

## Overview: The College

**P**omona College  
*pursues a timeless mission  
in a changing world.*

Pomona's Mission Statement, adopted by the faculty in 2008, states:

*Throughout its history, Pomona College has educated men and women of exceptional promise. We gather students, regardless of financial circumstances, into a small residential community that is strongly rooted in Southern California yet global in its orientation. Through close ties among a diverse group of faculty, staff and classmates, Pomona students are inspired to engage in the probing inquiry and creative learning that enable them to identify and address their intellectual passions. This experience will continue to guide their contributions as the next generation of leaders, scholars, artists and citizens.*

Founded in 1887, Pomona is an independent, coeducational institution dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and understanding through study in the liberal arts and sciences. It has an enrollment of approximately 1,500 students, evenly divided between men and women and composed of students representing a diverse mix of backgrounds and interests. With a student-faculty ratio of about eight to one and an average class size of just 14, Pomona offers its students a chance to work in close partnership with members of a



world-class faculty, both in the classroom and through a range of opportunities for student research.

As a residential college with a strong sense of community, Pomona College provides students and faculty with an atmosphere stimulating to intellectual, artistic and athletic accomplishment, yet tranquil enough for the reflection, deliberation and free discourse upon which reason and imagination depend.

The College's academic program encompasses all major areas of the arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences, as well as a range of interdisciplinary fields, including international and ethnic studies and a variety of emerging disciplines. Learning is encouraged through theory-building and empirical research, historical and linguistic analysis, practical experience and creative expression, critical inquiry and ethical debate.

As the founding member of The Claremont Colleges, a unique consortium of seven independent institutions on neighboring campuses, Pomona College offers its students both the intimate qualities of a small, academically elite liberal arts college and the breadth of resources to be found at a major university.

Pomona's liberal arts curriculum and residential community prepare students for lives of personal fulfillment and social responsibility in a global context. Pomona graduates come to take very seriously the charge of former Pomona President James A. Blaisdell, carved years ago into Pomona's gate: "They only are loyal to this college who, departing, bear their added riches in trust for mankind."