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About CSU

One of the nation's top public research universities, Colorado State University touches the lives of people in Colorado, across the nation, and around the world through our mission of access, discovery, and engagement.

Inspired by our 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. And we do it in an environment of accountability and responsibility, grounded in integrity and transparency.

Last fall, CSU welcomed some 33,648 students, 60 percent of whom are Colorado residents and 25 percent of whom come from diverse backgrounds. The university also hosts some 2,500 international students typically from more than 110 countries, while more than 1,600 students typically participate in education abroad. All of these students come to CSU and join our welcoming community.

Committed to excellence, the university offers over 70 undergraduate degree programs, 16 of which are also available online; 140 master's degree programs, 43 of which are offered online; 65 doctoral programs, 3 of which are offered online; and 64 graduate certificates, 55 of which are offered online. We have a student:faculty ratio of 17:1, which means that our extraordinary teachers in all disciplines interact with our students directly, whether in the classroom, the lab, or the field. World-class teaching and research mean academic programs that consistently rank among the best in the nation and world.

Colorado State University is designated as a Carnegie R1 (very high research activity) institution, with \$407 million in sponsored research. We are recognized internationally for our work in such diverse and critical fields as cancer research, atmospheric science, animal science, climate change, forest and wildlife management, engineering, and water management.

The CSU Office of Engagement applies research via CSU Online, CSU Extension, and the Colorado Water Center by connecting communities with shared solutions through education, research, and leadership.

Colorado State University is also, proudly, **one of the most sustainable universities in the world**. We were the first university in the nation to receive a Platinum designation – the highest available – from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), and we earned our fourth Platinum rating in 2023. CSU has the best interdisciplinary sustainability curriculum among all institutions listed in the AASHE's Sustainable Campus Index Ratings of 2023.

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