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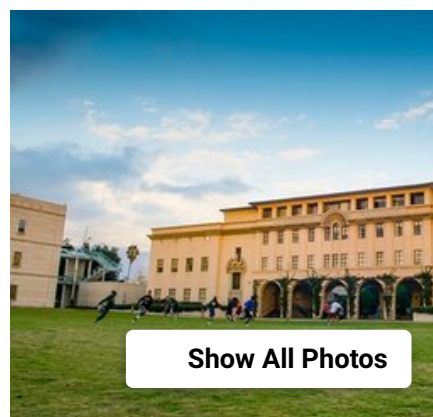
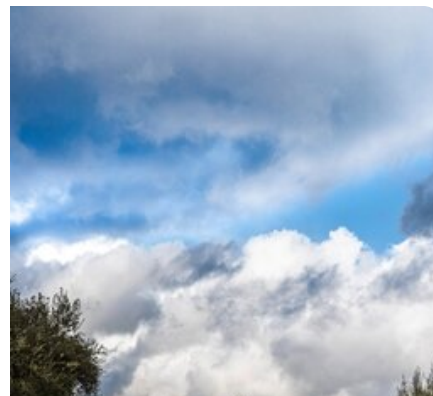
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California Institute of Technology

#7 in [National Universities](#) (tie)

4 year • Pasadena, CA

★★★★★ 12 reviews




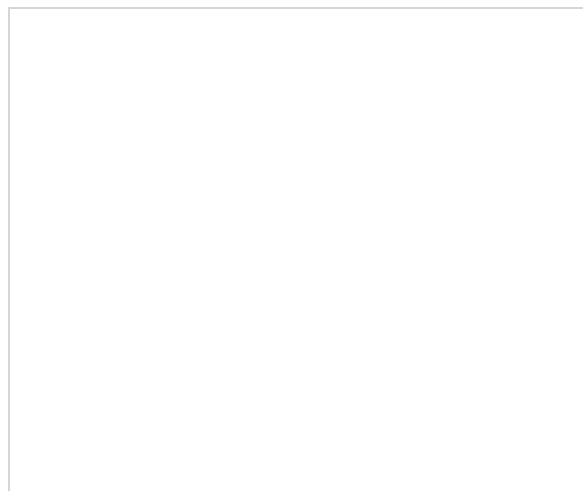
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Overview

California Institute of Technology is a private institution that was founded in 1891. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 982 (fall 2022), its setting is suburban, and the campus size is 124 acres. It utilizes a quarter-based academic calendar. California Institute of Technology's ranking in the 2024 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, #7. Its tuition and fees

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At-a-Glance

Setting **Suburban** Visit School Website Tuition & Fees **\$63,255** 1200 E. California Boulevard, Pasadena, CA, 91125Undergraduate Enrollment **982** [Work at this school? Claim it here »](#)Acceptance Rate **3%**

2024 Rankings

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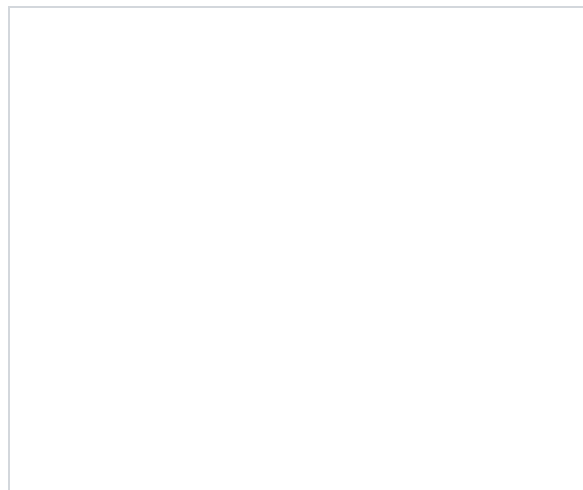
#7 in National Universities (tie)**#10 in Best Value Schools****#5 in Engineering Programs**
(doctorate) (tie)

