

Claremont McKenna College



Claremont, CA



OUR MISSION

Claremont McKenna has been guided by a distinctive higher education mission since 1946: To prepare students for thoughtful and productive lives and responsible leadership in business, government, and the professions.

Crescit cum commercio civitas.
“Civilization prospers with commerce.”



Learn.
Lead.
Succeed.
Together.

At Claremont McKenna College, our students excel in situations that require ingenuity and adaptability thanks to a wide-ranging, interwoven curriculum taught by world-class faculty. Outside the classroom, students are encouraged to pursue multiple interests, lead others, and contribute to the growth of everyone around them.

LEARN: Expand your critical thinking and engage in meaningful discussion. Claremont McKenna, through the power of an integrated liberal arts curriculum, is committed to higher, deeper, and broader learning.

LEAD: Our diverse intellectual and social community is fueled by a greater ambition—to put collaborative, responsive, and responsible leadership to work for everyone. Because of our small class sizes and shared social warmth, *you* will make a difference.

SUCCEED: Our culture of individualized mentorship coupled with unbridled opportunity gives students the power to amplify their internal purpose.

With a Claremont McKenna education, students develop stronger policy, ensure ethical decision-making, counter ignorance with truth, and learn through and across differences.

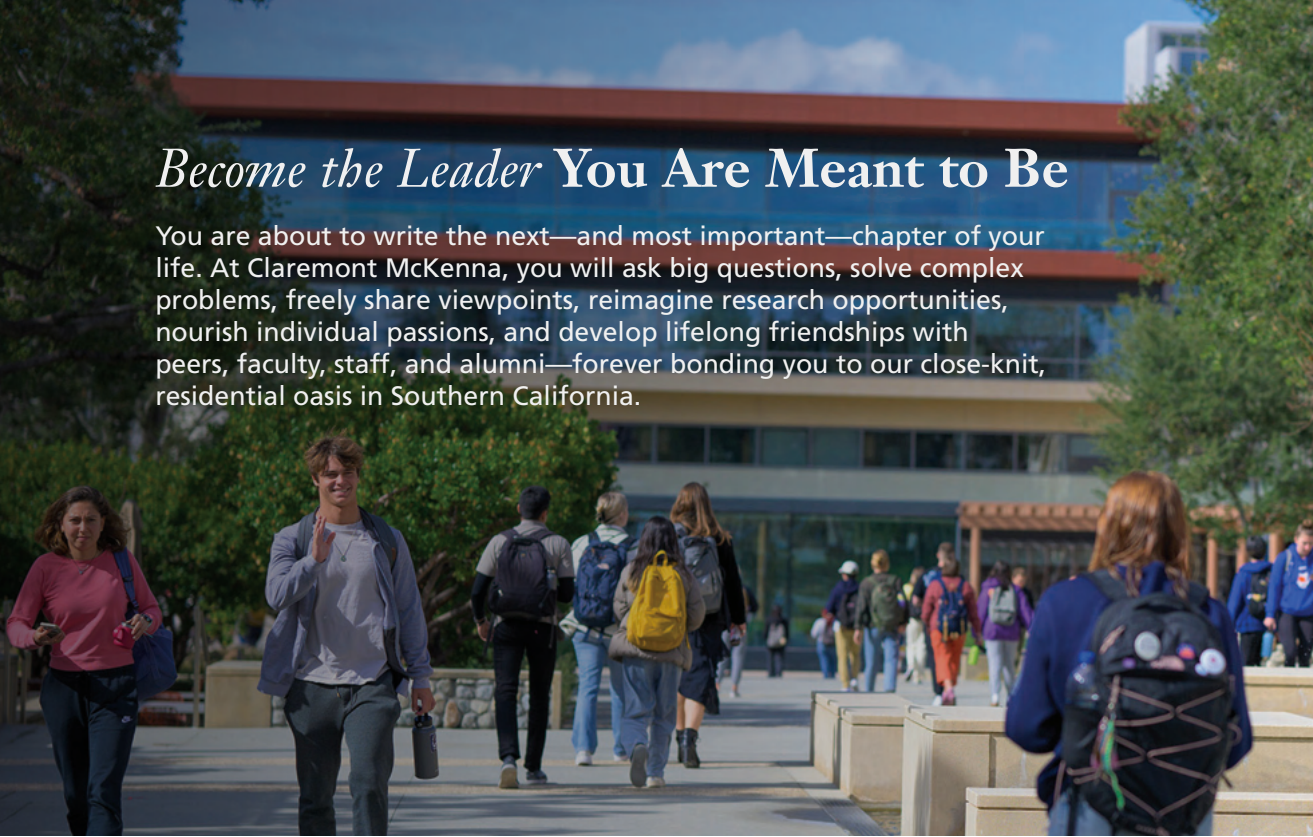
“At CMC, I’ve gained invaluable mentorship and been part of so many incredible opportunities, including a once-in-a-lifetime chance to represent the College at the New York Stock Exchange’s closing bell ceremony. I have truly benefited from the personalized academic support and tight-knit community here, and even learned transferable real-world experience by helping manage a portion of CMC’s endowment.”

