

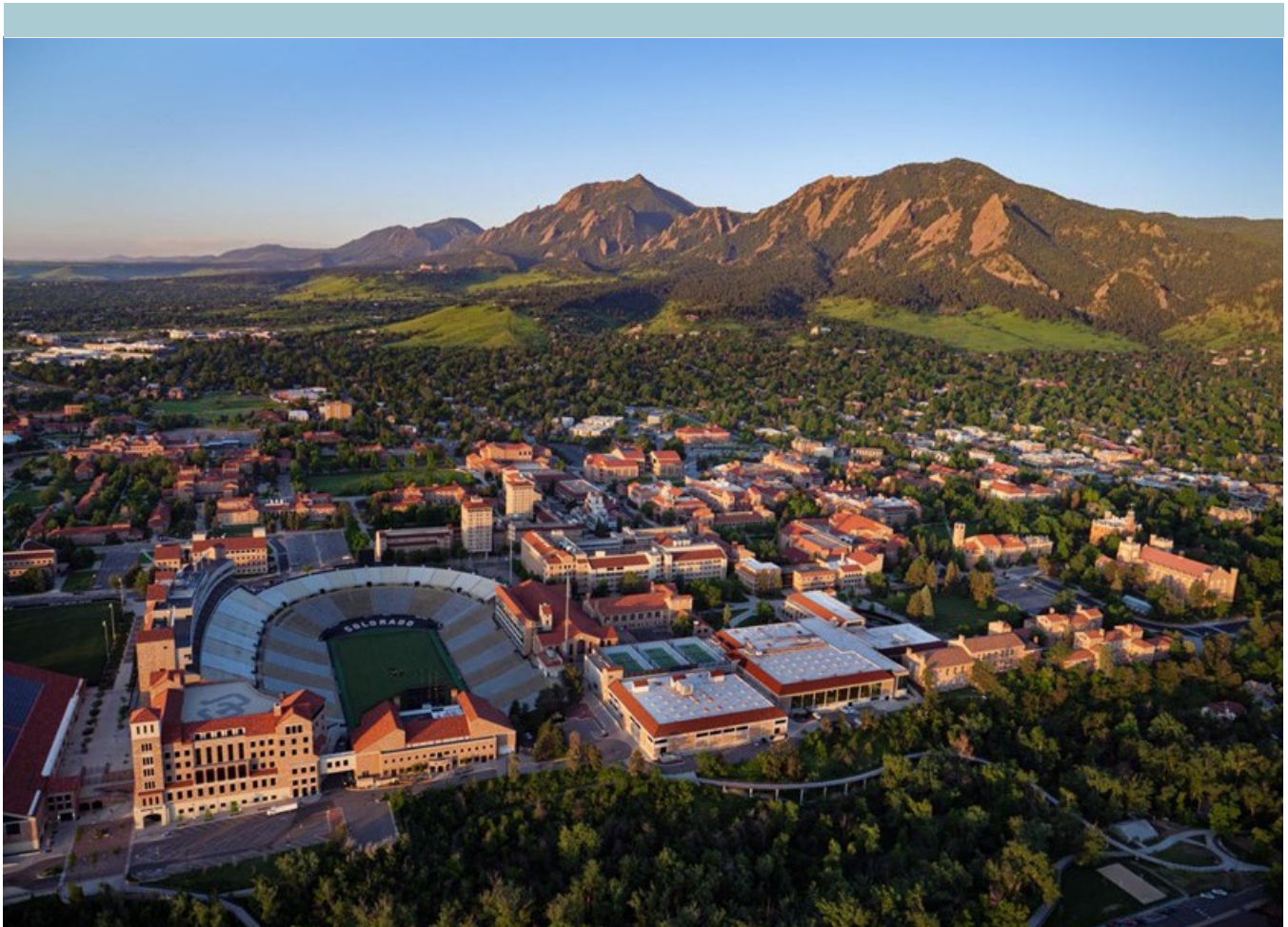


University of Colorado **Boulder**

Executive Director, CU Boulder Alumni Association

Leadership Profile

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Executive Summary

The University of Colorado Boulder seeks an inspiring, innovative, and future-focused leader to serve as the next Executive Director of the CU Boulder Alumni Association. The ideal candidate will bring strategic vision, strong engagement and fundraising expertise, and a collaborative leadership style to help shape the future of alumni engagement during a defining moment for the university.

