Inspired by its land-grant heritage, Colorado State University is committed to excellence, setting the standard for public research universities in teaching, research, service and extension for the benefit of the citizens of Colorado, the United States and the world.

First
Best Undergraduate Teaching in Colorado | 2020
US News & World Report

Second
Best for Veterans | 2020
Military Times

Third
Professional Veterinary Medicine | 2019
US News & World Report
As the state’s land-grant institution, Colorado State University was founded to grapple with our world’s greatest challenges using the transformative power of knowledge and education.

Foremost among those challenges is providing access to higher education for those to whom it previously had not been available. Using purpose-driven research and problem-solving from the moment of its founding in 1870, the college generated new knowledge, then put that knowledge to work to overcome the sometimes existential challenges faced by the people and communities of Colorado.

The challenges have evolved, expanding in scope from local to national and global. As new challenges arise, CSU grows and adapts to meet them, solving problems, fostering positive change, and improving people’s lives. And as the demographics and needs of our communities change, our mission to offer access to and inclusion in our educational community will continue to be paramount.

This annual InFact update offers a snapshot of CSU’s progress in areas ranging from student access and achievement to how we serve and enrich the lives of our constituents and in our communities. InFact demonstrates our institutional commitment to excellence. In addition, we are proud to share a host of additional research briefs, surveys and planning documents at www.ir.colostate.edu that illustrate our continuing commitment to the people of Colorado, our nation, and the world.
Students are at the core of any university’s purpose. Our growing student body reinforces our knowledge that Colorado State is not just a great place to learn and grow, but also a value to our students.

Colorado State prides itself on being a crossroads at which the state’s students converge to learn and grow. Between our in-state student body, growing non-resident interest, and overall increased diversity, our campus community is more authentic and relevant than ever, exposing students to a wide variation of backgrounds and worldviews.
Total enrollment
32,765
STUDENTS

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

13,593
NON STEM

9,997
STEM

27,815
ON CAMPUS
DEGREE SEEKING

23,583
UNDERGRADS

3,635
GRADS

597
PROFESSIONAL

69
PERCENT
RESIDENTS

TOP THREE COLLEGES
BY ENROLLMENT

LIBERAL ARTS
4694

NATURAL SCIENCES
4686

HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES
4479

42%
STEM STUDENTS

26 Percent
DIVERSE ENROLLMENT
Excellence begins with an engaged and capable freshman class. Year after year, Colorado State’s incoming freshmen revitalize campus with their spirit and energy. They also bring a lot of knowledge; with an average 3.70 GPA and a 25.6 composite ACT score, their baseline knowledge allows our University to reach higher as soon as they enroll.

### Freshman Profile

- **4,556 New Freshmen**
- **1,172 Average Combined SAT**
- **3.70 Average GPA**
- **70th HS Rank**
- **25.6 Average ACT Score**
## Departments with the most undergraduate PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MAJORS

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Undergraduate Fields of Study: 74
There’s something magical about the Colorado State experience: students find big university opportunities, but enjoy a small college feel. One reason is our small class sizes. Those intimate lectures and small labs yield huge results in student learning and student-faculty interaction.

STUDENT–FACULTY RATIO & CLASS SIZE

STUDENT–FACULTY RATIO
17:1

UNDERGRADUATE CLASS SIZE

LECTURE SIZE

LOWER LEVEL
57

UPPER LEVEL
38

LAB SIZE

LOWER LEVEL
21

UPPER LEVEL
19
CLASS SIZE 9
STUDENT SUCCESS

At CSU, supporting students through graduation is our primary goal and our nationally recognized “Student Success Initiatives” were implemented to help each of our students reach their full potential.