—Zara Vakath, Sunnyvale, California
CEO of the Student Investment Fund at CMC



Become the Leader You Are Meant to Be

You are about to write the next—and most important—chapter of your life. At Claremont McKenna, you will ask big questions, solve complex problems, freely share viewpoints, reimagine research opportunities, nourish individual passions, and develop lifelong friendships with peers, faculty, staff, and alumni—forever bonding you to our close-knit, residential oasis in Southern California.



UNLIMITED PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

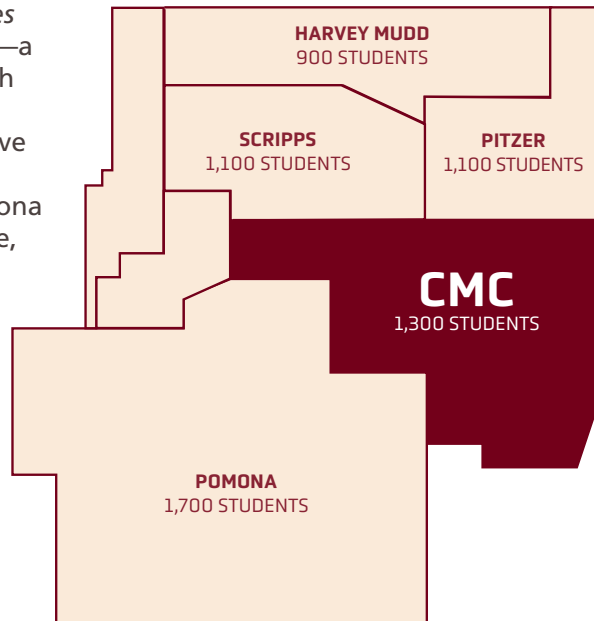
As a proud member of *The Claremont Colleges* consortium, we offer the best of both worlds—a small, tight-knit campus of 1,300 students with the resources of a large research university. With 6,100 students in one square mile, the five undergraduate colleges (commonly known as “The 5Cs”) include Claremont McKenna, Pomona College, Scripps College, Harvey Mudd College, and Pitzer College.

250
shared clubs and
organizations

17
shared
eateries

99%
of CMC’s students
cross-register

2K+
shared classes



**San Gabriel
Mountains**
10 minutes



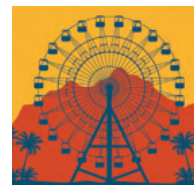
**Downtown Los
Angeles
& Hollywood**
45-55 minutes



**Beaches & coastal
communities**
1h15



**Joshua Tree
National Park**
1h45



Coachella
1h30

CMC AT A GLANCE

97%

*DEFINED PLANS SIX MONTHS
AFTER GRADUATION*

8:1

*STUDENT-TO-
FACULTY RATIO*

48%

*STUDENTS
RECEIVING AID*

#9

*2024 BEST COLLEGES
IN THE U.S.
-THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*

