

Caltech

REQUIREMENTS AND ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree or the equivalent before beginning graduate study. Applicants who already possess a Ph.D. degree will not be considered for a second Ph.D. degree. Similarly, an applicant holding a Master's degree from another institution will not be admitted to a second Master's degree at Caltech in the same field. Transcripts, general GRE scores, three letters of reference, a CV, and the applicant's statement of purpose are all required components of the application and are carefully weighed during the evaluation process. The admissions committee may also consider research papers, publications and other original work.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Please refer to the "[Application Deadlines](#)" information page.

APPLICATION FEE

There is a non-refundable processing fee of USD \$100. Payments can be made online via Visa or MasterCard only or e-check. Money orders or checks should be made payable to "Caltech" and mailed to the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies, California Institute of Technology, Mail Code 230-87, 1200 E. California Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91125. **Do not send cash through the mail.** Fee waiver requests will also be considered for students who can demonstrate financial hardship and for those applicants participating in the following programs: Caltech-UCLA MD/PhD or Caltech-USC MD/PhD, GEM, IIE/Fulbright, McNair Scholars, Project 1000, VEF, Caltech Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows (SURF), and other select programs by invitation. Applications for admission will be reviewed during this time and if a fee waiver is not granted, applicants will be given instructions on how to remit payment.

SELECTING AN ACADEMIC OPTION

The options offered are described in detail in the *Caltech Catalog*. The *Caltech Catalog* is available online at <http://www.caltech.edu/catalog>. All graduate options at Caltech offer the Ph.D. degree. Aeronautics, Electrical Engineering, and Space Engineering offer terminal Master of Science degrees.

Applicants may apply to one academic department per admission cycle. In reviewing your application, the admission committee of the option to which you have applied may recommend that your application be reviewed by another option. If your application is referred to another option you will not be charged any additional fees or be asked to submit a duplicate application.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all supporting materials are received prior to the application deadline. Once submitted, the application for admission and all supporting documents become the property of the California Institute of Technology. No materials will be returned to the applicant.

All materials related to your application (application fee, transcript(s), statement of purpose, CV, etc.) should be submitted with the application when possible. Once the application has been submitted, you will not be able to modify supporting documents, so please check your materials thoroughly before submission.