

FAQs Colorado Resident Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee

What is the guarantee?

The Guarantee is a cohort-based, guaranteed tuition and mandatory fee model that provides undergraduate resident students and their families with an assurance that tuition and mandatory fees will not increase over the ensuing four academic-year period from their first enrollment as a degree-seeking student.

Who qualifies for the guarantee?

The Guarantee program applies to all resident undergraduate students – freshmen and transfers – who enroll on or after Fall 2016.

What is included in the guarantee?

The program covers tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduate Colorado resident students.

What costs are not included in the guarantee?

The Guarantee program does not include course and program fees unique to your course of study or other fees such as health insurance, room and board, parking permits, residential academic programs (RAP), and other optional fees.

What will tuition and mandatory fees be for the next four years under the guarantee?

Tuition and mandatory fee amounts will vary based on the student's school or college. See [Tuition & Fee Rate Sheets](#) for specific rates by guarantee group.

Why does the guarantee expire in four years?

Most degree programs at CU Boulder can be completed in four years if a student completes a full-time course load (15 credits or more per semester). The Guarantee program encourages students to maintain a schedule that allows for graduation within a four-year period.

What if it takes longer than four years to graduate?

After the Guarantee for a particular student expires, you will pay the combined mandatory fee and tuition rate assigned to the cohort that went into effect the year after your initial cohort.

What if I leave CU Boulder during the four-year period and return later?

If you leave and return without needing to be readmitted, i.e., you go on an official leave of absence, you will receive the same rate when you return until the four calendar years have passed (see above). If you leave and need to be readmitted, you will be placed in the current guarantee group.

How does this affect my financial aid?

The University of Colorado Boulder will continue our investment in institutional financial aid to maintain purchasing power relative to tuition rate increases, including but not limited to need-based financial aid and the Esteemed Scholars Program. Funding for institutional financial aid will keep up with enrollment growth and tuition increases over time.

The ability to know tuition and mandatory fee costs up front will help CU Boulder and our students to more proactively plan for non-institution financial aid programs.

How does the guarantee impact transfer students?

Transfer students will be assigned to the incoming tuition cohort upon entry to CU Boulder and remain in that cohort, paying that cohort's rate, for the next four years.

The Board of Regents reserves the right to change tuition and fee rates at any time.