MEETING THE MOMENT
FACTS ABOUT CU DENVER

Part of the renowned University of Colorado System, the University of Colorado Denver—the state's only public urban research university and its most diverse—is the educational, cultural, and economic hub of an emerging international city. It is also the place where learners meet their moment. Our diverse learners benefit from career-connected education in high-demand fields that power our future, from business to health to tech. Our faculty's research and creative work generates immediate impact on our workforce, economy, and world. We partner with innovators, policymakers, and communities to overcome complex societal challenges, and we champion equity and social mobility to make education work for all.

CU DENVER AT A GLANCE

- Founded in **1973**
- **150-acre** downtown campus
- **7** schools and colleges
- Approximately **14,000** students (Fall 2023)
- **1,100+** faculty
- **120,000+** alumni from more than 100 countries
- **125+** degrees—nearly 40 fully online
- A variety of relevant **microcredentials** developed with industry partners to upskill or reskill learners

CU Denver

MAKING EDUCATION WORK FOR ALL

At CU Denver, we offer a high-quality, relevant, inclusive, and affordable education to learners across the state, region, nation, and world that prepares them for the global economy and lifelong careers.

- **Colorado's #1 university for social mobility**, meaning our learners increase their job and earning potential (U.S. News, Wall Street Journal)
- **#1 in Colorado** for Best Professors, Most Diverse, and Best Location (Niche)
- **Top-ranked programs** in Business, Education, Public Affairs, Health Administration, Environmental Policy & Management, Music Business, and many more
- More than ½ of undergraduates are **students of color**; more than ¼ are Hispanic
- ½ of undergraduates are **first-generation** college students
- Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (**AANAPISI**)
- Designated **Military-Friendly** University
- Designated **Age-Friendly** University
- More than 70% of students receive some form of **financial aid**

CREATING A UNIVERSITY FOR LIFE

CU Denver provides accessible and relevant education for learners at every age and moment of their lives and careers. We deliver education where and when learners need it—online, in person, or both—and help workers upskill and reskill through flexible credentials that can be conveniently completed alongside work and family responsibilities.

- **130+** certificates in areas like data science, cybersecurity, and electric vehicle technology
- **60%** working students
- **More than 300** business relationships in Colorado and beyond to bring relevant industry knowledge to classrooms and provide employers with career-ready talent after graduation
- A federally registered, hands-on **apprenticeship program** in construction project management
- Nationally recognized **Change Makers** program that helps late-career professionals pivot to serve their passion

FUELING INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

CU Denver brings researchers and creative minds together to tackle societal challenges in labs, classrooms, and cities and communities around the world. Their bold ideas fuel an ecosystem of entrepreneurship, leading to discoveries and creations that improve lives locally and globally.

- **#1 in diversity** among Colorado research universities
- **15+** research centers that guide policies in areas like education, justice, and urban development
- **55%** increase in research in FY23
- Established the **Smart Futures Lab** incubator and accelerator program in 2023, backed by a $2M federal grant aimed at supporting tech and workforce development
- 6 faculty and alumni are Grammy, Oscar, Emmy, or Guggenheim Creative Arts **award winners**

DRIVING OUR REGION FORWARD

CU Denver has a significant economic footprint within Denver's downtown and throughout Colorado communities. We connect students with the insights, credentials, and relationships they need to succeed and lead in fast-changing professions, and partner with businesses, government, and nonprofits to pursue opportunities that increase prosperity and the quality of life in our region.

- **$800 million** annual statewide economic impact
- **Nearly 70%** of graduates employed in Colorado
- **Alumni Employers**: Lockheed Martin, Google, Amazon, Charles Schwab, UCHealth, Xcel Energy, City and County of Denver, and more
- **Our Partners**: Apple, Trimble, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Education, Colorado Smart Cities Alliance, Denver Public Schools, among others

Great moments happen at CU Denver. Let's build Colorado's future together!

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