

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.

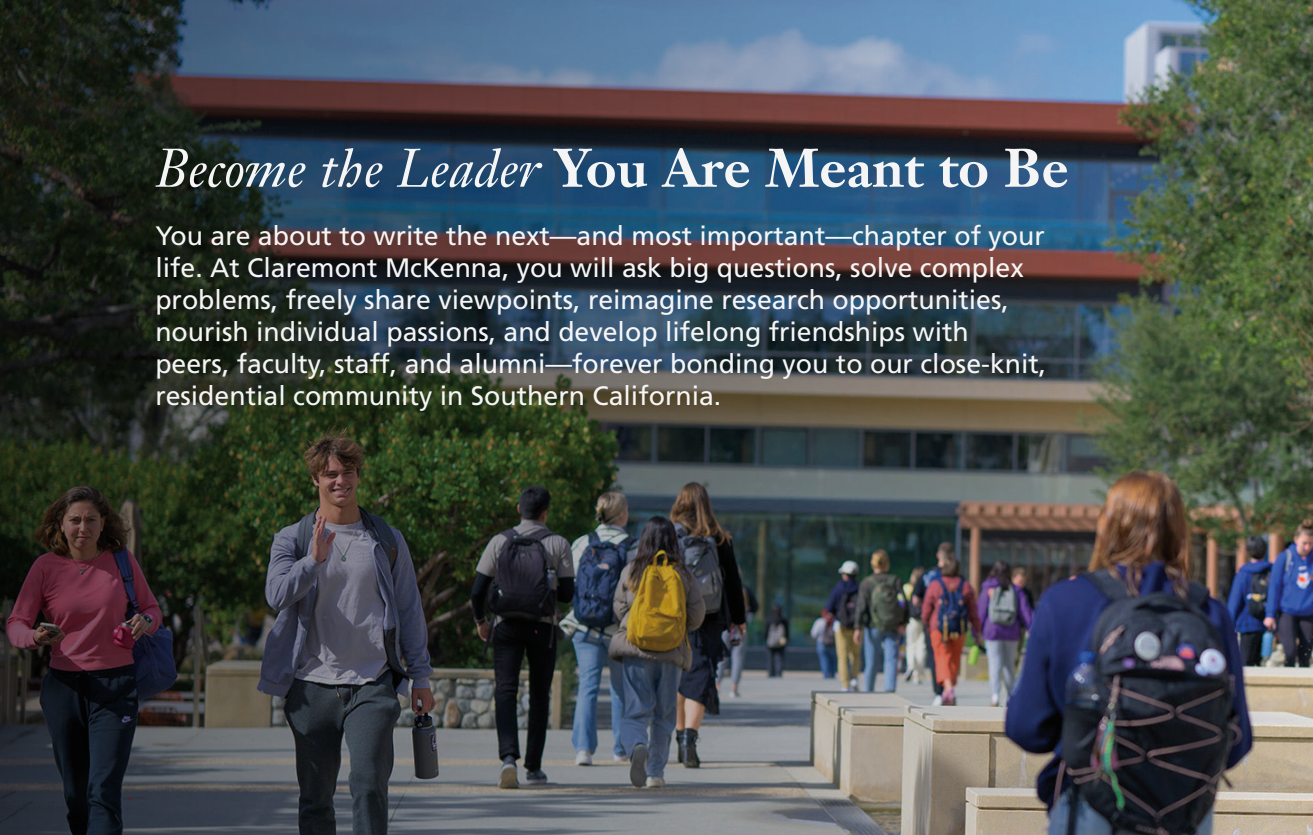
“At CMC, I've gained invaluable mentorship and been part of so many incredible opportunities, including a once-in-a-lifetime chance to represent the College at the New York Stock Exchange's closing bell ceremony. I have truly benefited from the personalized academic support and tight-knit community here,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

—Zara Vakath, Economics and Literature



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 community in Southern California.



San Gabriel Mountains
10 minutes



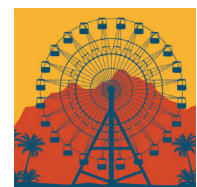
Downtown Los Angeles & Hollywood
45-55 minutes