18%

*FIRST-GENERATION
STUDENTS*

88%

*OF STUDENTS HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST ONE
INTERNSHIP BY SENIOR YEAR*

\$58,735

*AVERAGE NEED-BASED
FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE*

46

*TOTAL COUNTRIES REPRESENTED,
INCLUDING THE U.S.*

ROUGHLY

100

*RENOWNED GUEST SPEAKERS
AT THE MARIAN MINER COOK
ATHENAEUM EVERY YEAR*

*Explore Your Interests.
Discover Topical Intersections.*
LEARN.



EXPLORATION, CHOICE, AND DISCOVERY

With a curricular emphasis on government, economics, public affairs, finance, and international relations, we prepare Claremont McKenna students for the leadership roles required to address the world's grand challenges.

Students can select from the majors on the right—and access more through *The Claremont Colleges* consortium—as well as unique, interconnected hybrids, such as our new Kravis Department of Integrated Sciences and the Oxford-style PPE program (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics).

THE CULMINATION OF YOUR TIME HERE AT CMC—

the senior thesis—is the most in-depth, one-on-one collaboration you'll have with a faculty mentor. While learning from their expert research methodologies, you'll create your own to share with the academic community.

**Beginning with the class arriving in Fall 2024, CMC is offering a new major in integrated sciences. The College will not offer other science majors (e.g., in physics, chemistry, biology). As a member of The Claremont Colleges, CMC students wishing to major in a science field other than integrated science can request a major at the Keck Science Department, Harvey Mudd College, or Pomona College. Acceptance into those majors is determined by those programs and is not guaranteed. Information related to the sciences is subject to change.*

***Requires application process once you are a CMC student.*

ACADEMIC MAJORS

American Studies
Asian Studies
Biochemistry
Biology
Biophysics
Chemistry
Computer Science
Classical Studies
Data Science
Economics
Economics and Engineering
(3+2 program)
Economics-Accounting
*Environment, Economics,
and Politics (EEP)
Environmental Analysis
Film Studies (dual major only)
French and Francophone Studies
Government
History
Integrated Sciences
International Relations
Literature
Mathematical Sciences
Middle East Studies
*Molecular Biology
*Neuroscience
*Organismal Biology
Philosophy
Philosophy and Public Affairs (PPA)
**Philosophy, Politics, and
Economics (PPE)
*Physics
Psychology
Public Policy
Religious Studies
*Science Management
Spanish

SEQUENCES

Ancient and Medieval Studies
Asian American Studies
Computer Science
Data Science
Ethics
Financial Economics
Gender and Sexuality Studies
Human Rights, Genocide, and
Holocaust Studies
Jewish Studies
Leadership Studies
Legal Studies

FIVE-COLLEGE/ INTERCOLLEGIATE MAJORS

Africana Studies
Chicanx-Latinx Studies
Media Studies
Theatre

Integrated Sciences

The Kravis Department of Integrated Sciences is a new program rooted in CMC's foundational liberal arts and leadership mission—and unique in its approach to organizing science education around global societal and scientific challenges. The program leverages computation as a powerful vehicle for insight and discovery and integrates CMC's core strengths in the social sciences and humanities.

CHECK OUT OUR
WEBSITE FOR AN
INSIDE LOOK AT THE
DEVELOPMENT OF OUR
NEW SCIENCE BUILDING!



FOCUS AREAS:



Human HEALTH (*Genomics, Systems Biology, and Health*)

The exploration of molecular data to understand the function and regulation of genes, the biological systems they control, and the development of predictive models that ultimately contribute to improving human health.



The BRAIN (*Brain, Learning, and Decision*)

The investigation of mental processes, behavior, and decision-making, including aspects of neuroscience, cognitive science, artificial intelligence, and machine learning.



Our PLANET (*Climate, Energy, and the Environment*)

Exploring atmospheric processes and the chemical, physical, and biological aspects of climate change, the interactions of human activities, and the natural and built environments.

