Student-Faculty Programs (SFP) Office is your one-stop source if you want to do research. Research has always been a core part of the undergraduate experience at Caltech and one of the biggest reasons students choose Caltech. The incredibly low three-to-one student-faculty ratio provides undergraduates with many opportunities to be involved in cutting-edge scientific research.

The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) program is one of the crown jewels of Caltech. For more than 45 years, SURF has provided students with the opportunity to work alongside world-class mentors at the frontier of their fields. From the initial spark of an idea to the thrill of presenting groundbreaking results at SURF Seminar Day, participants dive into research as a dynamic and creative intellectual journey. It's more than just a fellowship—it's a launchpad for innovation, curiosity, and future scientific leaders.

How We Support Incoming Students

- » Information sessions throughout the fall and winter terms. Topics include:
 - How to Prepare This Fall for a SURF Next Summer
 - Understanding the SURF Process
 - Tips and Tricks for Finding a SURF mentor
 - Off-campus SURF Information Sessions
 - How to Write a Research Proposal
- » Weekly drop-in advising sessions with SFP staff
- » Research Ambassadors in every residence who provide peer-to-peer advising and support
- » Discover JPL, a series that aims to promote the research opportunities available at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

- » One-on-one advising to help students identify and find a SURF mentor
- » Explore the SURF section on the first-year Canvas page

Information about all of these events and programs can be found on our web page (sfp.caltech.edu) via the Calendar tab. Throughout the academic year, our office communicates important events and deadlines through campus directory email.

SURF Timeline

Fall

- » Attend a SURF Information Session and begin exploring research areas of interest.
- » Explore pizza courses, attend option seminars, and talk to upper-class students.
- » Meet the SFP Research Ambassador in your House/residence.
- » Begin reaching out to potential mentors.

Winter

- » Finalize your mentor selection.
- » Attend sessions on how to write a research proposal and secure strong letters of recommendation.
- » Submit your application by February 22, 2026.

