




INFACT

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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY BY THE NUMBERS



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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.

Joyce McConnell

ENROLLMENT

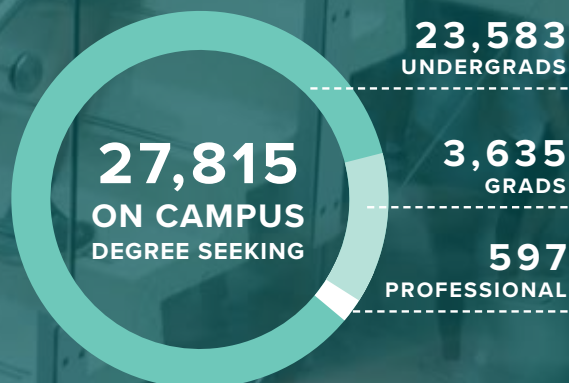
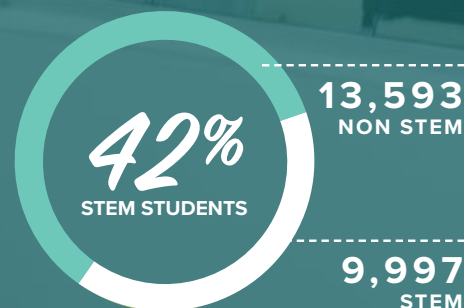
Students are at the core of any university's purpose. Our growing student body reinforces our knowledge that Colorado State is not just a great place to learn and grow, but also a value to our students.

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



69
PERCENT
RESIDENTS

26 Percent
DIVERSE ENROLLMENT

TOP THREE COLLEGES
BY ENROLLMENT

LIBERAL ARTS	4694
NATURAL SCIENCES	4686
HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES	4479

FRESHMAN PROFILE

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.

