Welcome to Caltech!

Dear New Parents,

We’re looking forward to seeing you on campus soon! We hope this short guide can act as a reference for you as you and your Tercher embark on this exciting new adventure.

Included in this brochure are a few pieces of essential information: a calendar of notable dates, a packing list, a list of campus resources, and some methods for staying in touch and connecting with other parents. This guide is meant to direct you to everything you need in one simple place.

You can also view helpful information about your first year at parents.caltech.edu/parentresources. Let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, and here’s to an amazing four years at Caltech!

Cheers,

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2019-20 Academic Calendar

**FALL TERM**

- **Check-In and Convocation**
  Sept. 22

- **New Student Orientation**
  Sept. 23-27

- **First Day of Classes**
  Oct. 1

- **Midterms**
  Oct. 30 - Nov. 5

- **Registration for Winter Term**
  Nov. 21 - Dec. 6

- **Thanksgiving**
  Nov. 28 - 29

- **Finals**
  Dec. 11 - 13

- **End of Fall Term**
  Dec. 13

- **Winter Recess**
  Dec. 14 - Jan 5

**WINTER TERM**

- **First Day of Classes**
  Jan. 6

- **Martin Luther King Day**
  Jan. 20

- **Midterms**
  Feb. 5 - 11

- **President’s Day**
  Feb. 17

- **New Student Family Weekend**
  Feb. 21 - Feb. 23

- **Registration for Spring Term**
  Feb. 27 - Mar. 11

- **Finals**
  Mar. 16 - 18

- **End of Winter Term**
  Mar. 18

- **Spring Recess**
  Mar. 19 - 29

**SPRING TERM**

- **First Day of Classes**
  Mar. 30

- **Midterms**
  Apr. 29 - May 5

- **Memorial Day**
  May 25

- **Finals**
  June 10 - 12

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How to Pack Smartly

We recommend that students come to campus with only the essentials (below) and purchase any additional items they may need after rotation.

For complete list, visit parents.caltech.edu

**Clothing/Linens**

- Bed sheets (XL twin)
- Blanket/Comforter
- Mattress pad
- Pillow/Pillowcase
- Towel Set
- Pajamas/Bathrobe
- Bathing suit
- Special occasion clothes
- Clothing hangers
- Laundry bag/basket

**Health/Grooming**

- Blow dryer
- Detergent
- Iron
- Personal care items (soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes
- Medications

**Kitchen**

- A few dishes (bowl, mug, plate)
- A few pots and pans
- Two sets of silverware

**Office/Electronics**

- Computer/Laptop
- Phone/Camera
- Extension cord(s)
- Headphones
- Flash drive
- Lamp

**Miscellaneous**

- Storage containers
- Passport
- Social Security card
- Health Insurance card
- Driver License
- Earplugs

**SHIPPING ITEMS**

If you want to ship items to your student before they are assigned a Mail Code, please use the following format:

[STUDENT NAME]
Incoming Student
C/o Caltech Central Receiving
391 S. Holliston Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91126

*Shipping and Receiving will hold packages up to 1 week*
Campus Contacts

ATHLETICS
626.395.6148
Betsy Mitchell
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626.395.2988
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626.395.6161
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626.395.6361
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626.395.6393
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DEAN’S OFFICE
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626.395.6176
Maria Katsas
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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
626.395.6354
Christy Salinas
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Other Resources

NEW STUDENT INFORMATION
deans.caltech.edu/services/newstudents

Visit Campus

LOCAL HOTELS
bitly.com/HotelAgreements

THE ATHENAEUM
athenaeumcaltech.com
Contact our office if you’re interested in learning more about membership or would like to book a stay.

PARKING INFORMATION
parking.caltech.edu

STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITY
fund.caltech.edu/phonathon
The Caltech Fund and Parents Program is hiring student ambassadors. Encourage your Techer to get involved!

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