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**Join Us for an Exciting CU
Experience in our Nation's Capital
June 23 – 25, 2026 | Washington, D.C.**

Apply Now!

The University of Colorado invites you to go behind the scenes, beyond security checkpoints, and into the rooms where history is made.

We seek leaders and forward-thinkers to join us for a special three-day conference in the heart of the nation's capital.

Your home base will be the YOTEL Washington DC, located just steps from the Capitol Building.

Submit your application today to be considered for this exciting experience.

[Submit your Application](#)

A snapshot of your CU in DC experience:



Inside the Capitol Complex

Learn directly from the professionals working inside the U.S. Capitol buildings:

The Colorado Delegation: Engage with members of Colorado's federal delegation

and other policy makers.

Policy Experts: Hear from a broad spectrum of voices across our nation's capital.



The Media Pulse: Up Close and Personal

Experience a dynamic, high-energy discussion featuring a panel of podcasters, journalists, and media experts who navigate D.C. politics every day.

"The Ground Truth:" Engage with a broad spectrum of viewpoints from those on the front lines of digital media.

"Diverse Opinions:" Learn why diverse, unfiltered opinions are essential to understanding the complex reality of our political environment.



VIP After-Hours Tour

A cornerstone of the conference is an unforgettable VIP after-hours tour of the U.S. Capitol. Led by a member of Colorado's delegation, you'll experience the Rotunda and Statuary Hall after the crowds have left, getting an intimate look at the seat of American democracy.



Secrets of the CIA: The Spy Museum Private Briefing

An evening of drama and intrigue awaits you in this private session with CU alumni and former CIA operatives at the International Spy Museum. You'll be regaled with stories from the field, learn about the high-stakes Art of Disguise, and discover CU's incredible connection to the daring rescue operation that inspired the movie Argo.

How to Apply

Complete the online application form. This is a competitive process and space is limited. Not all applicants will be selected.

Details

Requirements: Participants must be Colorado residents and at least 18 years old at the time of the event to be considered. Students seeking a scholarship must be currently enrolled (not graduated) with a valid CU email address.

Registration: The registration fee per participant is \$650. Attendees may bring one guest (who is at least 18 years of age) to attend evening events for an additional fee of \$250. Travel and lodging costs are the responsibility of participants.

Your Stay: A room block with competitive pricing has been secured for participants at YOTEL Washington DC, located within walking distance from the Capitol.

CU in DC 2026 Application

Official Application: CU in DC 2026

Note: This is a highly competitive process and space is limited. Please keep your answers to the following questions brief. Successful applicants will be notified of their selection and provided further details via email.

Part 1: Applicant Profile

Full Legal Name *

As

Email Address *

appears

Phone Number *

government-

issued

CU Affiliation *

e.g., Student, Faculty, Staff, Alumnus, Volunteer, Super-Fan

security

Field or Industry *

Primary Field of Study/Research or Professional Industry

Current City and State *

Must be current CO resident

Part 2: Intent and Impact

Why are you interested in participating in this event? *

(Max 200 words)

How do national policy, media and security relate to your current work and/or educational goals? *

(Max 200 words)

How would you bring insights from this event back to your community and/or professional network? *

(Max 100 words)

Part 3: Security and Logistics

Security Clearance Acknowledgment *

This summit involves entry into high-security federal buildings. Are you willing to provide necessary personal information for a background check by the U.S. Capitol Police if needed?

Availability Confirmation *

Can you confirm your availability for the full duration of the summit (June 23–25, 2026)?

Accessibility Requirements

Do you have any specific accommodation or dietary needs we should be aware of for this high-

Groups Audience?

Office of Government Relations

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Age Requirements *

[1] <https://www.cu.edu/office-government-relations/cu-dc-2026> [2] <mailto:natalie.barry@cu.edu>
All participants and guests of participants must be 18 years of age at the time of the conference to attend.

Student Scholarships *

All students seeking scholarships must be current students at a University of Colorado campus.

Submit

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