

Institutional Profile

2015 - 2016



Colorado State University, a Carnegie Research University with Very High Research Activity, is one of 68 land-grant colleges established under the Morrill Act (signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862). In 1870, six years before the Colorado Territory gained statehood, the institution was founded as the Colorado Agricultural College and in 1879 opened its doors to an eventual freshman class of twenty (two of which were family of the University's president). In 1935, the school became the Colorado State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, or Colorado A&M, and in 1957 became Colorado State University.

Location

- Fort Collins is a midsize city of approximately 155,000.
- Located in northern Colorado at the western edge of the Great Plains and at the base of the Rocky Mountains
- "America's Most Satisfied City," 2014 Gallup Poll as reported in *Time* magazine

Colleges

- College of Agricultural Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Engineering
- College of Health and Human Sciences
- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Natural Sciences
- College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- Warner College of Natural Resources



Enrollment

- About 32,000 total students and 27,300 on-campus, resident-instruction students
- About 22,650 undergraduate students, 4,100 graduate students, and 550 Professional Veterinary Medicine students
- Students attend from every state; 74% are Colorado residents.
- 17 percent of total students are ethnic minorities.
- Entering freshman class of about 4,800 students
- About 1,600 new transfer students
- The average entering freshman ranks in the 72nd percentile of their high school class, brings a 3.61 grade-point average, and has an average ACT composite score of 24.9 or an SAT combined score of 1,143.

Faculty

- About 1,800 faculty members
- About 1,060 faculty on tenure-track appointments
- 99 percent of tenure-track faculty hold terminal degrees.
- The student-faculty ratio is 16 to 1.

Other Employees

- About 3,150 administrative professionals (approximately 30% are research associates)
- About 1,700 state-classified personnel
- About 370 other salaried employees, including 250 post doctorates
- Fort Collins' largest employer

Student Life

- 340 registered student organizations
- 40 honor societies
- 13 percent of the student population participates in intramural sports.
- 8 percent of the student population joins one of 25 fraternities or 18 sororities.

Residence Life

- 15 residence halls with a capacity of about 5,789 students
- 449 apartment units for students with families
- 242 apartments for graduate students

Libraries

- Library holdings include more than 2.3 million books, bound journals, and government documents.
- Access to more than 46,700 electronic journals and over 545,000 e-books available at <http://lib.colostate.edu>
- 325 desktop PCs plus more than 200 laptop computers (Macs and Windows), iPads, Chromebooks, video cameras, and specialized calculators are available for checkout.
- An expedited interlibrary loan service, including desktop delivery of articles

Career Services

- 89% of CSU graduates secure a job offer or their first destination plans within 6 months of graduation.
- More than 1,400 unique employers hired CSU graduates; approximately 200 graduate schools accepted CSU graduates.
- Approximately 8,000 one-on-one career appointments annually
- 8,000+ job and internship postings, 3,000+ on-campus interviews, and 600+ employers recruited on campus
- 91% of top 35 employers who hired the most graduates recruited on campus

University Honors Program

- Outstanding academics feature superb students and faculty. Small discussion-based interdisciplinary seminars fulfill half of the University's general education requirements. A senior-year creative activity and an Honors Thesis are mentored by faculty.
- The Academic Village and Edwards Hall are the residential learning communities that include seminar rooms, the Honors office suite, and the Fireside Lounge. This small community provides students with individual attention and support which fosters learning, social interaction, and an ethic of involvement in University life.

Degrees - 2014-15

- About 7,185 degrees were awarded.
- About 5,050 bachelor's degrees were awarded.
- About 1,760 master's degrees were awarded.
- About 250 doctoral degrees were awarded.
- About 125 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees were awarded.

Tuition, Fees, and Housing

- Average undergraduate tuition and fees for 2015-16 are \$10,558 for Colorado residents.
- Average undergraduate tuition and fees are \$27,267 for nonresidents.
- Room and board is \$10,396 (standard room and 14-meal option).

University Center for the Arts

- 300 world-class music, theatre and dance performances; exhibitions; and high-profile arts events annually
- Facilities include the University Center for the Arts with the Runyan Music Hall, Griffin Concert Hall, University Theatre and Studio Theatre, Dance Theatre, the Organ Recital Hall, University Art Museum, and the Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising.

Research

- Annual research expenditures of \$308 million in FY14
- 69% from federal sources, 17% from industry, and 14% from local funds

Engagement

- CSU Extension provides information and educational programs in all 64 Colorado counties. Extension applies research to address local issues such as cutting-edge agricultural production technologies, water quality and conservation, nutrition and food safety, gardening, 4-H youth development, and community economic development. Additional information is available at extension.colostate.edu.
- The 19 field offices of the Colorado State Forest Service provide landowners with information and technical assistance on forest management, wildfire mitigation, urban and community forestry, and conservation education.
- The Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station conducts site-specific research on agriculture and related issues through its one on-campus and seven off-campus research centers.
- CSU Online, from the Division of Continuing Education, combines CSU's academic excellence with the flexibility of online learning, offering degrees, certificates, courses, and badges to approximately 12,000 students annually.
- The Colorado Water Institute focuses academic water expertise on the evolving water conditions faced by Colorado citizens.

