

You're Invited to...



Spring Visit Options

What is provided for program attendees?

All attendees for *The Spring Weekend*, *Admitted Students Day* or *Explore Pomona* receive free housing and meals (i.e., room and board), regardless of whether you receive a travel grant. Once you arrive on Pomona's campus, you will meet your Pomona College student host, in whose room you will stay. Our Housekeeping Office will provide clean bedding (a mattress, pillow, sheets and blankets). You'll also receive a meal card that can swipe you into two of the Pomona College dining halls during your stay.

THE SPRING WEEKEND AND ADMITTED STUDENTS DAY

Saturday, April 8 – Tuesday, April 11
or
Saturday, April 22 – Tuesday April 25

The Spring Weekend is a four-day program open to admitted students from underrepresented backgrounds, including low-income, first-generation to college and/or students of color. The Spring Weekend includes Admitted Students Day as well as special receptions, an alumni panel, and time with Admissions staff.

- Alumni panel
- Explore Santa Monica's beach with current students
- Admitted Students Day activities
- Families and guardians welcome (accommodations not arranged; no formal programs scheduled)
- Limited travel grants available, including a flexible travel grant (FlexGrant)
- Room & board provided (for students)

Deadline to Register

March 29 for the April 8 – 11 program
or
April 10 for the April 22 – 25 program
(11:59 p.m. PST)



ADMITTED STUDENTS DAY ONLY	EXPLORE POMONA
Monday, April 10 or Monday, April 24	Monday, April 17 – Wednesday, April 19
<p>Admitted Students Day is open to all admitted students. The program includes an opportunity for students to attend classes, experience academic and student life discussions, eat lunch with faculty and current students, go on general and specialized campus tours and attend an open house for Pomona’s academic departments and student services offices.</p>	<p>Explore Pomona is a three-day program open to admitted students from underrepresented backgrounds, including low-income, first-generation to college and/or students of color. Explore Pomona is for students seeking a less tailored experience; you pick the classes and corners of campus to explore, and you make it happen.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend classes • Student and faculty panels • Specialized information session and campus tours • Academic department fair • Families and guardians welcome (accommodations not arranged; no formal programs scheduled) • Travel grants not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend classes • Special information session with current Pomona students • Campus tours • Families and guardians welcome (accommodations not arranged; no formal programs scheduled) • Limited travel grants available (no flexible travel grants available) • Room & board provided (for students)
<p>Deadline to Register Students may register up until the start of Admitted Students Day</p>	<p>Deadline to Register Friday, April 7 (11:59 p.m. Pacific Time)</p>

What if I want to visit but am unavailable on these dates?

We have very limited availability for travel grants on days outside of the Spring Weekends and Explore Pomona. Please call us at (909) 607-3028 or email diversity@pomona.edu with the subject line, **“Alternate Fly-in Dates, your name”**. Please include the reason(s) you are unable to attend on program dates and 5 potential dates for an overnight campus visit (excluding all Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays). You must contact our office two weeks prior to your first available date for consideration.

Travel & FlexGrants

Travel Grants

For both The Spring Weekend and Explore Pomona, **the travel grant** covers the entire cost of travel for the student, as determined by our travel agent. The College will only cover travel expenses for students who book directly through our travel agent, with no exceptions.

The cost of travel includes round-trip airfare from your home airport to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) or Ontario International Airport (ONT) and a shuttle to/from Pomona's campus. Once the student arrives on campus, we will provide the student with room and board as outlined above. Any extra costs that the student incurs during The Spring Weekend (i.e. if the student chooses to buy souvenirs, etc.) are not covered.

Must I attend the entire program if I get a travel grant?

Travel grants are contingent upon the admitted student staying for the entirety of the program for which the student registers:

- The Spring Weekend I: Saturday, April 8 – Tuesday, April 11
- The Spring Weekend II: Saturday, April 22 – Tuesday, April 25
- Explore Pomona: Monday, April 17 – Wednesday, April 19

Pomona Admissions must approve all exceptions to this rule before your travel plans are finalized. We cannot extend a trip beyond the program dates. If you know that you would like to visit another college's admitted student program while you are in the area, please contact diversity@pomona.edu as soon as possible to see if we can grant an exception to this rule.

What about family members?

The College will only cover travel expenses for students who book directly through our travel agent, with no exceptions. While parents and/or additional family members are welcome to attend a program, they are responsible for their own travel expenses.

