What is TRIO/SSS?

TRIO is a set of nationwide college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from qualifying backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. Our team provides academic counseling, personal guidance, financial advising and mentoring to eligible Carleton students.

Our programs are federally funded through the U.S. Department of Education to serve a limited number of eligible participants each year.

“This disclosure is made in compliance with Public Law 108-447 Sec. 506.

—JOCELYN FRANCO '22

ACADEMIC SUPPORT
- One-on-one academic advising
- Assistance selecting courses and majors and developing a four-year path to graduation
- Time management, organization and study skills
- Individualized academic support
- Referrals to academic resources
- Workshops and professional development programming

PERSONAL & SOCIAL SUPPORT
- Community building with students of similar backgrounds
- Individual counseling and referrals to on- and off-campus resources
- Peer mentoring
- Social and cultural events
- Goal-setting and support-building retreats
- Leadership opportunities within TRIO and Carleton

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- Workshops on financial literacy, financial aid and tax preparation
- Assistance identifying and applying for scholarships
- Textbook assistance
- Scholarship information for study abroad programs

Your Campus Community
Welcome to TRIO

The TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program at Carleton is a supportive community where students from similar backgrounds come together for academic, personal and financial support. We’re based out of an on-campus house where students can gather with friends to relax, study, unwind or just have fun.

Who is eligible?

Participants must be Carleton students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents or refugees pursuing their first bachelor’s degree. A participant must also meet at least ONE of the following:

- be a first-generation college student (neither parent has a baccalaureate degree)
- come from a low-income household (as determined by federal guidelines for family-unit size)
- have a documented disability

How do we support our students?

We assist students in navigating social, cultural, financial, personal, academic and other challenges in order to fully participate in the life of the college and ultimately achieve the goal of graduation.

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