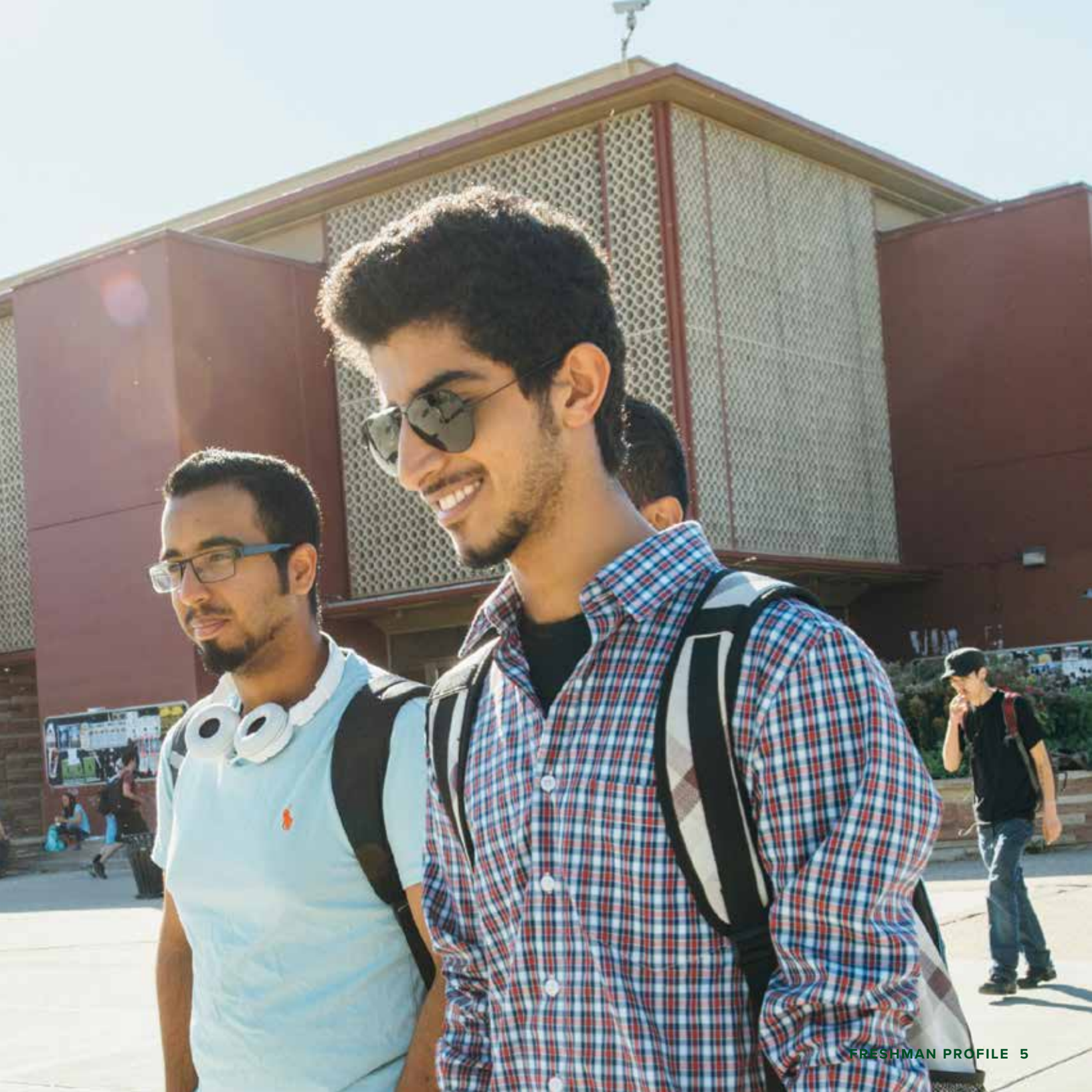
4,556
New Freshmen

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

DEPARTMENT		COLLEGE	
BIOLOGY	1736	LIBERAL ARTS	4694
PSYCHOLOGY	1208	NATURAL SCIENCES	4686
HEALTH & EXERCISE SCIENCE	1084	HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES	4479
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES	907	WALTER SCOTT, JR. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING	2463
ANIMAL SCIENCES	826	BUSINESS	2312
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT	797	WARNER COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES	1698
COMPUTER SCIENCE	772	AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES	1458
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	730	VETERINARY MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES	945
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES	707		
DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING	657		



74

UNDERGRADUATE FIELDS OF STUDY

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO & CLASS SIZE

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
17:1

UNDERGRADUATE CLASS SIZE

LECTURE SIZE

57

LOWER
LEVEL

38

UPPER
LEVEL

LAB SIZE

21

LOWER
LEVEL

19

UPPER
LEVEL



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.





FRESHMAN
RETENTION

19 LEARNING
COMMUNITIES

70%
SIX YEAR
graduation rate

1,256
LARGEST NUMBER
of degrees awarded
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.



GRADUATES WOULD
CHOOSE CSU AGAIN



OF STUDENTS
participated in
community service
or volunteer work

Students Worked

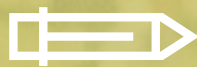
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PERCENT
on campus



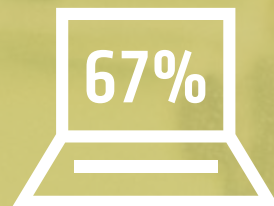
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PERCENT
off campus