How does reimbursement work?

There is no reimbursement for the travel grants; all costs are paid by the College.

FlexGrants

For The Spring Weekend, Pomona College also offers a flexible travel grant (FlexGrant). **The FlexGrant** will reimburse mileage, lodging and food expenses up to the amount agreed upon by the College and the admitted student. These costs will also cover lodging in Southern California for any accompanying family members of an admitted student attending The Spring Weekend. The FlexGrant is a suitable option if you and your family decide to drive to campus.

Must I attend the whole program if I get a FlexGrant?

FlexGrants are contingent upon the admitted student staying for the entirety of the program for which the student registers:

- The Spring Weekend I: Saturday, April 8 – Tuesday, April 11
- The Spring Weekend II: Saturday, April 22 – Tuesday, April 25

Pomona Admissions must approve all exceptions to this rule before your travel plans are finalized. We cannot extend a trip beyond the program dates. If you know that you would like to visit another college's admitted student program while you are in the area, please contact diversity@pomona.edu as soon as possible to see if we can grant an exception to this rule.

What about family members?

The FlexGrant may be used by the student and family members for transportation, food and lodging while traveling to and from The Spring Weekend, as well as during the event. This is most commonly used by families who choose to drive to campus.

How does reimbursement work?

In order to receive FlexGrant reimbursement, Pomona must receive the **Spring Weekend FlexGrant Reimbursement Form*** and all itemized receipts up to the agreed upon FlexGrant reimbursement amount by Friday, May 5, 2017.

How to Register

The deadline to complete all of the following steps is:

- Wednesday, March 29 (April 8 – 11 program)
- Monday, April 10 (April 22 – 25 program)
- Friday, April 7 (Explore Pomona)

Necessary Materials:

- Government-issued photo ID (for students under the age of 17, a school-issued photo ID will suffice). If you have any concerns about your form of identification please contact our office at (909) 607-3028.
- Parent or guardian contact information.

All Students

- Register online through your Destination Pomona portal (login required).
- If you would like to request a Travel Grant for The Spring Weekend or Explore Pomona, you may do so during registration.
- Make sure you use the name and date of birth that corresponds to the photo ID you will use at airport security!
- Please list the 3 airports closest to your city of departure, if applicable.

FlexGrant Applicants

- If attending The Spring Weekend and requesting a flexible travel grant (FlexGrant), please fill out the **Spring Weekend FlexGrant Request Form** located in your destination.pomona.edu portal and submit this form to diversity@pomona.edu.
- Pomona College will then email you with the maximum FlexGrant amount approved by Pomona College, and you may begin planning your travel to campus.

REMEMBER!

Students under the age of 17 can travel with a state-issued ID or a school-issued photo ID.

After You Register

All Students

- Complete and submit the **Overnight Stay Waiver of Liability Form** (which will be sent to you via email and is available in your Destination Pomona portal). Email or fax your form to diversity@pomona.edu or (909) 621-8952.
- You must have a signed waiver, or you will not be allowed to stay overnight on campus.

FlexGrant Recipients

- E-mail diversity@pomona.edu regarding what time you plan to arrive on campus.
- In order to receive FlexGrant reimbursement, Pomona must receive the **Spring Weekend FlexGrant Reimbursement Form** and all itemized receipts up to the agreed upon FlexGrant reimbursement amount by Friday, May 5, 2017.

For Parents and Families Accompanying Students

- Please visit www.pomona.edu/visiting/accommodations to learn more about hotel accommodations in the area.
- Please note that Pomona will not cover the cost of airfare, hotel accommodations or food unless accompanying persons are using the FlexGrant option (for The Spring Weekend programs only).

Travel Grant Recipients

1. Schedule your flight through the Pomona College travel agent, Gloria Lopez, at gloria.lopez@protravelinc.com (available M-F, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. PST).
2. In your email, include:
 - a. Subject line: “Pomona College – [name of program, i.e., Spring Weekend or Explore Pomona] [dates of program]- [your full name]”
 - b. Body of email: Your full name
 - c. Your birthdate
 - d. Your hometown and state
 - e. The 3 most convenient airports to your home
 - f. The dates of the program and which program you will attend
3. Confirm your flight itinerary with the Pomona College travel agent, Gloria Lopez. **You must respond to this email within 23 hours!**
 - a. Gloria will email you back a tentative travel itinerary. This document represents a hold the airline has placed on the ticket.
 - b. Confirm your full name, date of birth, your departure airport and the times of your arrival and departure to and from your home airport.
 - c. Once a ticket has been booked, it cannot be canceled, and if a student does not attend the program, he or she will be responsible for reimbursing the College the full cost of the ticket.