Find Your Intellectual Mentor

Our exceptional faculty, among the best in their respective fields, are dedicated to intellectual depth and growth while developing students' capacity to think critically, speak freely, debate respectfully, and listen actively.

Nearly
60%
of students conduct
research with faculty

**Ranging from joining our on-campus Summer Research Program, serving as year-long faculty research assistants, and conducting off-campus research, including the summer Creative Works Fellowship or the Appel Fellowship, which is specifically for first-years.*

On average, our professors
produce more than
330
books, articles, creative works,
and grant awards annually

**In addition to articles in national media, such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and The Atlantic.*



Discover Your Lightbulb Moment with Our Research Institutes

Our 11 Research Institutes and Centers uniquely position students to lead on graduate level research, maximize their academic interests, and work with peers and faculty in a cohort with access to on-campus conferences and national research presentations.

BERGER INSTITUTE FOR INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Research and programming focused on how we thrive in a complex world

FINANCIAL ECONOMICS INSTITUTE: Financial economics education and research, including database and resource support

GOULD CENTER FOR HUMANISTIC STUDIES: Art, literature, history, philosophy, and humanities fields with an emphasis on imagination

KECK CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND STRATEGIC STUDIES: Critical issues in world affairs and the rapidly changing world order

KRAVIS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: Innovative leadership in the public, private, and social sectors

“The number one thing that we do is student development. It’s all about guiding students to very productive lives and policy roles where they’ll have benefited greatly from a deep dive into important research.”

—Ken Miller, Government professor and Director of the Rose Institute

LOWE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY: Economics, public policy, and political economy

MGRUBLIAN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERSHIP: Human rights through public advocacy, service, education, and Holocaust history

RANDALL LEWIS CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Collaboration, creativity, and resource support for student entrepreneurial efforts

ROBERTS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER: Environmental issues at the intersection of science, economics, and policy

ROSE INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Government, politics, national and California policy issues

SALVATORI CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM: U.S. democracy through American Constitutionalism and the American founding

Challenge Viewpoints, While Working to Find Common Ground

THE OPEN ACADEMY

Claremont McKenna's nationally-recognized *Open Academy* develops a critical response to the educational imperative of our time: overcoming what divides us to solve the world's most challenging problems. Through core commitments to Freedom of Expression, Viewpoint Diversity, and Constructive Dialogue, students are given the tools to listen respectfully, ask incisive questions, and engage with greater curiosity and openness to differences of opinion. This is how we strengthen the national practice of our democracy.



Core commitments:

Freedom of Expression

As a campus-wide initiative, *The Open Academy* provides historical, social, and academic frameworks for understanding the principles of free expression and open inquiry. From Athenaeum speakers discussing challenging topics of the day to workshops and constructive dialogue training, CMC has built a foundation for students to embrace the presentation of new ideas and encourage deeper understanding with one another.

Viewpoint Diversity

Students and faculty are surrounded by opportunities to expand their capabilities in the important work of engaging diverse viewpoints and people. Curated by professors and research institutes, Saturday Salons place students, faculty, and guest scholars in small group settings to discuss and debate across varied perspectives. These gatherings, which sometimes continue with dinner at a professor's home, help broaden views and create stronger bonding experiences with peers.

Constructive Dialogue

Through facilitated conversation and active listening, students are encouraged to share authentic experiences and offer creative solutions to real-world problems. The CARE Center, a campus resource driven by a robust Fellows program and intentional skill development, helps students identify with one another across social barriers and ideological differences so they can grow as empathetic, collaborative, and responsible leaders.

"The Open Academy allows us to embrace the commitment of inclusivity and openness, offer the humility necessary to understand why that's important, and to recognize our own limits in terms of knowledge while being open to the experiences of others. This gives us the toolkit to work through what is not available at all institutions."