At all stages and in all initiatives, one guiding principle has been central: Increases in student success are a function of undergraduate engagement and deep learning. To that end, CSU has strategically placed 116 Academic Success Coordinators in colleges and departments to ensure that students are provided with every tool and support necessary to graduate. The coordinators focus especially on students’ success in their first two years, including support for a successful transition to university academic expectations, exploration and confirmation of a major, and progression toward a degree.
85% Freshman Retention

19 Learning Communities

70% Six Year Graduation Rate

1,256 Largest Number of Degrees Awarded in Liberal Arts

80% Percent of those who graduate, do so in 4.5 years or less

40% STEM Bachelor’s Degrees
OUR SENIORS

Nine out of ten recent Colorado State graduates say they would choose CSU all over again. That strong satisfaction comes from an engaging student experience that rewards graduates with real-world knowledge and positive employment outcomes. We call it the CSU Effect.

9/10
GRADUATES WOULD CHOOSE CSU AGAIN

Students Worked

39 PERCENT
on campus

53 PERCENT
off campus

47%
OF STUDENTS participated in community service or volunteer work

56%
PARTICIPATED IN AN INTERNSHIP OR SIMILAR ACTIVITY

67%
PARTICIPATED IN co-curricular activities
## DEGREES AWARDED  2019-2020

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CSU graduates are getting the most out of their degrees. Not only have 80 percent secured their first-destination plans within six months of earning their degree, 81 percent of respondents indicated their future plans were related to their major. They work all over the country and internationally, and they use their degrees to get their jobs.

AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR EARNINGS

230 unique institutions for further education

1,600 unique organizations hiring

AVERAGE STARTING SALARY FOR RECENT CSU GRADUATES

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80 percent of CSU graduates secured their first-destination plans by the following December.
ACCESS

Fulfilling our land-grant mission to serve the people of Colorado and the world is our ever-guiding principle; making sure that every state resident who’s qualified has a chance to earn a college degree is a huge part of that mission.

We’re offering opportunities to all residents: 26 percent of our undergraduate student population self-identifies as a racial or ethnic minority, and one in four is a first-generation student.

In the 2019-20 academic year, 22 percent of our undergraduates received Pell Grants and 19 percent benefited from the CSU Tuition Assistance Grant, an institutional initiative that helps ensure income isn’t a barrier to higher education for eligible Colorado residents.
Acceptance Rates

83\%  
non-resident

84\%  
resident

ONE OUT OF FOUR  
students is first-generation

56\%  
of new undergraduates receive institutional aid

26\%  
Diverse Enrollment

22\%  
Pell Recipients

28,830  
New Freshman  
FALL 2020 APPLICATIONS
Keeping a college education affordable is just as important as making it accessible. At CSU, we have made a concerted effort to limit tuition increases despite shrinking state support.

We have created programs to offset the cost of a college education. The CSU Tuition Assistance Grant was designed to help students in homes with an adjusted gross income of less than $110,000, and 79 percent of our incoming students receive some sort of financial aid.

4,784
number of undergraduates receiving CSU TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT

$4,583
average Pell grant

79 Percent
of incoming students receive financial aid
CSU has always been committed to attracting the brightest students to its campus and that means we provide opportunities to every qualified student, regardless of their family’s economic circumstances.

Nearly 1 in 5 students receive benefit from the landmark CSU Tuition Assistance Grant. Colorado State connects its students to Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, and hundreds of institutional scholarships. Students who are Pell Grant eligible may receive grant funds to cover 100% of their share of base tuition.
GLOBALIZATION

CSU is on the rise and the world is taking note. Our rapidly globalizing student body tells the whole story.

CSU’s continued enrollment growth thrives on international interest. With 1,626 international students representing 104 countries, our campus continues to adopt an international worldview. When international students arrive, they’re not alone; they are mentored and taught by international faculty from around the globe. As a result, students find an inclusive and open atmosphere at Colorado State.

Domestic CSU students are discovering a global outlook, too. In 2019-20, through our Education Abroad program, 872 CSU students studied in 56 countries. Other students participate in one of our 16 foreign university partnerships or practice at CSU’s Todos Santos Center in Mexico. Once they graduate, CSU alumni are leaders in the nation in Peace Corps volunteerism.