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Admissions



Jan. 3

Application Deadline

3%

Acceptance Rate

SAT Range*

N/A

ACT Range*

N/A

High School GPA*

N/A

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** These are the average scores of applications admitted to this school. Ranges represent admitted applicants who fell within the 25th and 75th percentile.*

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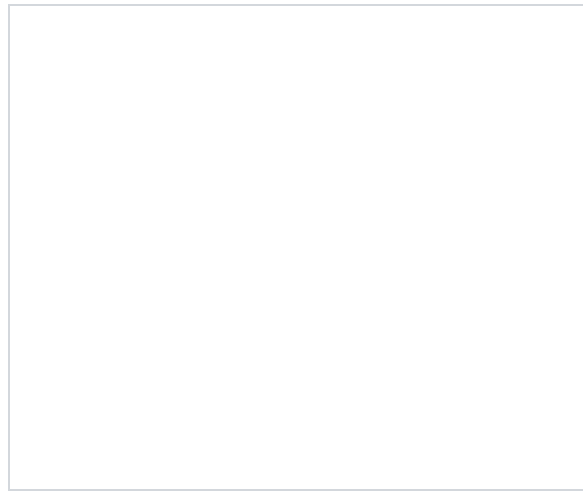
☐ Accepted

☐ Enrolled

☐ Rejected

☐ Waitlisted

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Cost

Tuition & Fees	\$63,255
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Room & Board	\$19,503
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Average Need-Based Aid Package	\$64,303
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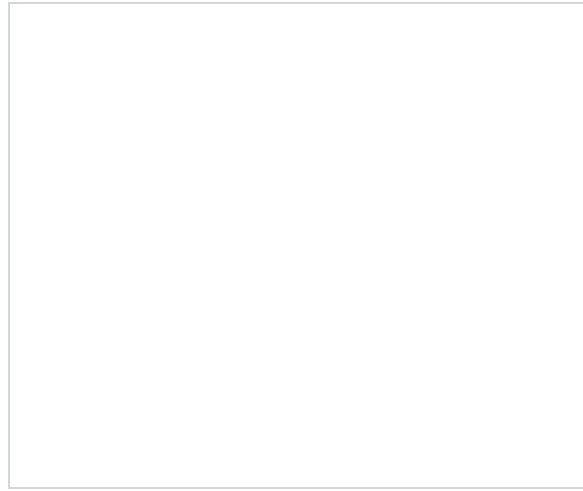


\$29,279

Annual Cost*

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*Average cost after aid



Academics



81%

4-Year Graduation Rate



3:1

Student/Faculty Ratio



71%

Classes With Fewer
Than 20 Students

Popular Majors

MAJOR	% OF GRADUATES	ALUMNI STARTING SALARY
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	38%	N/A
Engineering/Engineering-Related Technologies/Technicians	30%	N/A
Physical Sciences	20%	N/A
Mathematics and Statistics	6%	N/A
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	5%	N/A

Data provided by  PayScale Last updated 2021.

* In cases where salary data at the specific major level is unavailable, a general salary for the major category is displayed.

Faculty Research Impact

Bibliometric Rank	12
Bibliometrics is the statistical analyses of publications and citations for the purpose of measuring faculty research impact.	
Publications Cited in Top 25% of Journals	75
Publications Cited in Top 5% of Journals	25
Total Papers published between 2018-2022	23,662

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Students



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Undergraduate Enrollment

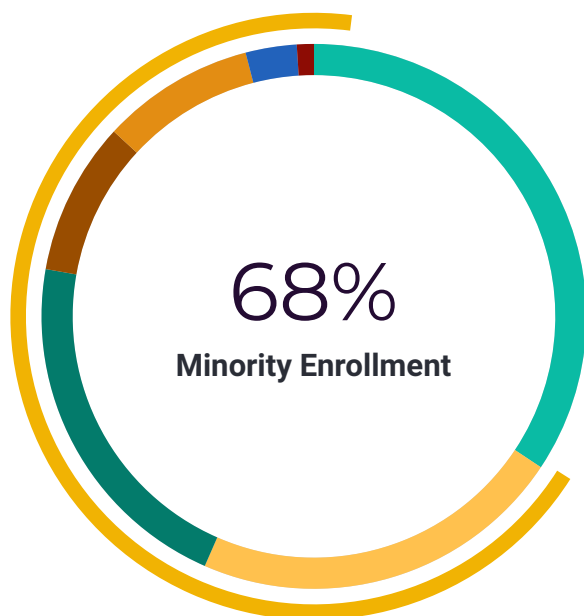
Graduate Enrollment	1,419
Total Enrollment	2,401
Full-Time Degree-Seeking Students	982