—Professor Heather Ferguson, faculty co-director of *The Open Academy*



A SINGULAR EXPERIENCE with thought leaders and difference makers

THE ATHENAEUM

Unique in American higher education, the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum (the “Ath”) is the heart of intellectual and social engagement at Claremont McKenna. Four nights a week, the Ath invites scholars, public figures, thought leaders, artists, and innovators to engage with students, faculty, and staff over a meal.



- **OPEN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS** flowing from table-to-table, all guided by a mutual respect for viewpoint diversity, freedom of expression, and constructive dialogue.
- **STUDENT FELLOWS** introduce speakers, guide discussion, and facilitate audience questions. Students also get priority to sit with the speaker at the head table during dinner.

RECENT SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Dr. Fiona Hill

Russian and European affairs expert

Cornel West

Philosopher

Anna Deavere Smith

Actress and playwright

Tom Steyer

Climate activist and former presidential candidate

Annette Gordon Reed

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian

Dr. Atul Gawande

Surgeon and best-selling author

Lynda Barry

Renowned cartoonist and MacArthur Fellow

Steven Pinker

Award-winning experimental cognitive psychologist

Creating Opportunities to SUCCEED

THE SOLL CENTER FOR STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

When intellectual rigor and personal insight are blended with expert guidance and real-world experiences, extraordinary opportunities ensue.



INDIVIDUALIZED COACHING AND SUPPORT

A team of professionals provides personalized support for students at all stages of their college experience with advising, coaching, mentoring, and networking services. Our model helps students recognize, cultivate, and translate their interests and strengths into meaningful real-world experiences.

ACCESS TO SCHOLAR COMMUNITIES

Scholar Communities, a CMC-only series of experiential learning cohorts, provide support to students in areas such as international study and leadership. Benefits include access to merit-based and need-based scholarships; funding for summer internships, research, or academic travel; and direct faculty, staff, and alumni mentorship.

EARLY REAL-WORLD CAREER EXPERIENCES

The College provides hundreds of opportunities each year through the Sponsored Internships & Experiences (SIE) Program. Internships, which develop skills across a variety of industries and geographies, are also offered through our popular semester-long Washington, D.C. and Silicon Valley programs.

POWERFUL ALUMNI NETWORK:

Within six months of graduating, 97% of our students are employed, serve in the military, or are continuing their education. With a powerful, connected alumni community of more than 14,000, our graduates enter a supportive network of professionals who are employed at companies like Deloitte, Amazon, EY, Accenture, Microsoft, and Intuit, as well as with government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