Founded in 1876 and recognized among the nation's leading public universities, CU Boulder is entering a transformative era marked by growing national visibility and its first campus-based comprehensive campaign. As the state's flagship university and one of only 38 U.S. public research institutions in the Association of American Universities (AAU), CU Boulder is advancing research and creative excellence, global sustainability impact, and student success in pursuit of its vision to transform lives in service to a just and sustainable world. Led by Chancellor Justin Schwartz and Vice Chancellor of Advancement Katy Kotlarczyk, the university is deepening connections with alumni, donors, students, and supporters worldwide as it celebrates 150 years of impact and looks toward the future.

An important driver of this momentum, the CU Boulder Alumni Association has cultivated a proud tradition of alumni engagement and service for more than 140 years. As a dues-free membership organization serving a globally connected community of more than 380,000 alumni, the association advances lifelong connection, institutional pride, advocacy, volunteerism, and philanthropic engagement across the Forever Buffs community.

Reporting to the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Engagement, the Executive Director leads the alumni association's strategy, operations, and engagement model in alignment with the university's comprehensive campaign and long-term engagement and fundraising vision. A highly visible ambassador for CU Boulder, the Executive Director advances innovative, data-informed strategies that strengthen alumni connection through communication, experiential, philanthropic, and volunteer engagement pathways while aligning alumni engagement with broader institutional priorities.

The Executive Director leads a team of 16 alumni association professionals, fostering a collaborative, high-performing, and values-driven culture. This leader will help shape the future of alumni engagement by deepening participation, strengthening institutional loyalty, and expanding alumni's impact in an evolving higher education landscape.

The role also oversees board governance, volunteer leadership, and strategic partnerships for the alumni association. Serving as the primary liaison to the Forever Buffs Advisory Board, the Executive Director cultivates a strong pipeline of alumni leaders, advocates, mentors, and volunteers while advancing inclusive programs and signature engagement opportunities that strengthen alumni connection and advance institutional priorities.

The ideal candidate will bring demonstrated success in alumni relations, advancement, engagement strategy, or related fields within complex organizations, along with exceptional relationship-building, operational, and financial leadership skills. Most importantly, they will possess the ability to inspire others, foster innovation, and lead with authenticity, optimism, and purpose.

Advancement Values

CU Boulder Advancement is committed to a culture of joy, motivated by collaboration, passionate about excellence and driven by impact. These four values define the culture and drive engagement and fundraising success.

Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We are committed to fostering an environment where everyone matters and all can thrive. This dedication is rooted in our core values and our mission to drive impactful fundraising and engagement. Our team actively engages in learning, reflection, and the transformation of systems, policies, and practices that perpetuate oppressive ideologies—including racism, sexism, ableism, and heterosexism. We recognize our responsibility to lead by example in building a supportive and inclusive culture for both internal colleagues and external partners. We hold ourselves accountable through individual and divisional goals that continuously assess our progress, growth, and outcomes—ensuring alignment with our mission and values every step of the way.

Responsibilities of the Executive Director

The Executive Director of the CU Boulder Alumni Association serves as the strategic and operational leader of the CU Boulder Alumni Association, advancing a comprehensive alumni engagement strategy that fosters meaningful, lifelong relationships between CU Boulder and its more than 380,000 alumni. Reporting to the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Engagement, the ED leads alumni strategy, governance, programming, and operations in alignment with CU Boulder Advancement's broader engagement and campaign priorities. The ED serves as a visible ambassador for CU Boulder, representing the Alumni Association at high-profile campus, community, and national events, and strengthening alumni pride, affinity, and institutional loyalty. The following outlines specific responsibilities of the ED:

Strategy & Leadership (35%)

