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- In fall 2018, the total student headcount enrollment among CU’s four campuses was 66,728. CU Boulder enrolled 34,595; UCCS enrolled 12,422; CU Denver enrolled 15,232 and the CU Anschutz Medical Campus enrolled 4,327.
- CU awarded 15,422 degrees in the 2017-18 fiscal year.
- In fall 2017, CU had 3,886 tenured/tenure track faculty and 3,335 non-tenure track instructors.
- In fiscal year 2017-18, CU garnered $1.053 billion in sponsored research awards to conduct research in economic sectors critical to the state and nation, including energy, bioscience, aerospace and health care.
- CU exceeded $440.4 million in private support for FY 2017-18.
- CU’s operating budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year totals $4.5 billion. Contracts and grants and tuition and fees account for nearly half of the university’s revenues. The majority of CU’s budget is spent on instruction, research and health services. This reflects the institution’s role as a university that emphasizes classroom instruction, research training and community outreach.
- CU boasts more than 450,000 living alumni, more than 250,000 of whom call Colorado their home.
- CU employs nearly 35,000 people.
- Universitywide, awards to students for academic excellence include seven Marshall Scholarships, 79 Fulbright Fellowships, 19 Rhodes Scholars, nine Truman Scholarships, 27 Goldwater Scholarships and seven Udall Scholarships.
- CU ingenuity has fostered 190 startups in the past 22 years, landing it in the top 5 percentile nationally for university business startups at No. 18 out of 349 reporting institutions.

Noteworthy honors and awards earned by CU faculty include:

- Nine MacArthur fellowships; and the Carnegie Foundation’s Professor of the Year awarded to Carl Wieman in 2004 and Steven Pollock, U.S. Professor of the Year 2013-14

Additional Resources

- CU Essential Facts
- CU Fast Facts
- CU Pride Points
- CU Data Made Simple