

A scenic view of a mountain range, likely the Flatirons in Boulder, Colorado. The mountains are covered in green forest, with prominent light-colored rock faces. The foreground shows a green valley with some buildings and trees.

Welcome Graduates

Be Boulder.

Get excited about life as a Buff!

We are delighted that you are attending CU Boulder. In choosing CU Boulder, you join a community with strong academic values and a commitment to groundbreaking research; a student body that is involved and dedicated to making positive change around the world; and a network of faculty and staff committed to working with you.

Throughout your graduate career your faculty advisor or graduate program assistant will be your primary point of contact for questions regarding all aspects of your graduate career, ranging from academics to funding. The Graduate School is also a valuable partner and can provide guidance for you on a variety of topics. Find us at [**colorado.edu/graduateschool**](https://colorado.edu/graduateschool).

New Student & Family Programs is here to help you with any general questions you may have about next steps or life at CU Boulder. Learn more about NSFP at [**colorado.edu/welcome**](https://colorado.edu/welcome), call or text 303-492-4431 or email [**welcome@colorado.edu**](mailto:welcome@colorado.edu).





You're moving to Boulder!

Sitting at the base of the Rocky Mountains, Boulder is a great place to live. As you work through the logistics of your move, here are a few things to consider:

Housing

The **Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood Relations** office is a good starting point to find roommates or apartments in the Boulder area. ocss.colorado.edu

Graduate and family housing is available through CU Boulder. Options include studio to three-bedroom apartments a short walk from campus. bit.ly/grad-housing

You may also apply to live in **Bear Creek Apartments at Williams Village**, which accept graduate and undergraduate students. bit.ly/cu-bear-creek

Don't forget: Update your address in MyCUInfo so we can stay in touch.

Getting around

There are many options for transportation in Boulder. Your CollegePass, which is included in student fees, lets you ride RTD buses at no charge around town and in Denver metro.

Many Boulderites leave their cars at home and walk or pedal on the 300 miles of dedicated bike lanes and 58 miles of paved multiuse paths throughout the city.

Carshare programs and on-campus parking permits are also available for students who prefer the flexibility of driving and parking on campus. colorado.edu/pts

Child care

Graduate students who are also CU Boulder employees are eligible for the **Bright Horizons Care Advantage** program, which includes preferred enrollment status at certain Bright Horizons child care centers.

Also available is a **Sittercity** membership that provides graduate students with access to a nationwide network of caregivers with profiles that include background checks, references, reviews, pictures and more. careadvantage.com/cu

The Children's Center at CU Boulder serves students and staff who have children 15 months through 5 years old. Their child-centered classrooms encourage independent thinking and freedom to choose activities. childcare.colorado.edu



Finances

Tuition classification

Second-year graduate students can petition for residency if they meet the requirements. If you want to petition for residency for fall 2018, you must move to Colorado by August 26, 2017. bit.ly/state-residency

Departmental funding

Teaching and research assistantships and training grants are typically awarded through your department. bit.ly/grad-funding

Fellowships

Students are encouraged to apply for fellowships or grants from national, international, industrial or foundation sources. bit.ly/grad-fellowships

Financial aid

Graduate students may be eligible for federal financial aid. To qualify, you are urged to apply by February 15. Aid is still available after February 15, and the 2017–18 FAFSA will be accepted into the school year. Funding is mostly first-come, first-served, so apply as soon as you can. bit.ly/awards-loans

Colorado Graduate Grant

The Colorado Graduate Grant is a state grant available to eligible Colorado residents attending graduate school. Among other criteria, students must be enrolled at least half time and be a Colorado resident in order to be eligible. bit.ly/co-grant

Graduate student appointment

Graduate student appointees must be full-time, degree-seeking graduate students each semester. Students who hold a graduate appointment will receive tuition remission based on the percentage of their appointment. bit.ly/grad-appointment





Things to do in Boulder and Denver



TAKE A HIKE

At 1,400 feet high, Boulder's Third Flatiron is a few hundred feet taller than the Empire State Building and was once climbed in 8 minutes.



FIND A BARGAIN

A well-read city, Boulder has more used book stores per capita than any other city in the country.



RIDE A BIKE

Two wheels are popular here. Boulder's bicycle count is estimated at 93,000. That number is just 10,000 less than the city's population.



GRAB A BEER

Denver brews more beer than any other city in the nation, with 200+ beers brewed daily. Boulder boasts 20 microbreweries.



SAVOR A SNACK

Boulder has landed on "foodie lists" over the years and for good reason. Stroll down the Pearl Street Mall and you'll find a wide variety of eats.



SIP A CUP OF TEA

The Dushanbe Teahouse is a favorite among Boulderites. It was a gift from the people of Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Boulder's sister city.



PLAY BALL

At 5,280 feet above sea level, baseballs fly farther at Coors Field in Denver. In one season, the home run record was broken twice.



SET YOUR WATCH

The NIST-F1 cesium fountain atomic clock, which provides official time for the United States, is right here in Boulder.



GO TO THE MARKET

The Boulder Farmers Market has been ranked the top farmers market in the country. It's the place to be for serious and casual foodies.



Graduate School

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Graduate school community



Graduate Peer Mentoring Program

Peer mentors are available to offer guidance and support to new graduate students. Students may be paired by their discipline or across disciplines.

bit.ly/peer-mentoring-program

Graduate student groups

These groups offer students the opportunity to join a community of other students, whether in the same discipline or not. *bit.ly/peer-mentoring-program*



Graduate Teaching Program

The Graduate Teaching Program helps students perform effectively as graduate teaching assistants while also developing skills that will be useful in any career. *colorado.edu/gtp*

New Graduate Student Welcome Day

Save the date: August 21

We hope you join us to learn more about the resources available to you at CU Boulder, find answers to your questions and get to know your peers.



United Government of Graduate Students (UGGS)

UGGS is the primary advocacy group for graduate students at CU Boulder. Students from each department and program serve on the UGGS Assembly. *colorado.edu/uggs*

Graduate responsibilities

bit.ly/cu-grad-checklist

1

Submit official transcripts

Official transcripts must match the unofficial transcripts that were submitted with your application for admission.

2

Activate your IdentiKey

Before you can register for classes, you must activate your CU username and IdentiKey password. You will need your student ID number from your official admittance email.

3

Activate your CU Boulder email

All CU Boulder faculty, staff and students receive a CU Boulder email account. We will use this account to communicate with you, so please log in and start using it.

4

Register for classes

You should work with your department to register for classes. You might require your advisor's approval.

5

Fulfill the health insurance and immunization requirement

All students are required to have health coverage under your own plan, through a family member or employer, or the university's Student Gold Health Insurance Plan.

6

Submit a photo for your Buff OneCard

Your Buff OneCard is your student ID card and your key to many services and events, including dining, printing, banking and public transportation.