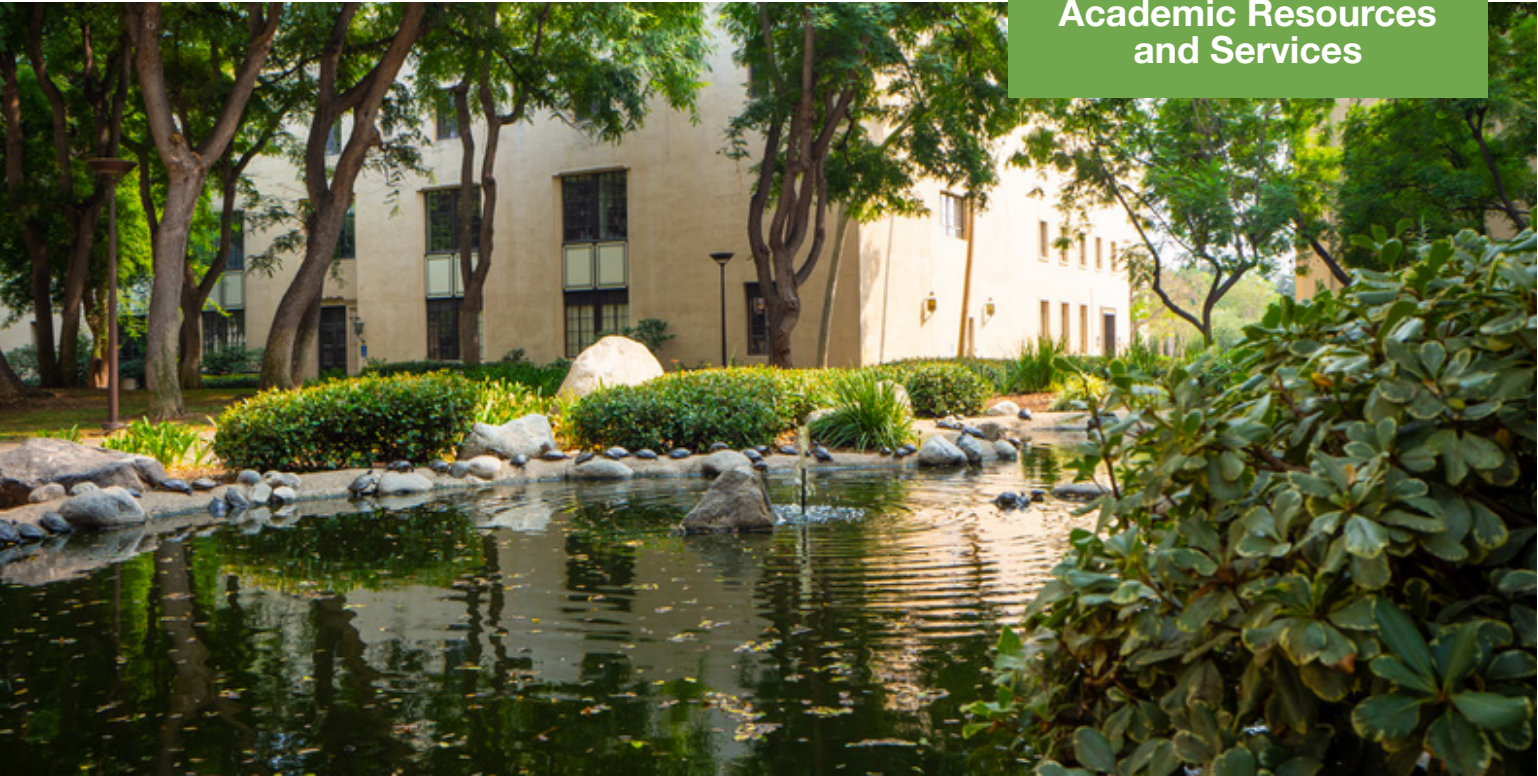
Spring

- » SURF awards announced on April 1, 2026.



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Dean of Undergraduate Students Office

The Dean of Undergraduate Students Office fosters the academic and personal growth of undergraduate students through counseling and support. Students are encouraged to see one of the associate deans about any matter, large or small. We are available to discuss academic concerns, personal well-being, community issues, or plans after Caltech. We work closely with faculty and other student affairs staff to help students overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.

One of the other important roles served by the Deans' Office is that of helping students to observe and implement Caltech's community standards. To that end, we play a supportive role to the Honor System and are also responsible for the enforcement of Institute policies.

Finally, the office manages academic components of New Student Orientation; is responsible for a number of student-centered grants and funding sources; and offers peer academic coaching, among other academicsupport programs.

Our Team

- Jennifer Jahner**
Faculty Dean of Undergraduate Studies
Professor of English
- Lesley Nye**
Senior Associate Dean of Undergraduate Students
- Kristin Weyman**
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Students

- Maura McDinger**
Director of Conduct and Community Standards
- Rosemary (Beth) Larranaga**
Operations Lead
- Sara Loreda**
Office Assistant

Make an appointment with one of the deans or a member of the professional staff [here](#).

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The Department of Athletics, Recreation, and Instruction (ARI)

The Department of Athletics, Recreation, and Instruction (ARI) is dedicated to supporting the health, well-being, and enjoyment of all members of the Caltech community. Whether you're looking to break a sweat, compete, or simply have fun, we've got something for you. From energizing physical education classes and competitive club teams to exciting intramural leagues and laid-back recreational activities, our programs are designed to foster well-being and a balanced lifestyle.

The Caltech Athletic Complex is the heart of our community, where we come together to train, play, get fit, and explore new skills and perspectives. Learn more about the facility and check hours on our website.

Recreation Membership

Enjoy an all-access recreation membership—included for all undergraduate and graduate students!

Just swipe in with your Caltech ID and enjoy a wide range of fitness and recreation options:

- » Tennis courts, pools, gyms, track and field spaces, as well as open spaces
- » Climbing wall and bouldering cave
- » Cardio and strength equipment available, with three weightlifting areas
- » Weight room and equipment orientations
- » Intramural leagues and teams for club sports
- » Free group-fitness classes including: HIIT, Pilates, spin, barre, yoga, and more; [sign up for classes online](#).

Physical Education Courses

- » All undergraduates are required to complete nine units of PE.
- » PE courses help students learn new skills and increase knowledge in a different way than in the classroom.
- » Courses satisfy a range of interests and abilities.
- » Discover a new hobby or pursue a passion you already have while improving fitness, reducing stress, and earning units.



Intercollegiate Athletics

- » Caltech Athletics is home to 18 NCAA Division III Intercollegiate Athletic Teams.
- » Approximately 30% of our undergraduate students participate in NCAA team sports.
- » Home events are free and open to our community.
- » Team schedules and live streams can be accessed via the [GoCaltech.com website](#).
- » Student-athletes can expect direct communication from the coaching and athletic administration staff regarding team updates, NCAA eligibility, and medical clearance.



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Caltech Y

The Caltech Y's mission is to enrich student life and challenge students to grow into responsible citizens of the world. For more than 100 years, the Caltech Y has enriched the lives of Caltech students through a variety of programs and services initiated and led by students. We operate from the foundational pillars of Leadership, Service, Adventure, Civic Engagement, and Perspective.

