

The Claremont Colleges

Pomona College
is the founding
member of

The Claremont Colleges,

a unique consortium of seven affiliated institutions that also includes Claremont Graduate University, Scripps College, Claremont McKenna College, Harvey Mudd College, Pitzer College and Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences. Each college serves its own distinctive purposes, determines its own policies and requirements, possesses legal autonomy and has an independent board of trustees and faculty.

The Claremont Colleges arose from Pomona College's desire to maintain the advantages of a small college and to provide, in Claremont, an educational opportunity for the increasing number of young men and women who sought admission to the College. Under the leadership of James A. Blaisdell, president of Pomona College (1910-28), and Pomona's Board of Trustees, the institution known as "Claremont Colleges" was incorporated on October 14, 1925. This institution assumed the responsibilities of a central coordinating agency, directed graduate instruction and founded new institutions. It was renamed "Claremont Graduate School and University" in 1963 and redesignated "Claremont University Center" in 1967. In July 2000, the central coordinating and support



organization was split off from Claremont Graduate University and incorporated independently as Claremont University Consortium.

All members of The Claremont Colleges are highly regarded in the world of higher education, and all five undergraduate institutions are ranked among the nation's academically elite liberal arts colleges.

The other members of The Claremont Colleges, in order of their founding, are:

Claremont Graduate University, founded in 1925, offers master's and doctoral degrees in many traditional academic and professional disciplines. Its enrollment is approximately 2,200.

Scripps College, founded in 1926 and named in honor of founder Ellen Browning Scripps, is a women's college with an enrollment of about 945. It is noted for its core humanities curriculum that emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to learning.

Claremont McKenna College was established in 1946 as Claremont Men's College, a liberal arts college to educate men for leadership in business and government. The college became coeducational in 1976 and was renamed after Pomona alumnus Donald C. McKenna '29. Enrollment is approximately 1,200 students.

Harvey Mudd College, named in memory of a former chairman of the Board of Fellows of The Claremont Colleges, was incorporated as the fourth undergraduate college in 1955. This coeducational institution offers programs specializing in the natural sciences, engineering, mathematics and computer science for about 750 students.

Pitzer College, a coeducational liberal arts college best known for its strength in the social and behavioral sciences, was established in 1963 through a gift from Russell K. Pitzer, a Pomona alumnus of the Class of 1900. Its enrollment is approximately 1,000.

Founded in 1997 with a gift from the W.M. Keck Foundation, **Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences** is the newest member of The Claremont Colleges, offering a cross-disciplinary graduate program leading to the professional Master of Bioscience degree. With an enrollment of fewer than 100 students, its primary focus is the development of applications from the emerging discoveries in the life sciences and to the education of leaders for the biosciences industry.

The seven institutions in the group cooperate in their academic programs and in the use of certain common facilities. Within the limitations described elsewhere in this catalog, the undergraduate colleges open their classes,

without tuition charge, to students at the other undergraduate institutions. Also, selected courses at Claremont Graduate University are open to undergraduate students. Central facilities and services available to all Claremont students include the libraries, student health services, counseling and religious centers, an international student center, ethnic student centers, a health education office, a biological field station and a bookstore. Intercollegiate programs in Africana Studies, Asian American Studies, Chicano/a-Latino/a Studies and Gender & Women's Studies are jointly supported by the undergraduate colleges.

The joint facilities and services of The Claremont Colleges are administered by the Claremont University Consortium (CUC) as determined by the governing board made up of the presidents, CEO, board chairs and at-large members. Printed copies of the constitution of The Claremont Colleges may be obtained from the president of any of the institutions or from the Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the Claremont University Consortium.