Student Diversity

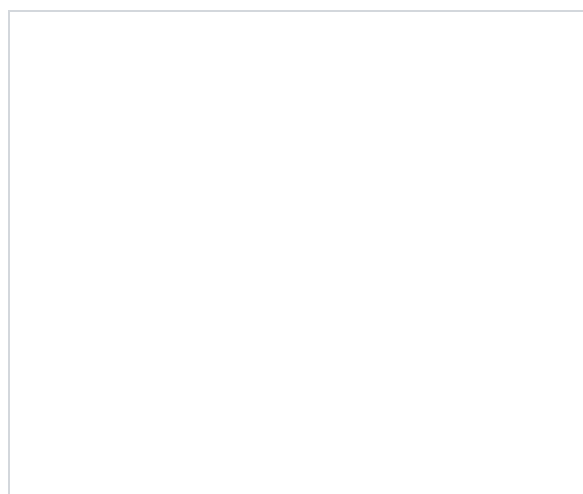
Gender Distribution

Male 55% Female 45%

Ethnic Diversity

**68%** Minority Enrollment**34%** Asian**22%** Hispanic**21%** White**9%** Two or more races**9%** International**3%** Black**1%** Unknown

Not Specified is not included in this breakdown due to an enrollment of 0%.

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Campus Life

Housing and Dorms

Types of campus housing available:

- coed dorms
- apartments for married students
- special housing for disabled students

Theme housing

Student Activities

44+

Sports Teams

N/A

Fraternities

N/A

Sororities

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After College

Graduation Rate	81%
Graduating Students Who Have Borrowed (any loan type, 2021)	27%
Average Debt at Graduation	\$17,219



\$86,037

Median Starting Salary of Alumni

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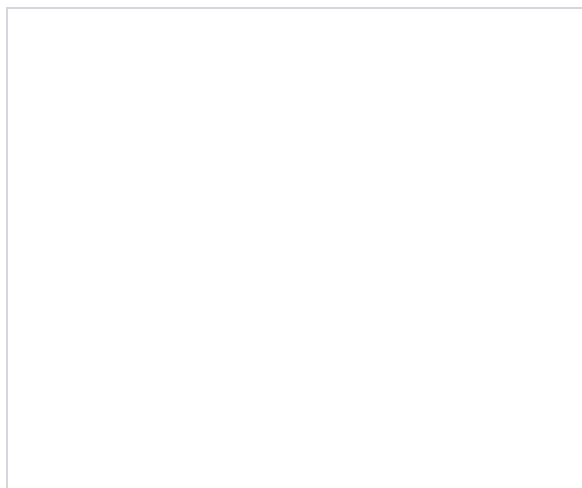
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Reviewed by 12 users**The best STEM education in the world**

1 month ago

MWN, San Marino, California

Very intense STEM education in a very supportive environment that teach you to think at a much higher level than graduates of any other institution. Cal Tech graduates have the highest odds of winning the Nobel Prize. Cal Tech undergraduate education is probably the most difficult thing you will do in your life. Cal Tech has a house system where all undergraduates live in the same house with the same group of students all 4 years, this fosters deep and lifelong friendships. Students collaborate with each other on problem sets, and tests are given on an honor system. Cal Tech does not keep class ranking, creating a collaborative rather than a competitive environment. Cal Tech also runs Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Internships at JPL is a great stepping stone. All freshmen enter as undeclared, majors are declared at the end of freshman year, allowing one to explore the STEM area that one wants to focus on. Purely merit-based admission (no legacy) means you are surrounded by the brightest peers. Beautiful and idyllic campus with wonderful sunny weather year round. Cal Tech graduates are heavily recruited by the industry, and have the highest income of any US college graduates 10 years after graduation. If you are truly interested in the best STEM education, want to learn to think outside the box, and are willing to work hard, Cal Tech is the perfect place. If you want to take it easy and party, Cal Tech is not right for you.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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Campus is disappointing