As a student-led organization, the Caltech Y is open to the vision and direction of student leaders. Programs fall within six categories. Here are some of our signature programs for each category:

1. Educational Programs

- » Service and Education Trips: focused on civic engagement (Washington, DC, Science Policy Trip), educational exploration (India Cultural Trip), and community service. Alternative Spring Break service trips; locations vary depending on student interest.

2. Outdoor Adventures

- » Equipment Rentals: a wide range of rental equipment at little to no cost for Caltech and JPL community members (students, faculty, staff, alumni)
- » Y Hike; Pre-orientation adventure trip (Yosemite) for incoming grads and undergrads

3. Community Service

- » Make a Difference Day: the Y partners with agencies from the greater LA region for a day of service
- » Rise Tutoring: an after-school tutoring program for 8th – 12th grade students struggling in math or science in which Caltech students serve as academic tutors and mentors
- » Lab Equipment Access Plan (LEAP): collects donated equipment and delivers to under-resourced public high schools
- » Union Station: volunteer to cook and serve dinner at the local homeless shelter



4. Social Activities

- » Explore LA: opportunities to get off-campus and explore; e.g., trips to museums, plays, sporting events, musicals, and other outings

5. Cultural Events

- » World Fest: highlights international student community through country-specific talks and programs; culminates in an international food fair and talent show, co-sponsored with Caltech International Offices
- » Cultural Cuisine Tours: knowledgeable cultural-trip leaders introduce their food and culture through a local restaurant

6. Exploration and Travel Awards

- » Opportunities to explore family heritage and culture (Hastrup Award), engage in service or advocacy (ACT Award), find clarity and direction (Studenski Memorial Award), attend a conference (Hummel/Gray Travel Fund), or learn about politics and the legislative process (Mabel Beckman Prize)

These programs merely scratch the surface of everything the Caltech Y has to offer. Visit our website to learn how to participate in our programs, rent equipment, or become a Y leader on one of our committees:

- » **Student Executive Committee (ExComm)** oversees all Y programming and planning of a variety of trips and activities.
- » **Y-Outdoors Committee** plans trips and adventure talks.
- » **Student Activism Speaker Series (SASS)** Committee organizes trips and programs focused on policy and world issues.

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Campus Activities and Engagement

Caltech is a fast-paced, high-achieving environment, and it's not just about the academics. Campus Activities and Engagement is here to help you unwind, connect, and grow beyond the classroom. Whether you're looking to de-stress, make lifelong friends, build leadership skills, give back through volunteer work, or network with alumni, we've got you covered. Our office supports students to have fun, find balance, and create memories that will define your Caltech journey.

Our events and programs are designed to fit seamlessly into your busy academic schedule, giving you the perfect balance of work and play. Whether you're looking to:

- » Unleash your creativity at Techstock
- » Innovate at Hacktech
- » Celebrate Pi Day
- » Participate in Ditch Day
- » Pull off legendary pranks

There's something for everyone. Plus, with alternative interhouse events and countless other activities, you'll have endless opportunities to build leadership skills, connect with peers, and make the most of your Caltech journey.



Tom Mannion, senior director of campus activities and engagement, is not only the advisor to the Associated Students of the California Institute of Technology (ASCIT) but also the instructor of one of Caltech's most beloved classes—a cooking and food science course that's as delicious as it is educational!

Beyond the kitchen, Campus Activities and Engagement helps students connect with Caltech alumni through exclusive networking events and mentorship opportunities in collaboration with the Caltech Alumni Association. Whether you're looking for career advice, inspiration, or just a great conversation, these connections help bring the Caltech community—past and present—closer together.

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Performing and Visual Arts

At Caltech, we understand that true learning extends far beyond the confines of the classroom. It is a journey of self-discovery—a quest to uncover new passions, perspectives, and talents.

Caltech Performing and Visual Arts will provide you with a gateway to this enriching experience, offering a myriad of opportunities to explore, create, and connect with fellow artists and enthusiasts in the fields of music, theater, and the visual arts.

The Performing and Visual Arts [faculty](#) are committed to quality in performance and education, and share a dedication to serve students who wish to enrich and broaden their college experiences.

Students can receive [academic credit](#) for their participation in the following classes:

Music

- » Guitar Classes
- » Chamber Music Ensembles
- » Jazz Band/Improvisation
- » Symphony Orchestra
- » Wind Orchestra
- » Glee Club/Chamber Singers

Theater

- » Theater Production
- » Storytelling for Scientists
- » Improvisation for Scientists

Arts

- » Silkscreen and Silk Painting
- » Drawing and Painting
- » Ceramics

At the start of the school year, auditions for music ensembles and theater productions will take place, and you will be able to sign up on our website. For more details and audition schedules, please visit our [website](#).

Group-Specific Questions

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