



*Deborah A. Freund, PhD*

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Professor Deborah A. Freund is the 15th president of Claremont Graduate University (CGU) and is an internationally known health economist and outcomes researcher. She is particularly known for her work on total knee replacement and Medicaid. She brought extensive administrative experience to her service as president of Claremont Graduate University.

Freund was vice chancellor and provost at Syracuse University from 1999-2006, and held the title of Distinguished Professor of Public Administration and Economics from Syracuse's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs since 2004. In addition to her faculty position at the Maxwell School, she was a senior research associate at the school's Center for Policy Research. She came to Syracuse University from Indiana University Bloomington (IU) where she was vice chancellor and dean of the faculties, and special advisor to the president and vice president of the IU System on Academic Affairs for five years.

Freund currently serves on the Boards of Cedars-Sinai Health System and Children's Hospital Los Angeles. In 2012, she was appointed as an Expert Advisor to the "Let's Get Healthy California" Task Force. She holds a PhD from the University of Michigan in economics, an MA in applied economics and MPH in medical care administration from the same institution. She received her bachelor's degree in Classics from Washington University in St. Louis.

Freund and her husband Tom Kniesner have one son, a freshman at Occidental College.