

Endowment Opportunities

Endowed funds sustain intellectual freedom and quicken the pace of discovery by providing a stable flow of resources to support faculty and students, programs, and infrastructure. Building the Institute's endowment is a lasting and powerful way for a donor to make a difference at Caltech.

Faculty-focused

Leadership Chair: Variable funding level

Provide discretionary funding that allows executive officers, department chairs, and center and institute directors to spur extraordinary science and technology and cultivate great ideas. **Professorial Chair: \$4 million** minimum funding level

Recognize and sustain the work of world-leading scholars. Named chairs aid in recruitment and are the highest honor Caltech bestows on its faculty.

Early-Career Professorships: \$2.5 million minimum funding level

Provide crucial financial support that will put assistant professors on the fast track to impact throughout their untenured years.

Visiting Professorship: \$1.5 million minimum funding level

Help bring distinguished scientists, engineers, and educators from around the world to Caltech for meaningful collaboration and teaching.

Visiting Instructorship: \$1 million minimum funding level

Help bring recent PhD recipients to Caltech, creating opportunities for diverse research collaborations and teaching experiences.

Visiting Lectureship: \$600,000 minimum funding level

Allow Caltech to invite outside scholars to campus to augment teaching staff for specific programs and create opportunities for collaboration with faculty.

Faculty Recruitment/Retention Fund: \$500,000 minimum funding level Give Caltech a distinguishing advantage in attracting the most promising faculty and fostering the careers of talented teachers and researchers.

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Student-focused	Postdoctoral Fellowship: \$1 million minimum funding level
	Give outstanding early-career PhDs incomparable opportunities and help Caltech recruit a
	diverse cohort of postdoctoral scholars.
	Graduate Fellowship: \$750,000 minimum funding level
	Provide Caltech graduate students the freedom to pursue their passions and to focus on
	their research, teaching, and futures instead of their funding.
	Study-Abroad/Travel Fund: \$150,000 minimum funding level
	Empower undergraduates who want to explore the world in order to enrich their Caltech
	education.
	Internship Fund: \$150,000 minimum funding level
	Support the Summer Undergraduate Internship Program, which allows students to gain
	real-world experience in practical settings-from labs to boardrooms.
	SURF Fund: \$125,000 minimum funding level
	Give students the chance to participate in unparalleled hands-on research experiences and
	mentoring through the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program.
	Undergraduate Scholarship: \$100,000 minimum funding level
	Allow Caltech to continue its need-blind admissions policy and ensure that students can
	focus on their studies and extracurriculars rather than their finances.
Program-focused	Division and Department Naming*: Variable funding level
	Provide discretionary resources that allow division chairs and department leaders to invest
	in strategic initiatives, strengthen academic and research programs, and respond to urgent
	needs and time-sensitive opportunities.
	Institute/Research Center Naming*: Variable funding level
	Create or bolster a multidisciplinary institute or research center, enabling Caltech to
	accelerate the pace of groundbreaking discovery. These hubs for innovation give scholars
	the flexibility they need to pursue their best ideas through workshops, lectures, seed funds,
	student support, and new collaborative projects.
	Rothenberg Innovation Initiative (RI ²) Fund: \$1 million minimum funding level
	Help move transformative technology to market by creating a lasting source of funding for
	RI ² , which offers small, early-stage grants to Caltech scientists and engineers who propose
	novel ideas that could benefit humankind.
	Discovery Fund: \$250,000 minimum funding level
	Help to advance time-sensitive, promising research that—simply for lack of
	discretionary funds-otherwise might not be pursued.
Capital-focused	New Building/Renovation*: Variable funding level
-	Support the construction or renovation of buildings and spaces that are essential to
	Caltech's unique teaching and research environment.
	Campus Sustainability Fund: \$100,000 minimum funding level
	Help Caltech pursue innovative ways to reduce its environmental impact and model and
	promote ecological stewardship.

*Gifts for these opportunities could be structured as either endowment or current-use funds, depending on need and scope.

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