Beaches & coastal communities
1h15



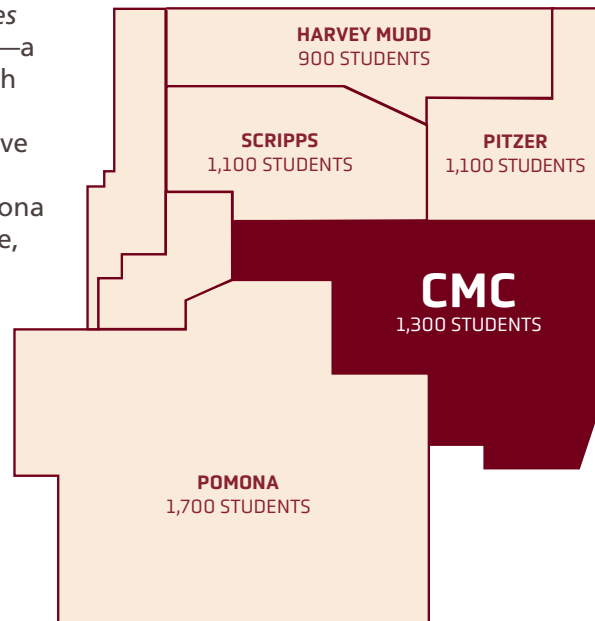
Joshua Tree National Park
1h45



Coachella
1h30

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

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*

17%

*FIRST-GENERATION
STUDENTS*

89%

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

\$58,735

*AVERAGE NEED-BASED
FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE*

48

*TOTAL COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED*

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 have the opportunity to pursue a variety of academic areas of interest as indicated on the right, including the innovative new Integrated Sciences program and the prestigious Oxford-style PPE program (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics). In addition to traditional CMC majors, the academic areas of interest include dual majors, sequences (akin to a minor), and integrated areas within other majors, as well as intercollegiate majors and off-campus majors offered through *The Claremont Colleges* consortium. Admission to off-campus majors is determined by those programs and is not guaranteed. For more details, please refer to the CMC catalog.

THE CULMINATION OF YOUR TIME HERE AT CMC—the senior thesis—is a particularly important opportunity for one-on-one collaboration with a faculty member. With the expert guidance of a leader in the field, you'll create new knowledge to share with the academic and broader communities.

ACADEMIC AREAS OF INTEREST

Africana Studies	3+2 Combined Program with Engineering Partner Schools
American Studies	
*Ancient and Medieval Studies	• 3+2 Combined Program: Economics
^^Asian American Studies	• 3+2 Combined Program: Integrated Sciences
Asian Studies	
Biology	International Relations
Chemistry	*Jewish Studies
Chicanx-Latinx Studies	*Leadership Studies
Classical Studies	*Legal Studies
^^Computer Science	Literature
^Data Science	Mathematical Sciences
*Ethics	Media Studies
Economics	Middle East Studies
Economics-Accounting	Neuroscience
Film Studies	Philosophy
*Financial Economics	Philosophy and Public Affairs (PPA)
French and Francophone Studies	**Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)
*Gender and Sexuality Studies	Physics
Government	Psychological Science
History	Public Policy
*Human Rights, Genocide, and Holocaust Studies	Religious Studies
Integrated Sciences	Spanish
• Integrated Sciences: Genomics, Systems Biology, and Health	Theatre
• Integrated Sciences: Brain, Learning, and Decision Sciences	
• Integrated Sciences: Climate, Energy, and the Environment	

**Sequence only*

^Sequence and CMC Major

^^Sequence and Intercollegiate/Off-Campus Major

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

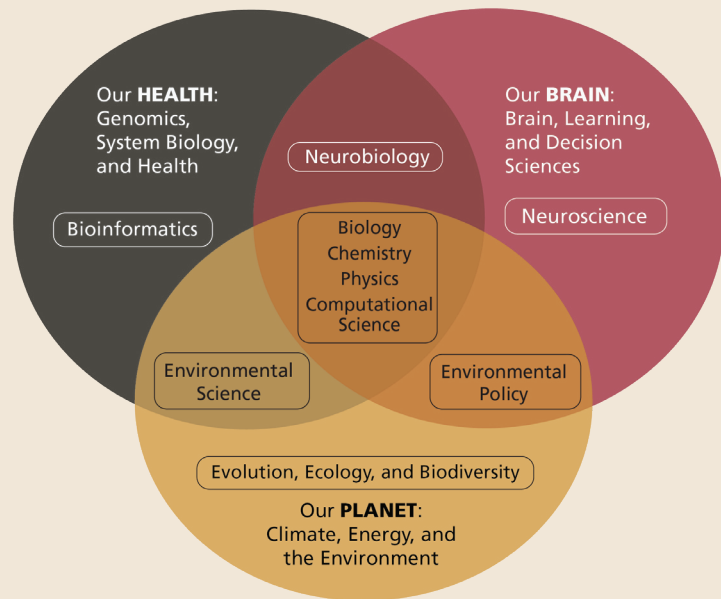
Integrated Sciences

The Kravis Department of Integrated Sciences (KDIS) is an innovative new program rooted in CMC's foundational liberal arts and leadership mission structured around three global societal and scientific challenges: **Health** (genomics, systems biology, and health), **Brain** (brain, learning, and decision), and **Planet** (climate, energy, and the environment). These three interrelated challenges provide important intersections with the study of psychological science, economics and business, government and policy, philosophy and ethics, and other disciplines at CMC.