\$87,000 median
starting salary

More than
90% of all first-years utilize
the Soll Center for
Student Opportunity

\$2 million SIE funding
awarded every year

466 students received SIE
internship funding in
summer 2023

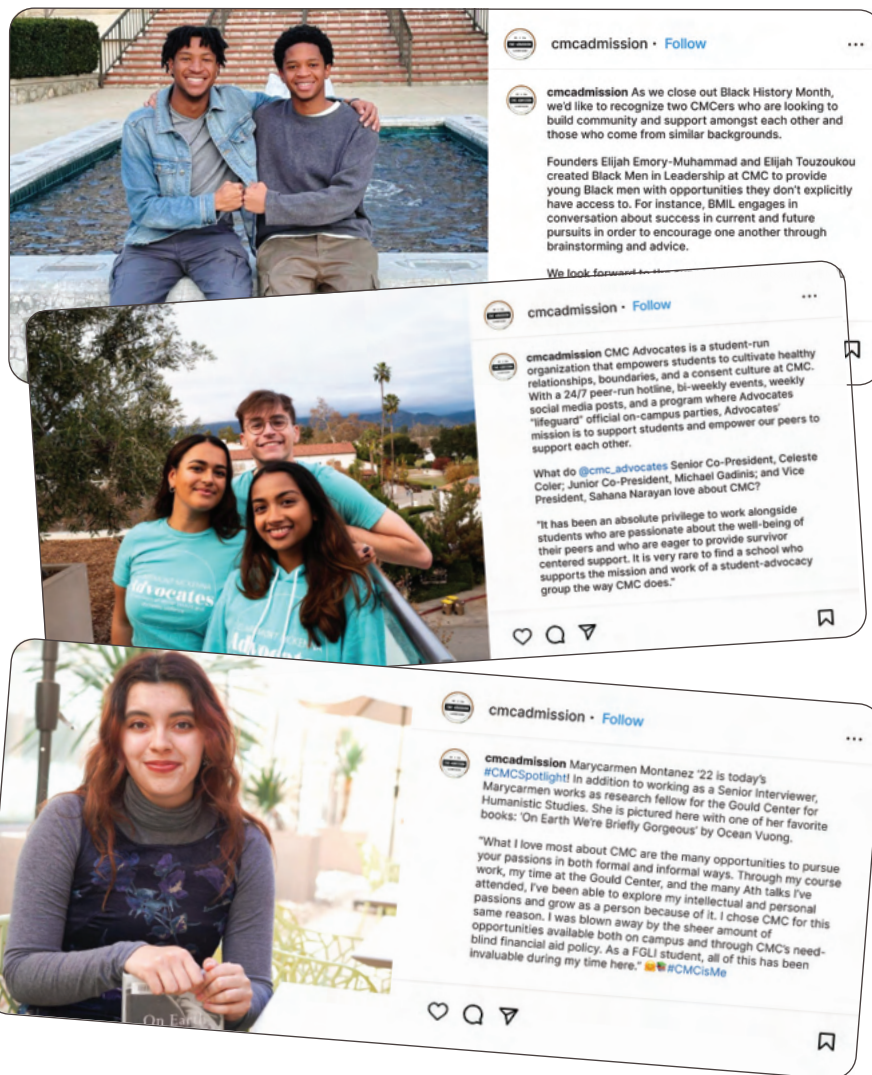
TAKE A LOOK
AT THE SOLL
CENTER WEBSITE!



Growing as Leaders

Our students navigate the unknown with entrepreneurial courage, demonstrate resilience amid change and crisis, diagnose a problem, and bring others on board to fix it. As a student here, learning to lead is a call to action from day one.

- **RESIDENT ASSISTANTS** at 14 residence halls serve as trusted peer advisers and confidants.
- **TRAINED FIRST-YEAR GUIDES** lead Welcome Orientation Adventure (WOA) trips at the start of fall semester and become reliable mentors throughout the year.
- **ROMERO SUCCESS COACHES** volunteer their best practices to help peers with time management, organization, anxiety, goal setting—even sleep strategies—as a means of better self-care and long-term success.
- **STUDENT ACTIVITIES** like our award-winning Model United Nations program (Harvard Model UN world champions six of the last 11 years!) position students to inspire and influence their teammates against the best domestic and international competition.
- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** activated through its own multidisciplinary sequence of classes and the Kravis Leadership Institute, which helps students develop crucial skills for the public, private, and social sectors.



BRINGING ART TO LIBERAL ARTS

Qwalala, a unique glass sculpture by celebrated artist Pae White, is the newest addition to CMC's Public Art Program.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW
THESE INCREDIBLE PIECES BRING
CMC'S MISSION TO LIFE.



Succeed *In and Out of the Classroom*

CMS ATHLETICS

MEMBER OF THE SCIAC, the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, including a “College Athlete Day” White House celebration for our women’s tennis team.

TOP FACILITIES, including Roberts Pavilion, a campus jewel with state-of-the-art workout areas.



TOP 10 DIVISION III

athletics program

300

total
conference
championships

90

scholar All-
American selections
on average

32

SCIAC All-Sports Trophy
wins, best in the league

300+

SCIAC All-
Academic
selections

50+

physical
education
courses

25+

clubs and
intramural
sports

MEN'S VARSITY TEAMS

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Soccer
Swimming & Diving
Tennis
Track & Field
Water Polo

WOMEN'S VARSITY TEAMS

Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Softball
Swimming & Diving
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Water Polo

CMC VOICES



“CMC has provided me with the skills and work ethic to succeed. I learned policy analysis from my government classes. I learned networking from Career Services (at the Soll Center for Student Opportunity). I also want to ‘shout out’ the D.C. Networking Trek. The trek connected me with alumni, so when I moved to the program, I already knew I had a support network present to help me adjust. Many of the contacts I met also helped coach me on better taking advantage of the resources within the Capitol and in D.C.”

