



GRADUATE SCHOOL COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

OUR HISTORY

Graduate education at Colorado State University dates back to the 1890s. The institution, then Colorado Agricultural College, awarded its first advanced degree in 1893. The Graduate School supported the launch of doctoral education, including the university's first Ph.D. in 1955, and advanced CSU's growth through federally funded research, international development, and interdisciplinary scholarship. Today, the Graduate School continues this legacy by stewarding academic quality, access, and excellence in graduate education universitywide.

FIRST ADVANCED DEGREE AWARDED

1893

NUMBER OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

7,002

Fall Census 2024



GRADUATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

CSU offers a wide range of doctoral and master's degrees, along with graduate certificates, across its eight colleges and Special Academic Units like the Colorado School of Public Health.

94

MASTER'S DEGREES

54

DOCTORAL DEGREES

89

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

85

MASTER'S SPECIALIZATIONS

15

DOCTORAL SPECIALIZATIONS

7

INTERDISCIPLINARY
PROGRAMS

OUR ROLE

The Graduate School is CSU's central hub for graduate education, expanding access, upholding academic quality, and supporting a consistent student experience for more than 200 programs. It also administers 1,800+ graduate assistantships each year, a critical investment in student success and research excellence. From admission through degree completion, the Graduate School ensures a clear, student-centered pathway by connecting programs, policies, and people so graduate students can contribute to the research, innovation, and public impact that define CSU and its land-grant mission.



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**CARNEGIE
R1
INSTITUTION**

Carnegie Classification: Doctoral University,
Very High Research Activity

**#1
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
PROGRAM**

U.S. News and World Report, 2026
Best Health Schools (Master's/Doctoral)

**TOP 15%
PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
OF SOCIAL WORK**

U.S. News and World Report, 2025
Best Graduate Schools

**#1
"BETTER WORLD" MBA**

Corporate Knights Magazine, 2025

**#2
SUSTAINABLE DOCTORAL
UNIVERSITY**

The Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education, 2026

**#1
ONLINE MBA IN COLORADO**

U.S. News and World Report, 2025



**WHAT WE'RE
KNOWN FOR**

- **Professional and skills-driven graduate experience:** Graduate programs equip students – based on their goals – with the advanced knowledge and applied expertise needed to lead in today’s evolving workforce.
- **Quality and consistency:** Stewardship of shared academic standards and policies that uphold rigor and maintain the student experience across CSU’s graduate portfolio.
- **A connected journey:** Close collaboration with college-based advisors and faculty – paired with intentional mentoring relationships – creates a cohesive, supportive, and navigable graduate experience that centers community and belonging.

KEY INITIATIVES

- **Modernizing graduate systems and student processes:** Upgraded admissions workflows, clearer policies, and improved digital tools enhance transparency, reduce administrative burden, and support timely degree progress.
- **Graduate student funding:** Competitive fellowships and awards help CSU recruit and retain high-achieving, diverse graduate students whose work advances the public good.
- **Professional and career development:** Student workshops and resources build career-relevant skills, like communication, leadership, research integrity, and complement disciplinary training to support success across fields.
- **Career-aligned academic pathways:** Support for developing and sustaining interdisciplinary and workforce-aligned graduate programs that respond to emerging societal and industry needs.

Graduate students make an impact every day.
Explore stories from across Colorado State University.

