BREAK THROUGH: THE CALTECH CAMPAIGN

Thanks to Techers and other friends, Break Through: The Caltech Campaign is making a tremendous difference across the Institute. Break Through aims to secure Caltech’s future as a source of transformative discovery for the world. Drawing on experiences on campus and as alumni, graduates protect the qualities that make Caltech special, strengthen its reputation, and help it evolve for the better. The strong, multifaceted involvement of alumni in the campaign inspires others to give. And every gift to Caltech, its people, and its programs during the campaign is a Break Through gift.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

MORE THAN $1.13 BILLION IN NEW GIFTS AND PLEDGES: FY19

$2,860,035,125 total gifts and pledges

LARGEST EVER COMMITMENT TO CALTECH $750 million pledge from Lydia and Stewart Resnick for environmental sustainability research

LARGEST EVER ENDOWMENT COMMITMENT $241 million endowment for Caltech

$654 MILLION invested by alumni in the campaign

45% of alumni have contributed to the campaign

41% current-use

59% endowment

STUDENT SUPPORT

Financial aid allows outstanding students to choose Caltech and excel on campus.

FELLOWSHIPS:

169 GRADUATE STUDENTS 

$241 MILLION endowment raised

“Fellowships ... are tremendously important for Caltech and our students. They give PhD students the freedom to focus their energy on studies and research.”

—KIP THORNE (BS ’62)

Fellowship donor and Caltech’s Richard P. Feynman Professor of Theoretical Physics, Emeritus

SCHOLARSHIPS:

77 UNDERGRADUATES 

$80 MILLION endowment raised

“[E]xtraordinary science happens because of extraordinary people. So, our support for Caltech’s breakthroughs starts with supporting Caltech’s people.”

—DANIELA BONAFEDE-CHHABRA (BS ’84) Scholarship donor

WORLD-CHANGING RESEARCH

15 INSTITUTES, CENTERS, OR INITIATIVES ESTABLISHED OR AMPLIFIED, INCLUDING:

• Tianqiao and Chrissy Chan Institute for Neuroscience at Caltech
• Richard N. Merkin Institute for Translational Research

“I am hopeful that this Institute will encourage exponential improvements for society by accelerating the transfer of groundbreaking science from Caltech’s world-class laboratories to the bedside.”

—Caltech trustee RICHARD MERKIN

• Resnick Sustainability Institute

“In order to comprehensively manage the climate crisis, we need breakthrough innovations, the kind that will only be possible through significant investment in university research.”

—Caltech trustee STEWART RESNICK

ONE DEPARTMENT ENDOWED:

• Andrew and Peggy Cherng Department of Medical Engineering

FREEDOM TO INNOVATE

Endowments help Caltech leaders nurture high-potential initiatives and fledgling innovations.

LEADERSHIP CHAIRS:

22 LEADERS 

$168 MILLION endowment raised

“I hope that just having my name on this gift will show female students that they can have successful careers and give back.”

—DONNA WeISTROP (PHD ’71) Donor of the David Shaffer and Donna Weistrop Discovery Fund in Astronomy

CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS

6 BUILDING AND RENOVATION PROJECTS

New construction accelerates discovery with cutting-edge facilities and collegial spaces.

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP

Alumni giving steadily increased between 2012 and 2018, countering trends at several peer institutions.

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ALL FIGURES IN THIS REPORT REFLECT CAMPAIGN TOTALS AS OF 09/30/19

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