Research & Innovation Office
We catalyze ideas to transform our future. Together.

CU Boulder’s Research & Innovation Office (RIO) cultivates and supports collaboration, transformation and leadership in research, scholarly and creative activities.

Research Development

- The Research Development team offers tools and resources to help faculty identify opportunities for research, scholarly and creative activities:
  - **Funding**
    - Explore opportunities available through RIO, CU Boulder and external funders.
  - **Proposal Development**
    - Get grant writing support—from ideation to large, multi-disciplinary proposal development.
  - **Faculty Development & Workshops**
    - Get help navigating the process of applying for awards and grants.
  - **Other Resources**
    - Take advantage of the bi-weekly RIO Bulletin, our Broader Impacts Network and more.

- The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) builds capacity in the next generation of researchers and scholars by providing training and career development opportunities for the CU Boulder postdoctoral community.

Research Administration

- **Office of Contracts and Grants**
  - OCG provides expertise in proposal preparation and submission, and award negotiation, acceptance, non-financial management and compliance for sponsored projects and external services.

- **Office of Research Integrity**
  - ORI helps students, faculty and staff involved in research meet regulatory requirements and uphold CU Boulder’s commitment to scientific and ethical integrity.

- **Human Research & IRB**
  - CU Boulder’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) protects the rights and welfare of subjects involved in human research conducted by the university’s faculty, staff and students.

- **Office of Animal Resources & IACUC**
  - OAR provides high-quality support for CU Boulder’s animal research and teaching missions. IACUC facilitates responsible animal research and oversees the Animal Care & Use Program.
Partnerships & Innovation

Innovation & Entrepreneurship
This campus-wide initiative leverages one of the world’s most vibrant startup ecosystems to foster a culture of innovation and high-impact entrepreneurship.

Venture Partners at CU Boulder
Venture Partners at CU Boulder (formerly Technology Transfer) unites industry partners, entrepreneurs and investors to help researchers solve problems and improve quality of life worldwide.

Industry & Foundation Relations
IFR helps faculty collaborate with industry by supporting connections between companies and CU Boulder and cultivating new strategic opportunities.

AeroSpace Ventures
ASV connects students, researchers, industry and government leaders to conduct research and create commercial opportunities for Colorado’s aerospace community.

Grand Challenge
Our Space. Our Future. fuses Earth, space and social sciences to address the pace and pattern of changes for our environment, our resources and our planet.

Centers and Institutes

Our 12 research institutes account for more than half of the sponsored research dollars at CU Boulder:

- Alliance for Technology, Learning & Society (ATLAS)
- BioFrontiers Institute
- Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES)
- Institute for Behavioral Genetics (IBG)
- Institute of Arctic & Alpine Research (INSTAAR)
- Institute of Behavioral Science (IBS)
- Institute of Cognitive Science (ICS)
- JILA
- Laboratory for Atmospheric & Space Physics (LASP)
- Renée Crown Wellness Institute
- Renewable and Sustainable Energy Institute (RASEI)
- University of Colorado Museum of Natural History

More than 75 research centers span the campus, covering a broad range of topics. Centers are single or multi-disciplinary units that conduct research, scholarship and creative work, education, and/or leadership and service activities. They are typically organized around the investigation of a specific theme, issue, project or policy topic.