Students Arranging Their Own Travel

- Email diversity@pomona.edu regarding what time you plan to arrive on campus. This includes any student within a 150-mile distance of campus planning to arrive on campus via car or MetroLink train.

Events Schedule

Tentative Schedule of Events for Students

Saturday, April 8 or April 22	
5:30 p.m.	Welcome
6 p.m.	Barbecue Dinner
Sunday, April 9 or April 23	
8 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Round Table Discussion
11:00 a.m.	Alumni Panel
12:30 p.m.	Brunch
1:30 p.m.	Day at Santa Monica Beach
6:30 p.m.	Return to Pomona's Campus
Monday, April 10 or April 24: Admitted Students Day	
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast & Registration
9 a.m.	Welcome
10 a.m.	Class Visits and Panels
11 a.m.	Class Visits and Panels
12 p.m. (noon)	Lunch with Current Students
1:15 p.m.	Class Visits, Panels and Special Tours
3 p.m.	Academic Department Fair
3:30 p.m.	Closing
Tuesday, April 11 or April 25	
Various Times	Departure



Packing For Your Trip

Sleeping and Eating

- Free room and board are provided for everyone. Our Housekeeping Office will provide clean bedding (a mattress, pillow, sheets and blankets).
- Once you arrive on Pomona's campus, you will meet your Pomona College student host, in whose room you will stay.
- You'll also receive a meal card that can swipe you into two of the Pomona College dining halls during your stay.

Dress Code

- Dress expectations for all Admissions programs are casual.
- On Sunday, we will have an excursion to the Santa Monica beach, so bring walking shoes, a towel and sunscreen.
- While it can get pretty hot in Claremont during the day, it gets chilly at night because we are in a desert climate. Be sure to bring a jacket as well - don't just pack shorts and flip-flops!

Personal Items

- Please remember to pack your own towel.
- Standard toiletries — you can probably borrow shampoo/toothpaste/soap from your host, but please pack your own toothbrush.



The Day of Your Trip

Travel Grant Recipients

Airplane Tickets: You will receive your final itinerary from our travel agent, Gloria Lopez. At the airport, you will simply need to print out the itinerary (e-ticket) and present it at the airport ticket counter when you arrive for your flight. The confirmation number on your itinerary will serve as your “ticket.”

Bring Identification! Be sure to have proper picture identification to present along with the itinerary: if you are under 18 years old, you can show your school photo ID or a state-issued photo ID (like a driver’s license). See the TSA website for more information.

Baggage Restrictions: Please check specific airline information concerning the number of bags you are allowed to carry on and the weight restrictions for each bag. Most importantly, if there are any additional charges, should you choose to have bags checked or carry baggage which requires an added charge, be sure to have adequate funds available to cover the cost both for the flight out and your return. Pomona College does not cover the cost of checked luggage.

Shuttle to Pomona College Campus: We will provide shuttle transportation between the Southern California airport and Pomona College. Our travel agent, Gloria Lopez, will send you your shuttle confirmation. We will let you know if any other students coming to The Spring Weekend will be on your flight or shuttle.

- For students arriving at LAX: Upon your arrival into LAX, an Admissions Officer carrying a Pomona College sign will be waiting in-person to pick you up and walk you to your shuttle.
For students arriving at Ontario International Airport: Wait by the baggage claim area. An Admissions Officer carrying a Pomona College sign will be waiting in-person to pick you up and walk you to your shuttle.

The Spring Weekend Schedule: You will receive a full itinerary for the Spring Weekend once you arrive on campus!

Students Arranging Their Own Travel or FlexGrant Recipients

- Email diversity@pomona.edu regarding the time you plan to arrive on campus. Please plan to arrive on campus by 4 p.m.
- Check in at the Office of Admissions (333 N. College Way, Claremont, CA 91711). Admissions staff members will be present to greet you.
- You will receive a full itinerary for The Spring Weekend once you arrive on campus!

