



INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AID STATEMENT OF INTENT

Caltech offers admission to students on the basis of academic and personal strengths as well as accomplishments. Additionally, Caltech is committed to meeting the full demonstrated financial need of all admitted students. For U.S. citizens (including dual citizens) and U.S. Permanent Residents, Caltech is need-blind, so the admissions decisions do not take into consideration the student's ability to afford the cost of a Caltech education.

For international citizens, however, Caltech is **need-sensitive**, because the total amount of financial aid funds is limited for these students, and we remain committed to meeting the demonstrated need of all admitted students. This limitation may result in financial need being a factor in the Institute's admissions decisions for international applicants who are neither U.S. citizens nor U.S. Permanent Residents.

To that end, when a student applies for freshman admission and indicates that he/she is an international citizen, the application prompts questions to confirm his/her understanding of our financial aid policy. ***There is no separate form for this step; rather, the student must answer and affirm his/her understanding through the questions asked on the application.***

When a student is answering these questions on the application, he/she should keep in mind the following:

- An international citizen who plans to apply for financial aid at any time during his/her undergraduate career here **must apply for it at the time that he/she applies for admission**. An international citizen who does not receive assistance for his/her first year at Caltech is not eligible for aid for any other academic period during his/her undergraduate career. Exceptions may be made for citizens of Canada and Mexico.
- An international citizen who applies for aid and is **offered financial assistance for the first year will be eligible to reapply** for financial aid in subsequent years.
- An international citizen who applies as a freshman applicant through the **Early Action plan should not expect financial aid**.
- If you are an **international citizen who plans to apply for financial aid, you must apply through Regular Decision**.
- Financial aid is **not available for international transfer or 3/2 applicants**. International citizens who apply and are offered transfer admission or admission through the 3/2 program should expect to cover the full cost of attendance to Caltech without any assistance from the Institute.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID (FRESHMAN APPLICANTS):

1. **Apply for admission**. Remember that financial aid is not offered to international citizens who apply under Early Action (November 1 deadline). If you plan to apply for financial aid, apply under the Regular Decision plan (January 3 deadline).
2. **Submit the CSS PROFILE**. [Click here](#) for further instructions on how to submit the CSS PROFILE. Deadline: February 1 before the term of enrollment.
3. **Submit Parents' Tax Return and Caltech Scholarship Data Form**. [Click here](#) for further instructions on how to submit this information. Deadline: July 15 before the term of enrollment.

If you have any questions about Caltech's financial aid policies, please visit www.finaid.caltech.edu or email finaid@finaid.caltech.edu.