- Champion innovation in alumni engagement by continuously evaluating emerging trends, technology and best practices that position CU Boulder at the forefront of alumni engagement nationally.
- Develop, implement, and regularly refine the Alumni Association's strategic plan in alignment with campus and divisional goals, broader divisional engagement and fundraising strategy and comprehensive campaign objectives.
- Provide strategic and operational leadership to the CUBAA team, fostering clarity of roles, accountability, high performance, and a culture that embodies divisional values of joy, collaboration, excellence and impact.
- In partnership with the Assistant Vice Chancellor and campus partners, advance a data-informed engagement model aligned with CASE Global Alumni Engagement Metrics and the CU Boulder Advancement Continuum, driving measurable growth across communication, experiential, philanthropy, and volunteer engagement that supports broader philanthropic pipeline development.
- Serve as a strategic thought partner and subject matter expert on alumni engagement across the division and broader campus community.
- Integrate alumni strategy with division-wide engagement and fundraising initiatives, annual priorities, and campaign objectives to ensure cohesive execution and measurable impact.
- Lead or contribute to special initiatives assigned by the Assistant Vice Chancellor or university leadership, including cross-campus initiatives, new engagement models, and crisis response efforts.

Programmatic & Board Leadership (30%)

- Provide strategic leadership and governance oversight for the CU Boulder Alumni Association Board of Advisors (Forever Buffs Advisory Board), aligning board engagement, agenda-setting, and advisory priorities

with divisional strategy and campaign goals.

- Provide strategic leadership to implement a scalable volunteer engagement strategy that cultivates and sustains a diverse pipeline of alumni leaders—including board members, chapter and affinity leaders, mentors, and volunteers—in support of divisional volunteerism objectives and long-term engagement growth.
- Lead the development and launch of a comprehensive alumni advocacy strategy that mobilizes alumni as informed ambassadors for CU Boulder, advancing institutional priorities at the local, state, and national levels in coordination with campus and system partners.
- Partner with campus stakeholders to design and scale alumni career engagement initiatives—including mentorship, networking, and employer partnerships—that enhance student success and deepen experiential engagement.
- Lead the strategy, implementation and continuous evolution of high impact alumni experiences that foster meaningful connection and advances institutional priorities; regularly assessing alignment, effectiveness and impact.
- Ensure alumni programming reflects the breadth and diversity of the CU Boulder alumni community, fostering inclusive and equitable engagement across generational, geographic, cultural, and professional cohorts.
- Collaborate with Advancement Marketing & Communications and campus partners to align alumni-facing messaging, storytelling, and outreach efforts with broader engagement and campaign strategies.
- Provide regular performance reporting and strategic analysis to divisional leadership, board members, and campus stakeholders, leveraging dashboards and data insights to inform decision-making.
- Continuously assess program effectiveness using qualitative and quantitative metrics, refining strategy to optimize participation, experience, and long-term impact.

Partnerships & External Relations (25%)

- Represent CU Boulder Alumni in internal and external forums, serving as a visible ambassador through public speaking engagements, alumni gatherings, campus events, and community partnerships.
- Cultivate strategic partnerships with CU System, other CU campuses, and key campus stakeholders—including Enrollment Management, Career Services, Student Life, Athletics, Academic Units, Strategic Relations & Communications, and campus leadership—to integrate alumni engagement across the university ecosystem.
- Partner with CU System and the CU Foundation to lead planning and execution of the annual CU Foundation Trustees meeting hosted at CU Boulder, including strategic theme development and campus coordination.
- Support institutional governmental relations and advocacy efforts by engaging alumni in outreach initiatives, policy dialogue, and community-based partnerships.
- Serve as CU Boulder's representative to the Council of Alumni Association Executives (CAAE) and related professional associations, ensuring alignment with industry best practices and national benchmarking standards.

Operations & Financial Stewardship (10%)

- Oversee the financial sustainability of the Alumni Association, including annual and multi-year budgeting, forecasting, revenue and expense management, and auxiliary operations such as the Koenig Alumni Center.
- Ensure compliance with university policies, contractual obligations, risk management standards, and legal requirements in partnership with University Counsel.
- Identify and advance diversified revenue opportunities—including sponsorships, events, affinity programs (Forever Gold), travel initiatives, and other earned income strategies—to support long-term financial health.
- Support the continuous optimization of alumni engagement technology and infrastructure, leveraging existing divisional systems and ensuring alignment with broader advancement data, marketing and campaign strategies.

