About CSU

Colorado State University is one of the nation’s top public research universities and continues to be an institution on the rise. The key to our success is a combination of outstanding quality and commitment to excel in all we do.

CSU was founded as the Colorado Agricultural College in 1870, six years before the Colorado Territory was granted statehood, and it was one of 68 land-grant colleges established by President Abraham Lincoln’s signing of the Morrill Act. Our land-grant tradition of providing a high-quality, affordable higher education to all who have the desire and ability to achieve it runs deep, and CSU remains the "university of choice" for Colorado residents -- more Colorado high-school students choose CSU than any other campus. Thirty percent of the state’s science, math, engineering, and technology majors pursue degrees at CSU.

We offer exceptional academic programs, with 76 undergraduate degree programs, 105 graduate degree programs, 27 professional master's degree programs, and our prestigious Professional Veterinary Medicine program. Many of CSU's academic programs are ranked among the best in the nation and world. Our world-class research and scholarship attract well over $330 million in research funding every year, and CSU ranks second nationally in federal research funding for universities without a medical school.

Faculty at CSU are among the best in their fields and combine classroom learning with experiential learning in the field and laboratory. More than 5,000 CSU students participate in undergraduate research opportunities every year, and even as CSU has grown, we've kept our student:faculty ratio at 18:1.

Within six months of graduation, more than 81 percent of our students have secured employment or continuing education -- and our graduates are employed at a rate 10% higher than the national average. It's no wonder more that 90 percent of graduates say they would choose CSU again.

CSU educates students both to make a living and to make a difference -- and our faculty transform the world through their research, scholarship, and teaching. This is what it means to be a land-grant university in the 21st century, and Colorado State University is proud to carry on that distinguished academic tradition.