

# MILLS

## Mission

Mills is an independent liberal arts college for women with graduate programs for women and men. The College educates students to think critically and communicate responsibly and effectively, to accept the challenges of their creative visions, and to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to effect thoughtful changes in a global, multicultural society.

## History

- 1852 Founded in Benicia, CA
- 1871 Established in Oakland, CA
- 1885 Chartered as the first women's college in the West
- 1920 Graduate programs first offered to women and men

## Campus

135 wooded acres located in the rolling foothills of Oakland, California, on the east shore of the San Francisco Bay.

## Governance

A 42-member board of trustees governs Mills as an independent college.

## Faculty

<b>TOTAL FACULTY</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>94 full-time</b>	
• Female faculty	61%
• Faculty of color	26%
• Terminal degree	87%
<b>97 part-time</b>	
• Female faculty	73%
• Faculty of color	23%
• Terminal degree	56%
Student-faculty ratio	11:1

## Alumnae

Mills alumnae	20,058
Alumnae branches	32
<i>(U.S., Tokyo, London, Hong Kong)</i>	
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## COLLEGE RANKINGS

- Named one of the top three California colleges to consider by the *New York Times*
- Ranked sixth among 58 western colleges and universities by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Named one of the *Best 366 Colleges* by the Princeton Review
- Ranked among the 50 best colleges for African Americans by *Black Enterprise* magazine
- Ranked among the 50 top liberal arts colleges by *Washington Monthly* magazine
- Named one of the top producers of Fulbright Award recipients by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*

## Enrollment

<b>TOTAL STUDENTS</b>	<b>1,454</b>
States represented	40
Countries represented	17
<b>UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS</b>	<b>948</b>
New students	
• First-year	185
• Transfer	123
• Pre-nursing	22
Continuing	574
Visiting/exchange	37
Auditing	7
Full-time	93%
Living on campus	58%
Resumers*	21%
Students of color	33%
Multi-ethnic	13%
California residents	79%
International	2%

## ENTERING FIRST-YEAR STUDENT PROFILE

Average high school GPA	3.61
SAT range	1510-1880
<i>(middle 50%)</i>	

## GRADUATE STUDENTS

<b>506</b>	
Entering	237
Continuing	269
Women	81%
Men	19%
Full-time	82%
Living on campus	11%
Students of color	33%
Multi-ethnic	6%
California residents	83%
International	3%

\*Students 23 years of age or older

## Majors

- Top 5 of 41 undergraduate majors:
- Psychology
  - English
  - Political, Legal, and Economic Analysis (PLEA)
  - Biology
  - Child Development

## Courses

Course titles	355
Average class size	15
Classes ≤ 20 students	80%

## Graduate Studies

- Top 3 graduate degrees:
- Education (MA)
  - Creative Writing (MFA)
  - Management (MBA)



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## Undergraduate Tuition and Fees

Full-time tuition	\$32,542
Student activity fee	\$140
Campus comprehensive fee	\$828
Health insurance	\$1,930
Room and board	\$10,820

## Undergraduate Financial Aid

Percent of undergraduate students receiving financial aid	97%
Percent receiving some portion of their aid directly from Mills	89%
Average award	\$31,008
Total aid <i>(of which Mills funded \$13.7 million)</i>	\$28.5 million

## Graduate Tuition and Fees

Full-time tuition (except Studio Art) <i>(2 or more credits/semester)</i>	\$22,792
Campus comprehensive fee	\$828
Health insurance	\$2,090
Room and board	\$10,820

## Graduate Financial Aid

Percent of graduate students receiving financial aid	87%
Percent receiving some portion of their aid directly from Mills	75%
Total aid <i>(of which Mills funded \$3.1 million)</i>	\$9.5 million

## Finance

Annual budget	\$74 million
Endowment value as of 8.31.07	\$230 million

## Giving to Mills 2006-07

Trustee gifts	\$6.5 million
Alumnae gifts	\$5.5 million
Gifts from parents, friends, others	\$1.6 million
Foundation and corporate gifts	\$2.4 million
Estate gifts	\$1.1 million
Mills College Annual Fund gifts <i>(includes gifts and pledges from several categories above)</i>	\$2.3 million

## Selected Initiatives 2007-08

Every year, Mills College invests in innovative programs and facilities to ensure that its students have access to undergraduate and graduate education of the highest caliber. Priority initiatives this year include:

**Student Scholarships:** To provide educational access to as many qualified students as possible and reduce overall educational indebtedness, the College aims to raise an additional \$5.5 million for scholarships this year.

**Natural Sciences Building:** This environmentally sustainable facility, dedicated in October 2007, plays a key role in Mills' plan for advancing women in the sciences. The College requires \$4 million to meet the fundraising goal for the \$17.2 million building.

**Graduate School of Business Building:** When complete, Mills' newest facility will house the foremost MBA Program for women and provide a centrally located gathering hall for College events. The College seeks \$16 million for construction and for a permanent endowment for the school; \$24 million has already been raised.

**Music Building:** The Music Building is a regional landmark, housing an internationally renowned Music Department. Mills seeks \$4 million to complete the building's renovation, including a deepened stage, improved acoustics, and restoration of seating, flooring, and murals in the Concert Hall.

In addition, Mills raises funds for endowed chairs and professorships, as well as academic programs and projects in departments across campus. The College is deeply grateful to the many donors who have already contributed to these initiatives.

*"I would tell prospective students to spend time on campus, sit in on classes, and to notice how unique Mills is. . . . Mills demands commitment, maturity, and a willingness to grow beyond what feels comfortable and safe. I am certain I would be a different painter if I had chosen another school."*

Mel Prest, MFA '99, Visiting Artist

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