

FAQs Undergraduate Resident 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. *(Course and program fees will be eliminated starting in Fall 2018.)*

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, but the following tables show the combined tuition and mandatory fees for each new cohort for the next four years (2016-2020).

College of Arts and Sciences | All Other

Tuition and mandatory fees based on enrollment in 30 credit hours per academic year (fall and spring)

First term as a degree or licensure-seeking on-campus resident undergraduate	Tuition Guarantee Group	Total Tuition & Fees	Change from the previous year's tuition guarantee group		Rate table effective You are guaranteed this tuition rate during this time period.	
			\$ change	% change	From	Through
Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017	L	\$11,531	\$441	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2016	Summer 2020
Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018	M	\$12,086	\$555	Increase no more than 5%	Fall 2017	Summer 2021
Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019	N	\$12,534	\$448	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2018	Summer 2022
Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020	O	\$13,035	\$501	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2019	Summer 2023

College of Engineering & Applied Science

Tuition and mandatory fees based on enrollment in 30 credit hours per academic year (fall and spring)

First term as a degree or licensure-seeking on-campus resident undergraduate	Tuition Guarantee Group	Total Tuition & Fees	Change from the previous year's tuition guarantee group		Rate table effective You are guaranteed this tuition rate during this time period.	
			\$ change	% change	From	Through
Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017	L	\$14,675	\$585	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2016	Summer 2020
Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018	M	\$15,398	\$723	Increase no more than 5%	Fall 2017	Summer 2021
Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019	N	\$16,002	\$604	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2018	Summer 2022
Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020	O	\$16,642	\$640	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2019	Summer 2023

Leeds School of Business

Tuition and mandatory fees based on enrollment in 30 credit hours per academic year (fall and spring)

First term as a degree or licensure-seeking on-campus resident undergraduate	Tuition Guarantee Group	Total Tuition & Fees	Change from the previous year's tuition guarantee group		Rate table effective You are guaranteed this tuition rate during this time period.	
			\$ change	% change	From	Through
Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017	L	\$16,355	\$681	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2016	Summer 2020
Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018	M	\$17,150	\$795	Increase no more than 5%	Fall 2017	Summer 2021
Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019	N	\$17,836	\$686	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2018	Summer 2022
Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020	O	\$18,549	\$713	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2019	Summer 2023

College of Music

Tuition and mandatory fees based on enrollment in 30 credit hours per academic year (fall and spring)

First term as a degree or licensure-seeking on-campus resident undergraduate	Tuition Guarantee Group	Total Tuition & Fees	Change from the previous year's tuition guarantee group		Rate table effective You are guaranteed this tuition rate during this time period.	
			\$ change	% change	From	Through
Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017	L	\$11,867	\$465	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2016	Summer 2020
Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018	M	\$12,446	\$579	Increase no more than 5%	Fall 2017	Summer 2021
Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019	N	\$12,910	\$464	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2018	Summer 2022
Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020	O	\$13,426	\$516	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2019	Summer 2023

College of Media, Communication and Information

Tuition and mandatory fees based on enrollment in 30 credit hours per academic year (fall and spring)

First term as a degree or licensure-seeking on-campus resident undergraduate	Tuition Guarantee Group	Total Tuition & Fees	Change from the previous year's tuition guarantee group		Rate table effective You are guaranteed this tuition rate during this time period.	
			\$ change	% change	From	Through
Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017	L	\$13,115	\$513	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2016	Summer 2020
Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018	M	\$13,742	\$627	Increase no more than 5%	Fall 2017	Summer 2021
Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019	N	\$14,268	\$526	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2018	Summer 2022
Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020	O	\$14,839	\$571	Increase no more than 4%	Fall 2019	Summer 2023

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. An extension of the Guarantee may be granted following an appeal for some part-time students, transfer students and in special circumstances.

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

If you return during the four-year period of your initial cohort, you will continue to qualify for the same combined mandatory fee and tuition rate. After that time, you will pay the rate paid by the subsequent cohort.

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.

Are there any circumstances that extend the guarantee period?

The University of Colorado Boulder offers an appeal process to extend the guarantee period for students in the following circumstances:

- Part-time students: An extension of the guarantee may be granted to students that have not taken more than nine credit hours in any semester during the previous four years.
- Transfer students: Transfers will be assigned to the incoming tuition cohort upon entry to Boulder and remain in that cohort, paying that cohort's rate, for the next four years.
- Special circumstances: Special circumstances are limited to conditions such as active military call-up, disability accommodation, double-major and part-time status as outlined

previously. If a student satisfies the conditions for appeal, he or she would apply for an extension, whereupon the case would be reviewed by an appeals committee.

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