Even while at home in Fort Collins, opportunities for cultural exploration are growing with the establishment of a Confucius Institute focusing on water and environmental sustainability on a global scale.
TOP COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN
(for CSU students who are not US citizens)

- 25% China
- 15% India
- 6% Saudi Arabia
- 4% Oman
- 4% South Korea
- 4% Kuwait
- 42% All others

1,626 international students enrolled in Fall 2020

RANKED 15th IN THE NATION
Peace Corps’ annual Top Volunteer-Producing Colleges and Universities

872 students participated in 2019-2020 education abroad
CSU has 1,896 faculty members, with 1,142 on tenure-track appointments. There are currently 18 University Distinguished Professors and 12 University Distinguished Teaching Scholars.

**CSU FACULTY IN NATIONAL ACADEMIES**
- National Academy of Sciences (6)
- National Academy of Engineering (2)
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2)

**FACULTY AND STAFF EMPLOYED FOR FALL 2020**
- 36% administrative professionals
- 3% adjunct faculty
- 15% tenure-track faculty
- 7% contract/continuing faculty
- 4% other salaried employees
- 14% research associates
- 22% state classified

**FACULTY & STAFF**

| 1,142 tenure-track faculty | 18 university distinguished professors | 51 new tenure-track faculty hired in fiscal year 2021 | 754 faculty on adjunct or contract/continuing appointments | 98% of tenure-track faculty have terminal degrees | 7,696 FACULTY AND STAFF |
RESEARCH

CSU is one of the world’s top research universities and a recognized leader in cancer research, atmospheric science, animal science, climate change, forest and wildlife management, engineering, and water management.

$395 Million
sponsor awards in FY20

40% 55%
Increase in sponsored award dollars over the last five years
Increase in proposal dollars over the last five years
CSU Ventures, a business unit of the CSU Research Foundation, is dedicated to the business of technology transfer and commercialization. Its goal is to accelerate the transfer of cutting edge research into meaningful products and services that can enrich people’s lives locally, nationally and globally.

$2.09 Million in licensing revenue

32 Licenses

69 Patents Issued

116 Invention disclosures

5 Startup Companies
PHILANTHROPY AT CSU

Colorado State University stands ready to tackle global challenges, improve lives, and lift the human spirit. Donors enable aspirations rooted in our land-grant mission: creating greater access and opportunity for students, fostering excellence in education and research, and extending our capability to serve our communities and the world. During the State Your Purpose campaign, more than 136,000 donors gave to the people, programs and places of CSU. With your support, we will continue making our world a better place, for everyone. Learn more at www.giving.colostate.edu.

136,227 DONORS GAVE

$1.28 Billion

$211M
IN STUDENT SUPPORT
FOR MERIT- AND NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

$368M
FOR PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

$378M
FOR CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH

$76M
IN FACULTY SUPPORT
FOR ENDED WERED POSITIONS

$247M
FOR STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES AND LEARNING SPACES
CSU’s main campus is in Fort Collins yet its influence extends to every corner of the state. CSU Extension was established in 1908 and has offices which are easily accessible to all 64 counties. Extension offices apply research to local issues such as cutting-edge agricultural production, water quality and conservation, nutrition and food safety, 4-H youth development, gardening, and community economic development. The Office of Engagement connects communities around shared solutions through education, research, and leadership through its five departments including CSU Online, CSU Extension, and the Colorado Water Center.

4,325
2020 CSU Online students

7
off campus and one on-campus Ag Experiment Stations

19
area & field offices of the Colorado State Forest Service

64 COLORADO COUNTIES are provided services by CSU Extension
Fort Collins, which has been home to CSU since the University’s inception in 1870, is a vibrant, friendly city of 175,000 tucked against the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Northern Colorado. The city boasts a lively arts and cultural scene, shopping in historic Old Town, a strong economy, and is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. With more than 285 miles of bike paths and trails, easy access to the scenic Poudre River and majestic Rocky Mountain National Park, and within easy driving distance of Colorado’s iconic ski areas, it is a year-round paradise. Boasting a mild climate, thriving high-tech industry, and some of the best microbreweries in the world, it’s no wonder Fort Collins annually ranks among the most livable small cities in the United States.