

Invest in Tomorrow's Innovators: Support Career Advising at Caltech

Every student requires the tools to leverage their exceptional educational experience and passions into a successful career—whether in academia, industry, public service, or a start-up.

Not long ago, a phone call from a professor was enough to secure a spot in graduate school or obtain a first job. Today's students, however, have access to an overwhelming number of opportunities and career pathways and must navigate increasingly complex and lengthy application and interview processes regardless of career path.

To address evolving needs, Career Achievement, Leadership, and Exploration (CALE) has reconceptualized its programs, and student participation has nearly doubled. CALE provides centralized career planning services, alumni mentorship opportunities, and search strategies for internships and full-time employment, along with vital professional and graduate school preparation.

Taking a holistic approach that moves beyond transactional services, CALE provides opportunities for students to imagine and design their individual paths before deciding

“Caltech students and alumni discover new scientific fields, create new technologies, and build new companies. As the world becomes more complex, career advising services must keep pace. Caltech is making strategic investments to empower all our graduates to succeed.”

Claire Ralph

Director, Career Achievement,
Leadership, and Exploration
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2,300+

Number of undergrads, graduate students, and postdocs who have engaged with CALE since 2023

43%

43% of students transition directly into industry, entrepreneurialism, and other professional paths

700

Number of employers that have joined CALE's recruiting platform



which first step best suits their plans. From the moment students arrive on campus, CALE offers support and programming to help propel career success. This support intensifies as graduation nears and continues into the early alumni years.

CALE's mission is to ensure that graduates are able to achieve their goals by taking full advantage of the opportunities available to them; prepare them for the vagaries of the future; and leverage Caltech's reputation and worldwide network of alumni and friends. Your investment in CALE will provide students access to the tools, training, and connections essential for success.

CALE's Innovative Programs Include:

Design Your Life Classes

Teaches design thinking to address the challenge students face in creating fulfilling lives and careers.

Flash Mentoring Program

Connects alumni with students for 30-minute virtual sessions.

Industry Nights

Provides students with a casual opportunity for networking with professionals in their fields.

STEMxIDEA Conferences

Supports student attendance of identity-related STEM conferences, which are particularly powerful for students from underrepresented groups.

Summer Internship Mentoring Program

Assists students in their transition from academia to the professional world.

Select Giving Opportunities

Sponsored Internships: \$150,000 to endow or \$10,000 annually

Internships give students an edge in competitive job markets. Your support for paid internships, supplemented by stipends from host companies, is especially important for first-year students and those who rely on summer earnings to sustain themselves during the academic year, ensuring they do not sacrifice career building for financial security.

Pre-Professional Advising: \$12,000 annually

Graduate and pre-professional program advising is critical to students who wish to continue their education. With a focus on supporting students considering careers such as medicine, business, and law, your support will provide stipends for pre-professional preceptorships and internships, along with vital guidance through the numerous paths to graduate studies and difficult application processes.

Dining with Techers \$2,000 per dinner

Dining with Techers connects Caltech alumni and students in a professional, accessible setting on or near campus. Your support will help provide opportunities for students to spend time with an alumni host, make valuable mentorship connections, and hear firsthand experiences of life after graduation, all while gaining confidence in their ability to engage and network in a formal business environment.

There are many ways to support CALE, 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.

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

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