University Budget

- A 2015-16 education and general budget of \$556.9 million
- A 2015-16 total budget of \$1.054 billion, which includes \$46 million of indirect cost recoveries that are included in contracts and grants budgeted funds

University Advancement

- In fiscal-year 2015 Colorado State alumni, friends, and other supporters shattered the fundraising record set last year by donating a combined \$172.3 million, an increase of more than 20%.
- Largest cash donation in CSU history: \$42.5 million to the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- Best-ever alumni participation

University Distinguished Professors

- V. "Chandra" Chandrasekar, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Edward A. Hoover, Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology
- Sonia Kreidenweis, Atmospheric Science
- Jan E. Leach, Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management
- Karolin Luger, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- C. Wayne McIlwraith, Clinical Sciences
- Carmen Menoni, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Ian M. Orme, Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology
- David A. Randall, Atmospheric Science
- Philip E. Risbeck, Art
- Jorge J. Rocca, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Physics
- Bernard E. Rollin, Philosophy, Biomedical Sciences, Animal Sciences
- John N. Sofos, Animal Sciences
- Thomas H. Vonder Haar, Atmospheric Science
- Diana Wall, Biology, School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Natural Resources Ecology Laboratory
- Robert M. Williams, Chemistry
- Stephen J. Withrow, Clinical Sciences

Athletics

- A member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at the Division I Level – Mountain West Conference
 - Sponsors 16 intercollegiate sports programs
 - Athletic facilities include Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium (capacity 32,500), Moby Arena (capacity 8,745), Ram Field, University Tennis Complex, Moby Pool, Harmony Club, Jack Christiansen Track, and the Glenn Morris Field House.
 - Other facilities include a \$20 million, 66,267-square-foot indoor practice facility, the Anderson Academic and Training Center, and a new 12,800-square-foot sports medicine center.
 - Since the Mountain West was formed in 1999, CSU has won 35 conference championships, including 27 regular season titles and eight tournament titles.
- Ken Barbarick, Soil and Crop Sciences
 - Stephanie Clemons, Design and Merchandising
 - Darrell Fontane, Civil and Environmental Engineering
 - Matthew Hickey, Health and Exercise Science
 - K. Douglas Hoffman, Marketing
 - Paul A. Kennedy, Mathematics
 - Nancy E. Levinger, Chemistry
 - John Moore, Ecosystem Science and Sustainability
 - Mike Palmquist, English
 - Erica Suchman, Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology
 - Ray Whalen, Biomedical Sciences
 - Toni Schindler Zimmerman, Human Development and Family Studies

University Distinguished Teaching Scholars

International Programs

- Recipient of the 2013 "Senator Paul Simon National Award for Outstanding Campus Internationalization"
- #1 in the U.S. for both international student satisfaction for academics and student support in the "International Student Barometer Survey" for 2013
- More than 20% of tenure-track faculty and 25% of new faculty are international.
- More than 2,000 international students representing 99 countries
- More than 1,200 students participate annually in Education Abroad programs in 90+ countries.
- Manages Peace Corps programs and CSU ranks 8th in the nation in 2015 on the Peace Corps' annual "Top College" list for recruitment numbers
- 17 key strategic partnerships around the world, including four with leading Chinese universities
- Host to a specialized Confucius Institute with its focus on water and environmental sustainability
- Developing collaborative research institutes in China with East China Normal University and Anhui Province
- Planning CSU's partnership with Semester at Sea and with the CSU Todos Santos Center in Mexico

Programs of Research and Scholarly Excellence

- Animal Reproduction and Biotechnology Laboratory
- Atmospheric Sciences and Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere (CIRA)
- Center for Extreme Ultraviolet (EUV) Science and Technology
- Center for Interdisciplinary Mathematics and Statistics (CIMS)
- Center for Meat Safety and Quality
- Graduate and Research Program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Graduate Degree Program in Ecology
- High Energy Physics and Particle Astrophysics
- Human Performance/Clinical Research Laboratory
- Molecular, Cellular and Integrative Neuroscience Program
- Musculoskeletal Research Program
- Natural Resources Ecology Laboratory (NREL)
- Occupational Therapy Program
- Prion Research Center
- Program in Chemical and Molecular Sciences
- Program in Molecular Plant Biology
- Sustainable Bioenergy Development Center
- Water Science for Environmental Sustainability
- Wheat Research, Outreach and Education Program

Other Facts

- CSU ranks 58th among public universities nation-wide, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* 2015 "Best Colleges."
- The Professional Veterinary Medicine program is tied for third in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* and is ranked second in the country in federal research dollars.



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