Opportunities for Leadership

The next Executive Director of the University of Colorado Boulder Alumni Association will join the CU Boulder advancement team at a pivotal and transformative moment for the university. The next executive director will play a pivotal role in creating an innovative, integrated approach to constituent engagement that supports the broader campus engagement and giving ecosystem.

In this context, the Executive Director will work closely with the entire advancement team, campus leaders and the ForeverBuffs Advisory Board to more fully engage CU Boulder alumni with the twin goals of deepening their involvement with the university and encouraging their ongoing financial support. Specifically, the Executive Director will be asked to contribute to the following areas:

- **Deepen Alumni Engagement at CU Boulder Through Innovative Approaches**

The alumni engagement landscape is evolving rapidly, requiring universities to rethink how they build lifelong relationships with graduates. As alumni expectations and participation continue to shift, the next Executive Director will be asked to think strategically and expansively about the future of alumni engagement at CU Boulder. This leader will advance innovative, data-informed strategies that strengthen affinity, advocacy, volunteerism, experiential engagement, and philanthropic support while aligning the alumni association's work with divisional engagement and fundraising goals and the university's broader mission. Success in this role will require exceptional relationship-building skills, strong strategic judgment, and the ability to inspire alumni leaders, volunteers, and campus partners around a shared vision.

CU Boulder offers a unique opportunity for a forward-thinking leader to help shape the future of alumni engagement through creativity, collaboration, and entrepreneurial thinking. In partnership with advancement leaders, the Executive Director will have the opportunity to reimagine how alumni connect with the university across communication, experiential, volunteer, advocacy, and philanthropic pathways while building meaningful partnerships across campus to maximize impact. Success in this role will require exceptional relationship-building skills, sound strategic judgment, and the ability to inspire alumni leaders, volunteers, and campus partners around a shared vision for lifelong engagement and institutional impact.

Partner with Engagement Colleagues to Create a Comprehensive Engagement Plan

- Growing alumni engagement, broader constituent connection, and philanthropic participation are key priorities for CU Boulder Advancement, creating a significant opportunity for the next Executive Director to shape the future of alumni engagement at the university and leave a lasting impact. In partnership with advancement leadership, marketing communications, annual giving and school and college partners, the Executive Director will help develop integrated, audience-centered strategies that engage, inspire, and mobilize CU Boulder's global alumni community. This leader will think innovatively and strategically about how the alumni association's resources, programs, and engagement pathways can best serve more than 380,000 alumni, while advancing institutional priorities. Through strong collaboration, entrepreneurial thinking, and a forward-looking vision, the Executive Director will help position the CU Boulder Alumni Association for continued relevance, growth, and impact.

- **Support the Development and Execution of CU Boulder's Historic Comprehensive Campaign**

The University of Colorado Boulder is advancing its first campus-based comprehensive campaign alongside the university's 150th anniversary celebration. The campaign reflects CU Boulder's bold vision for the future and an ambitious commitment to shaping the next 150 years of impact. While the campaign carries significant fundraising and engagement goals, its broader purpose is to inspire the entire Buffs community to help advance the university's mission. The campaign invites alumni, donors, students, faculty, staff, and friends to join CU Boulder in building a future defined not only by ambitious goals, but by lasting transformative impact.

The ED will be expected to direct activities within their vertical to support the campaign while simultaneously strategizing horizontally across the Advancement division and with the leadership team to identify and prioritize alumni association activities and efforts connected to the campaign giving and engagement.

Effectively Collaborate with Campus Partners & Alumni Relations Colleagues in Schools and Colleges