3 months ago

Edumeer, Atlanta, GA

too little for college life

No, I would not recommend this school to a friend

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Its Soo beautiful

9 months ago

Vann A.calls of 2018, housting

tx

good, very good

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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Getting STEM undergraduate and graduate school in 4 years

2 years ago

Nowell, Dallas, TX

Very solid science and math related courses in first two years. It is like an accelerated college level degree for first two years, but it is on Caltech's level . If you go to any graduate schools, you will find much easier than undergraduate in Caltech. Caltech is Intensive but it will get you a lot of opportunities if you take advantages of it. Good financial aids and work- study which get you debt-free when you graduate. Alumni connection is also very valuable, even though It is a small school. If you are prepare to work hard in a top notch education institution, you will not regret it!

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Best education you can get

2 years ago

Sommers, New Jersey

I am a alumni at Caltech. I enjoyed the education, the social gatherings, the academic inspirations and support in Caltech. I had met the most resourceful and the kindest peers in my undergraduate years. These amazingly talented people were my mentors, and I really had no regret choosing Caltech instead of other elite schools. Get best out of your undergraduate education in Caltech, I am sure by the time you graduate, you see the differences between Caltech grads and other elite grads in term of intelligence and work ethics. You will also get a bunch of very decent life-time friends.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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Admission based on meritocracy , not legacy

2 years ago

Nimo, NJ

If you are a capable student who wants to pursue STEM majors, this is the best education you can get in the US, perhaps in the world. If you can handle the undergraduate workload in Caltech, you can do well in any top tier graduate schools.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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True Education

2 years ago

Bostonian, Boston

If you want fast food type of education, don't come here. Caltech is the place with they cultivate true academic learners with strong ethics. It will bring you to explore and push your potentials in stem fields. Those who appreciate Caltech style of education will take you to

where you want to me, perhaps farther than your expectation. If you just want a easy degree and get a quick money job, don't come here.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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STEM Paradise

2 years ago

Caltech, Los Angeles, CA

Amazing education, location, reputation, and people. Loved my four years here, and would recommend to anyone who loves STEM.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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Extremely Friendly and Supportive Environment

3 years ago

June, San Jose

My daughter chose this college after visiting it for four times and no regret at all. She just love the people and campus. This is a serious place to study STEM majors. The campus is cozy and beautiful. It has year long good weather. Professors and staffs are super friendly and supportive. They always try their best to help you to succeed. Campus culture is under honor code and students work in a fair and no cheat environment. Their work load is heavy but it brings students to work together which build strong friendship at no effort. Students don't compete to each other but always work and play together. Caltech is truly a good and wonderful place.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

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Very nice college

4 years ago

Jack, MI

Parents

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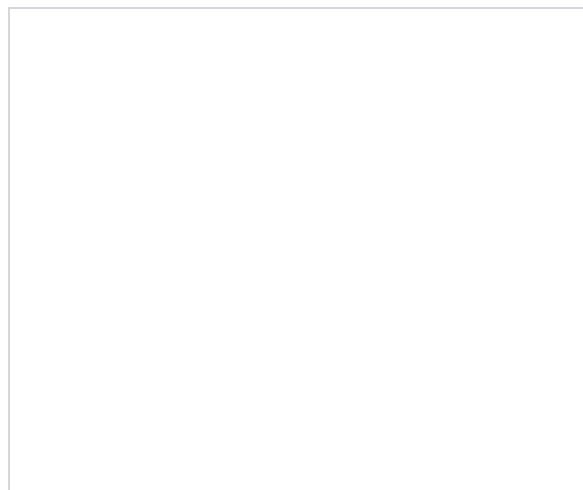
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