56%

PARTICIPATED
IN AN INTERNSHIP
OR SIMILAR ACTIVITY



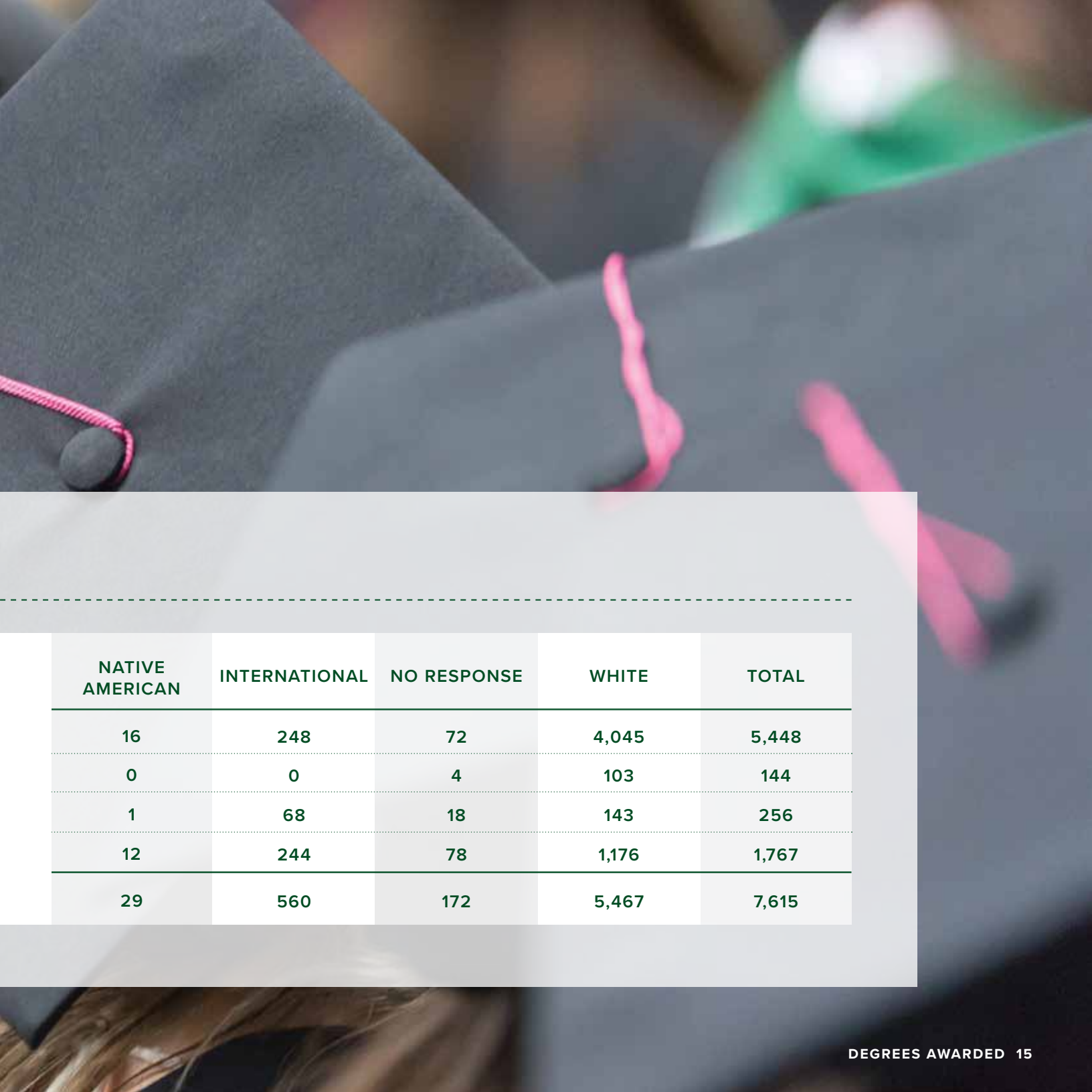
PARTICIPATED IN
co-curricular activities





DEGREES AWARDED 2019-2020

	ASIAN	BLACK	HAWAIIAN/ PAC. ISLANDER	HISPANIC/ LATINO	MULTI-RACIAL
BACHELOR'S	128	109	8	612	210
D.V.M.	10	0	0	17	10
DOCTORATE	3	3	0	16	4
MASTER'S	57	30	1	119	50
TOTAL	198	142	9	764	274



	NATIVE AMERICAN	INTERNATIONAL	NO RESPONSE	WHITE	TOTAL
	16	248	72	4,045	5,448
	0	0	4	103	144
	1	68	18	143	256
	12	244	78	1,176	1,767
	29	560	172	5,467	7,615

AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR EARNINGS

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.

