EQUITY AND TITLE IX OFFICE

The Equity and Title IX Office serves the entire Caltech community including staff, postdoctoral scholars, faculty, and students, including those participating in education programs at JPL, by addressing reports and concerns regarding unlawful harassment, sexual misconduct and discrimination in compliance with Title IX, Title VII, state law, and Caltech policies. The Equity and Title IX Office empowers the members of the Caltech community through information on options to address their concerns, including preventative education and outreach and informal and formal resolution options under Caltech’s policies and procedures.

Our processes and preventative education focus on promoting respect and inclusion. By treating everyone fairly and working transparently, we provide response options and training that support our community, respond to problematic behavior, and reflect our commitment to a safe campus.

Further information and institute policies that apply to the Equity and Title IX Office can be found at https://equity.caltech.edu.

Mission

We work to eliminate barriers so that everyone can reach their potential. The Equity and Title IX Office works to build an inclusive Caltech community free from discrimination, unlawful harassment, and sexual misconduct using outreach, intervention and collaboration.

Outreach and Service Opportunities

We speak regularly with community members, including faculty, staff, and student House leadership, peer advocates, and Title IX advocates, to develop trainings and events that equip individuals to be active bystanders, trauma-informed peers and colleagues, inclusive community builders, and positive influencers on campus.

If you are interested in engaging in prevention and outreach efforts, please consider joining the Title IX Undergraduate Council. This group of students provides advice on the gender-based misconduct policy and process, plans programming to spread awareness, and serves as peer educators in the community. Additionally, the office offers an Equity and Title IX Advocate certification program for those interested in obtaining in-depth information on the policy and process, how to best serve those who have been impacted by trauma, bystander intervention and resource connection. For more information on either opportunity, please contact our office at equity@caltech.edu.

Connecting with the Equity and Title IX Office

The Equity and Title IX Office is located in room 205 in the Center for Student Services. 626-395-3132, https://equity.caltech.edu.

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