In support of our overarching mission, strategic vision and imperatives, CU Boulder strategic initiatives are converging to build an environment of constant innovation and resource alignment.

Access the latest updates, town halls and initiative-specific events at [colorado.edu/strategic-initiatives](http://colorado.edu/strategic-initiatives)

**Academic Futures**
Two campuswide Academic Futures working groups have been formed to implement projects recommended by the Academic Futures Committee. Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences Jim White will lead a campus conversation on how the campus can engage in Interdisciplinary Teaching, Research, and Creative Work and the value in doing so, and Dean of Libraries Robert McDonald will lead a faculty and student working group on Teaching and Technology, Online and Distance Learning. The working groups will integrate recommendations from the Academic Futures report and emergent work from the Financial Futures strategic effort.

**Financial Futures**
Now in the solution design phase, workstream sponsors and leads are working with focus groups and Financial Futures leadership to review and prioritize ideas with the greatest return on mission. Over the next several weeks, members of the CU community can attend town halls and workstream-specific listening sessions designed to answer questions about the Financial Futures process and to solicit vital community reaction to the ideas generated so far.

**IDEA Plan**
The Revising Committee for the Inclusion, Diversity and Excellence in Academics (IDEA) Plan is working through more than 50 submissions to the plan submitted through the online review period in November–December, along with ideas from 12 town hall sessions, to complete a draft of the plan to submit to Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement Bob Boswell later in February. In addition, the spring 2018 Diversity and Inclusion Summit on Tuesday, Feb. 12, will include a session on the IDEA Plan and how people can connect to its goals and make an impact in their respective communities.

**Strategic Facilities Visioning**
Strategic Facilities Visioning (SFV) is working to create a framework for facilities decision-making for the next 30 years. The SFV project team is synthesizing results from recent visioning sessions with every college, school, research institute and major support unit on campus, mapping each conversation to key themes that have emerged across multiple departments. In the next phase of SFV, Scenario Planning, these unit-level “visionaries” will work in interdisciplinary groups to develop and test future facilities and infrastructure options in relation to a variety of identified university requirements.

**Foundations of Excellence**
The Office of Undergraduate Education is working with the divisions of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management on the Foundations of Excellence (FoE) initiative, a campuswide, collaborative effort with the goal of removing institutional barriers to student progress and contributing to improved outcomes in the first-year undergraduate experience.

**Complementary campus- and unit-based initiatives, committees and projects**
Our strategic initiatives are supported by a wide range of ongoing academic committees and campus- and unit-based efforts, including but not limited to Campus Accreditation, Academic Reorganization, Unified Student Experience (USE) and many others.
Vision
To be a leader in addressing the humanitarian, social and technological challenges of the 21st century.

Who we are
CU Boulder is a leading global comprehensive research university. Located on the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, we are distinguished by an entrepreneurial mindset that shapes our teaching, research and industry activities. In all our actions, we are committed to inclusive excellence, a quality that defines our passion to be on the forefront of change for a more sustainable and understanding world.

Strategic imperatives

**Strategic imperative 1:**
**Shape tomorrow’s leaders**
Recruit, retain and graduate students committed to demonstrating honor, integrity, accountability, respect and contributions to the common good. Understand, share and engage with diverse perspectives.

Develop critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills by fully participating in CU Boulder’s academically rigorous programs and community. Recognize and engage graduates who consistently demonstrate CU Boulder values and apply intellectual curiosity, rigor and collaboration to creatively address complex issues and opportunities.

**Strategic imperative 2:**
**Be the top university for innovation**
Serve as the nexus for innovation through collaboration and the sharing of diverse perspectives among universities, industry, laboratories and communities to address complex issues and opportunities.

**Strategic imperative 3:**
**Positively impact humanity**
Broaden and expand research, scholarship and creative work, and articulate the positive societal outcomes they advance.

Collaborate to produce graduates who apply their CU experience to make meaningful contributions to society.