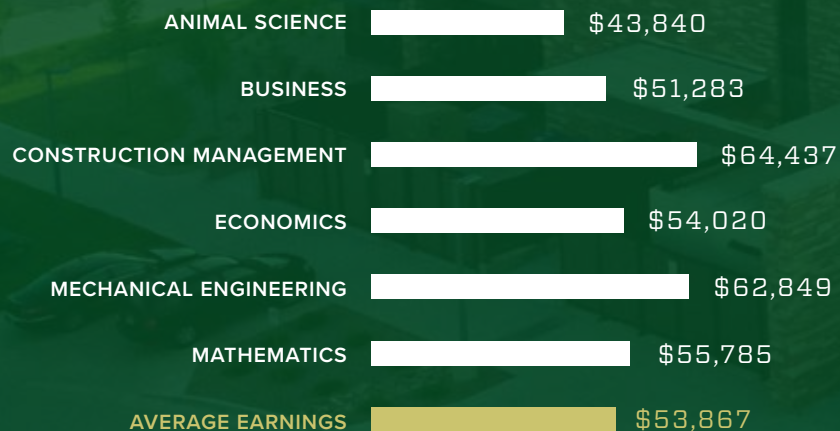
230

unique institutions
for further education

1,600

unique
organizations hiring

AVERAGE STARTING SALARY FOR RECENT CSU GRADUATES



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

PERCENT
non-resident

84

PERCENT
resident



ONE OUT OF FOUR
students is first-generation

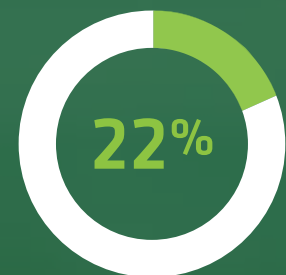
28,830

New Freshman
FALL 2020 APPLICATIONS

56 PERCENT
of new undergraduates
receive institutional aid



Diverse Enrollment



Pell Recipients

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

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**



\$137 *Million*

Total Grant Aid Received by Undergraduates

\$5,189

average
federal loan

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.

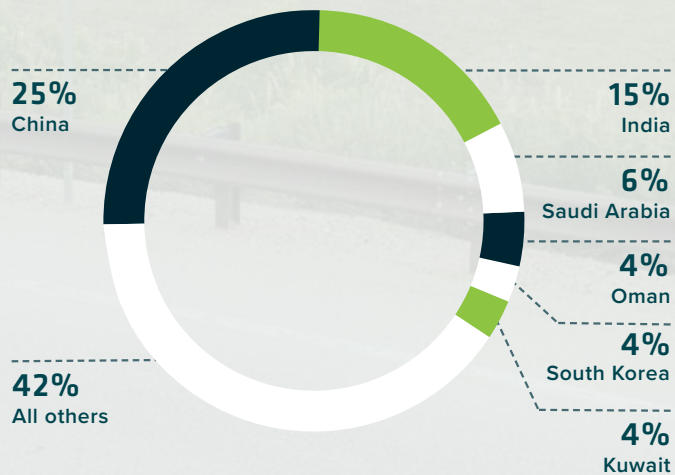
Domestic CSU students are discovering a global outlook, too. In 2019-20, through our Education Abroad program, 872 CSU students studied in 56 countries. Other students participate in one of our 16 foreign university partnerships or practice at CSU's Todos Santos Center in Mexico. Once they graduate,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



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





FACULTY & STAFF

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.

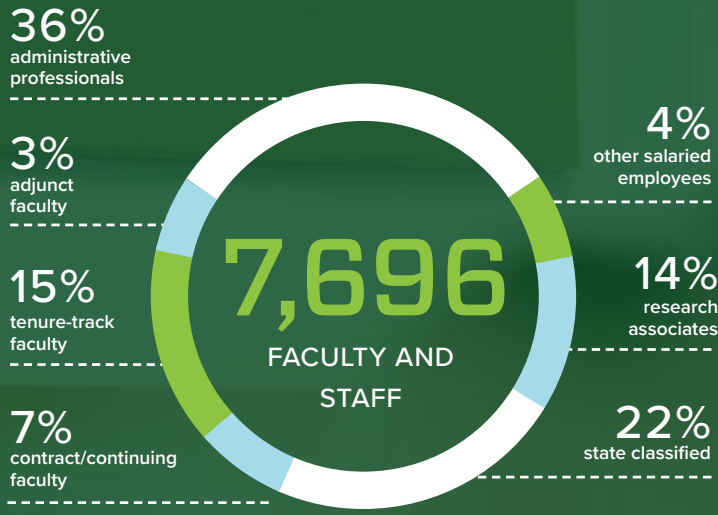
CSU FACULTY IN NATIONAL ACADEMIES


National Academy of Sciences (6)


National Academy of Engineering (2)


American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2)

FACULTY AND STAFF EMPLOYED FOR FALL 2020



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



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.



40%

Increase in sponsored
award dollars over the
last five years

55%

Increase in proposal
dollars over the last
five years

CSU VENTURES

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



NEW
RECORD!

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 ENDOWED
POSITIONS



\$247M

**FOR STATE-OF-THE-ART
FACILITIES
AND LEARNING SPACES**







ENGAGEMENT

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



COMMUNITY

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.

94 

(50) PARKS AND
(44) NATURAL AREAS

175,000

APPROXIMATE POPULATION OF FORT COLLINS

550+

BRICK & MORTAR
RESTAURANTS



285+
Miles

OF BIKE LANES & TRAILS



one hour
TO DENVER
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT





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