

## Invest in Tomorrow's Innovators: Support Undergraduates at Caltech

Students with unbridled curiosity and an extraordinary aptitude for science, mathematics, and engineering dream of studying at Caltech. But universities compete fiercely to attract the most promising, talented undergraduates, and financial aid is often a deciding factor in enrollment decisions. **We want to make sure that economic barriers do not keep students from attending Caltech and thriving throughout their undergraduate careers.**

For U.S. citizens and permanent residents, ability to pay has never been a determining factor in Caltech's admission of first-year students. More than half of our undergraduates receive need-based financial assistance, typically comprising scholarships and grants, student employment, and loans.

Scholarships are the most powerful source of financial aid because they reduce the use of loans and ensure that brilliant, hard-working students can devote themselves fully to learning and follow their passions after graduation without the burden of debt. This is why gifts to fund undergraduate scholarships are a top fundraising priority.

**"We are committed to making sure that these remarkable students have the resources and support they need to achieve their full academic potential here."**

Kevin Gilmartin

William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of English; Allen V. C. Davis and Lenabelle Davis Leadership Chair, Students Affairs; Vice President for Student Affairs

### Facts

- Caltech's signature **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF)** program gives students the opportunity to experience the entire research process, from defining and developing a project to presenting results.
- With a **3:1 student-faculty ratio**, Caltech gives undergraduates extraordinary access to faculty.
- **Research is integral to undergraduate education at Caltech.** Students conduct hands-on investigations alongside some of the most accomplished scientists and engineers in the world.

## Admissions and Cost Overview

Caltech's total estimated cost of attendance for undergraduates living on campus is \$83,600. In 2021–22, **the average need-based financial aid package was \$56,000 and more than half of students received financial aid.**

**66%**  
of incoming students  
in fall 2022 **attended  
public or charter  
schools**

**19%**  
are first-generation college students

**20%**  
are Pell Grant-eligible students

The Pell Grant Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Education, provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain postbaccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education.

### Please consider making a gift.

Caltech offers admission to the most promising, meritorious candidates, whatever their background.

Gifts from alumni, parents, and other friends make this possible.

#### **Fully Funded Endowed Scholarship: \$1.2 million**

Your investment of **\$1.2 million or more**, payable over a period of up to five years, will create a permanent, named, full-tuition scholarship. Because it generates income year after year, an endowed scholarship touches the lives of students now and far into the future.

#### **Partially Funded Endowed Scholarship: \$100,000**

Your gift of **\$100,000 or more**, payable over a period of up to five years, will endow and name a partial scholarship.

#### **Annual Scholarship: \$10,000 per year for four years**

Your current-use gift of **\$10,000 or more** per year over four years will be put to use right away, creating a named annual scholarship to support outstanding undergraduates.

*Your scholarship gift of any amount has an immediate impact on students. Contributions not designated for named scholarships are added to Caltech's general scholarship fund.*



You may name an endowed or annual scholarship for yourself or in honor of family members, friends, or mentors. Additionally, as a scholarship donor, you will have opportunities to meet the students who benefit from your generosity.

There are many ways to support scholarships at Caltech, including gifts of securities or real estate, bequests, and beneficiary designations. You can also create charitable trusts and annuities that benefit students while providing tax advantages and guaranteed income for yourself and your loved ones.

What is more, scholarship gifts are exempt from all indirect costs and fees, with **100 percent of your contributions used to support students.**

To start a conversation about how you can help tomorrow's innovators achieve their full potential, please contact:

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