The Integrated Sciences major provides students with integrated scientific and computational skills and knowledge to engage in research, critically evaluate new results and emerging trends, reason and communicate about the relationship of science and society, and engage in collaborative problem solving. The program builds strong foundations for each CMC student in the natural science disciplines (biology, chemistry, and physics) combined with computational, data science, and experimental approaches.

KDIS will prepare each CMC student to:

- Engage in scientific research, innovation, and problem-solving using advanced experimental and computational methods, including both theory and applications of generative AI
- Collaborate and lead teams with diverse bodies of experience and expertise
- Communicate about complex topics to a range of audiences
- Pursue leadership roles in research, consulting, policy, and entrepreneurship
- Be exceptionally well-prepared for medical school and other graduate programs and health professions



POWERFUL LEARNING, ICONIC FACILITY

The Kravis Department of Integrated Sciences will be housed in the new Robert Day Sciences Center (RDSC), set to open in summer 2025. Designed by the world-renowned architectural firm, BIG-Bjarke Ingels Group, RDSC will feature classrooms and labs that facilitate collaborative learning, research, and problem-solving; an innovation studio to foster the development and application of new technologies; and social spaces to build community through a café, library, atrium, and multiple terraces.

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





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: 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

Infused in every part of campus life, Claremont McKenna's nationally-recognized *Open Academy* enables students 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

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. Saturday Salons place students, faculty, and guest scholars in small group settings to discuss and debate across varied perspectives. These gatherings, which often 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.

“Open Academy programs epitomize what it means to get a modern liberal arts education. It’s what made me and a lot of my peers so interested in coming to CMC.”

—Rowan Gray, *Open Academy* fellow and PPE/Data Science dual major

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

With a dedicated, 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
- Intuit

\$80,000 median
starting salary

Roughly
\$2 million SIE funding
awarded every year

464 students received SIE internship
funding in summer 2024

96% of all first-years utilize
the Soll Center for
Student Opportunity

96% of graduates are
employed, serve in
the military, or are
continuing education
within six months



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.



Recent Honors



RHODES SCHOLAR
Bertha Tobias

TRUMAN SCHOLAR
Pieter van Wingerden

GOLDWATER SCHOLAR
Alvin Villarosa

OBAMA FOUNDATION SCHOLAR
Ivanna Morales Mercado

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION

CMC earned the inaugural Carnegie Foundation Elective Classification for Leadership for Public Purpose—a formal recognition of the College’s campus-wide commitment to tackling complex societal issues and fostering a deeper understanding of leadership as a public good.

Succeed *In and Out of the Classroom*

CMS ATHLETICS

MEMBER OF THE NCAA DIVISION III, the largest division of the NCAA with 430 members.

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

TOP FACILITIES, including Roberts Pavilion, a campus jewel with state-of-the-art workout areas like the Nakasone Family Fitness Center.



TOP 10 DIVISION III

athletics program

360+

total
conference
championships

10

national
championships in
six different sports

33

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

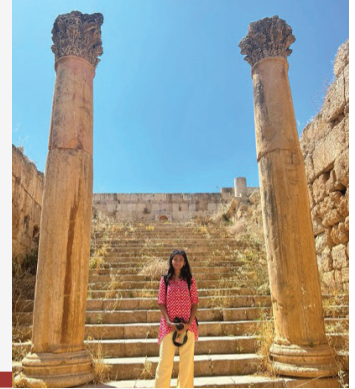
Expand Your Global Education



STUDY ABROAD

140+ Programs

45+ Countries



WASHINGTON D.C. PROGRAM

Understand the intricacies of American government and politics with a rigorous academic curriculum. Access to an internship is at the heart of the program—become a valued team member at major Washington D.C. institutions, international organizations, and foreign embassies.



SILICON VALLEY PROGRAM

Explore theoretical organizational structures and apply classroom lessons with an internship in technology. Meet corporate executives—and early-career professionals—who will provide insights into current challenges.

“The CMC in D.C. program was an incredibly rewarding experience. I came out of the semester with a greater understanding of my professional ambitions and the resources to turn these ambitions into reality. At the Vice President's Office, I worked in the Office of Correspondence, and my main role was as an agency liaison for casework. This experience not only honed my professional skills, but also gave me profound insights into the real-world impact of public service.”

—Richa Parik, PPE with Legal Studies Sequence | The White House, Office of the Vice President

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.



A Commitment to **ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY**

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 financial need.

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. Before graduation, 89% of seniors complete at least one internship.

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



FOLLOW US ON
SOCIAL MEDIA



THINKING ABOUT APPLYING?

11/1

EARLY DECISION I

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

* The FAFSA and CSS Profile are due one week after your respective admission deadline.

VISIT CLAREMONT MCKENNA

- Daily Tours
- Info Sessions
- Virtual Opportunities

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS?

We'd love to hear from you.

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- askastudent@cmc.edu
- cmc.edu

START YOUR APPLICATION TODAY

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

