

Workforce Development

University of Colorado Boulder

Reinventing skill-building for all learners and challenging traditional education models

CU Boulder's **Workforce Development Hub** boldly supports new and creative ideas to empower learners and support the economy by sparking innovative ecosystem partnerships.



What we do



Incubating flexible skill-building opportunities



Increasing access for learners to upskill and reskill



Supporting skill development for critical industry needs



Developing learning pathways through multi-faceted coalitions

How we do it



We support **innovation in skill-building** by providing services from ideation through funding.

Connect with us to:



Get Inspired

- ✓ Schedule design thinking time to spark ideas
- ✓ Get connected with other workforce change makers to expand impact, both on and off campus



Find Funding

- ✓ Hear about funding opportunities
- ✓ Apply for internal seed funding opportunities
- ✓ Get proposal support
- ✓ Connect with other proposal teams



Build Programs

- ✓ Pilot and build more quickly by learning from other programs and leveraging assets



Connect with the Ecosystem

- ✓ Support economic development opportunities
- ✓ Connect with community outreach efforts
- ✓ Network with the ecosystem

Setting the stage for workforce innovation in Colorado

“Colorado is a state primed for blurring the lines between secondary, postsecondary and workforce policies ... with a growing economy, political leadership committed to advancing innovative, affordable education pathways, and a commitment from state agencies and state-based advocates.

— **Jobs for the Future: Momentum & Progress in Colorado**



CU Boulder leans in to support the needs of Colorado's emerging industries

An ambitious **quantum workforce roadmap** recently released by CU Boulder combines the best thinking from higher education, government agencies, school districts and quantum companies. The bold, inclusive plan will help entities across Colorado and the Mountain West coordinate to train, prepare and inspire the next generation of quantum workers.

Supporting learners through creative and accessible skill-building



Certificates

- **80+ graduate certificates** for both degree and non-degree seekers
- **40+ undergraduate certificates** including the nation's first Music Entrepreneurship program



Online Learning

- **Degree & non-degree options** ranging from industry-endorsed certificates to Masters programs
- **Pay-as-you-go tuition** and innovative **performance-based admission** model supports learners of all backgrounds



Micro-Credentials

- **30+ micro-credentials** for learners to earn portable, digital badges



Experiential Learning

- **Research and lab experiences** for K-12 and community college students and industry



Supporting underrepresented learners at every stage of their journey

- ✓ Community college pathway programs
- ✓ First-generation student programs and support
- ✓ Gender-parity programs resulting in being ranked the nation's #1 engineering college to lead first-year gender diversity
- ✓ Wraparound support services including tuition assistance, child care, basic needs and wellness
- ✓ Learner-centric ecosystem partnerships with skill building institutions including K12, community colleges, universities, and apprenticeship intermediaries

Supporting industry

- **Industry-led skill building** programs
- **Creative pilots** to support emerging industry needs
- **Experiential programs** including micro-internships, capstone projects, etc.

Connect with Us

✉ workforcedev@colorado.edu



University of Colorado **Boulder**