— Joseph Zhong, Ann Arbor, Michigan

“Coming to CMC has been a continuation of opportunities to grow while seeing the world and finding my fit in the fullest sense. My professional experiences, largely supported by CMC, have taken me to startups in Buenos Aires, to incubators and art institutions in both New York and the Bay Area. Academically, CMC has supported conference attendance or presentations, my study abroad in Paris, debate tournaments, and alternative break programs which have allowed me to engage in really fascinating and important work. I feel like I’ve really learned how to live a more full life here at CMC. That’s why I love it so much.”

— Hunter Kettering, Boise, Idaho

“CMC attracts so many unique people who I have encountered through groups and organizations like SOURCE Nonprofit Consulting, the Student Investment Fund, and the Welcome Orientation Adventure (WOA) trips, as well as through simply sitting outside the Hub enjoying the Southern California sunshine. Through these formal and informal interactions, I have been able to create smaller communities within CMC and pursue new interests while cultivating close relationships with my friends and peers.”

— Olivia Ison, Seattle, Washington

The Power of—and Access to— **A CLAREMONT MCKENNA DEGREE**

At Claremont McKenna, we meet 100% of a student's demonstrated financial need utilizing a combination of need-based grants, student employment, and minimal loans. A family's ability to pay should not be a barrier to attendance.

NEED BLIND: Our need-blind policy applies to U.S. citizens and permanent residents in Early Decision and Regular Decision rounds and meets 100% of demonstrated.

ACCESS FOR ALL: Financial aid alone is often insufficient for a full, four-year experience. In order to provide singular, transformative opportunities to each and every student, we established the *Kravis Opportunity Fund* to increase student access through a range of benefits and support structures for those whose families have fewer resources.

FUND YOUR EXPERIENCE: Through the Sponsored Internships & Experiences Program, hundreds of students receive funding ranging from \$500 to \$8,000 for an internship or real-world learning opportunity. And 88% of seniors complete at least one internship before graduation.

48%

Nearly half of all CMC students receive financial aid

20%

Percentage of Pell Grant recipients

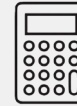
\$5,000

Rising sophomores on need-based financial aid receive funding for an approved internship or experience, plus a grant to offset their summer savings requirement

At Claremont McKenna, we meet

100%

of a student's demonstrated financial need



NET PRICE CALCULATOR

Estimate the aid package you could receive as a CMC student



Learn, Lead, Succeed at Claremont McKenna College



 [instagram.com/claremontmckennacollege](https://www.instagram.com/claremontmckennacollege)

 [instagram.com/cmcadmission](https://www.instagram.com/cmcadmission)

VISIT CLAREMONT MCKENNA

- Daily Tours
- Info Sessions

For more information
cmc.edu/admission/visit

THINKING ABOUT APPLYING?

11/1

EARLY DECISION I

- Admission Application
- Merit Scholarship Consideration
- Financial Aid CSS Profile Application
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*

12/1

EARLY DECISION II & REGULAR DECISION

- Merit Scholarship Priority Consideration

1/10

EARLY DECISION II & REGULAR DECISION

- Admission Application
- Financial Aid CSS Profile Application
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*

* The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) is due on January 17 for the 2023-2024 application period. The Financial Aid forms are due a week after your respective round deadlines for any applications after the 2023-2024 application period.

SCAN TO ADD CMC
TO YOUR LIST OF
FAVORITES ON THE
COMMON APPLICATION:



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QUESTIONS,
COMMENTS,
CONCERNS?

We'd love to hear
from you.

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