- As CU Boulder Advancement enters an exciting new chapter marked by institutional momentum, campaign planning, and continued organizational growth, the next Executive Director will play a critical role as a division-wide leader, connector, and collaborator. CU Boulder Advancement is building a best-in-class engagement and fundraising organization that reflects the university's rising national profile and the deep affinity of its alumni and donors.
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- A significant opportunity for the next Executive Director will be strengthening alignment across CU Boulder's alumni engagement ecosystem. Working closely with alumni relations professionals, faculty, staff, and campus leaders across schools, colleges, and units, this leader will help foster a more connected and coordinated approach to engagement that honors the unique needs of individual alumni communities while advancing a shared institutional vision. By building strong partnerships and increasing collaboration across campus, the Executive Director will help create a more seamless and meaningful alumni experience, amplify the impact of engagement efforts, and strengthen lifelong connections between alumni and the university.
- CU Boulder's highly collaborative culture, combined with a growing enthusiasm for partnership and innovation, creates a unique opportunity to advance responsive, relationship-driven engagement efforts locally, nationally, and globally. The next Executive Director will support efforts to deepen alumni affinity, expand institutional impact, and help shape the future of alumni engagement at one of the nation's leading public research universities.

Professional Qualifications and Qualities

The selected candidate must possess the following qualities and experiences:

- **Education:** Bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- **Experience:** 6+ years of professional, job-related experience
- **Software Utilized:** Microsoft Office products, donor tracking software (Salesforce), Zoom, Teams, LinkedIn.

In addition, the ideal candidate will possess the following qualities and characteristics:

Competencies/Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Ability to establish and enhance interpersonal relationships, including ability to coordinate and manage volunteers.
- Strong communication skills including the ability to participate in public events and represent Advancement and the university in a professional manner.
- Ability to analyze information/situations and solve problems.
- Ability to exercise a high degree of diplomacy, discretion, and collaboration in working with a diverse range of constituents including employees, students, volunteers, alumni, donors, and campus colleagues.
- Ability to organize and manage multiple projects/tasks simultaneously; must have ability to work independently and collaboratively and adapt to changing priorities.
- Strong attention to detail and to visual appeal of presentation materials.
- Growth mindset, resilience and perseverance.
- Ability to embrace the shared values of the Office of Advancement.
- Public speaking skills.
- Ability to embrace a self-starter/self-learning mindset.
- Strong data/database management and manipulation skills.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience in a higher education environment.

About the CU Boulder Alumni Association

Founded by CU Boulder graduates in 1882, the day after the university's first commencement, the CU Boulder Alumni Association has spent more than 140 years fostering lifelong connections between alumni and the university. Today, every graduate becomes part of a vibrant and inclusive alumni community that spans Colorado, the nation, and the globe.

The CU Boulder Alumni Association serves as the gateway to lifelong engagement with the university, connecting alumni to one another, to current students, and to the enduring mission of CU Boulder. Through signature events, regional and identity-based communities, volunteer opportunities, career networking, mentorship programs, and digital engagement platforms, the association helps alumni stay connected to the people, experiences, and values that shaped their time on campus. Whether supporting a recent graduate navigating their first career, connecting alumni through shared interests and experiences, or celebrating the achievements of the Buff community, the association plays a critical role in cultivating affinity, belonging, and pride in CU Boulder.

As CU Boulder enters a period of unprecedented momentum—including its first campus-based comprehensive campaign, growing national prominence, and a renewed focus on engagement—the Alumni Association is uniquely positioned to deepen relationships, strengthen the alumni experience, and advance the university's mission. With a network of more than 380,000 alumni worldwide and a strong culture of partnership across campus, the association serves as a powerful force for connection, advocacy, volunteerism, and philanthropic impact.

About the Office of Advancement

The Office of Advancement encompasses a variety of units whose shared mission is to advance the goals of the university through sustained philanthropy and meaningful engagement with the CU Boulder family and the greater community. The division has more than 165 full-time employees in the following units:

Advancement Units

- Alumni Association
- Annual Giving
- Athletics
- Budget and Finance
- Campaign Planning and Strategy
- Campus Institutes
- Data Insights
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Strategy
- Donor Relations
- Gift Planning
- Human Resources
- Industry and Foundation Relations
- Marketing and Communications
- Parent Giving and Boulder Advancement Programs
- Principal Giving and Strategic Initiatives
- Research and Prospect Development

Advancement School and College Units

- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Engineering and Applied Science
- College of Media, Communication and Information
- Leeds School of Business
- School of Education
- School of Law
- School of Music



The division has a mix of both centralized and decentralized functions, with team members in the school/college/unit they support or within a central partner unit. All Advancement functions at CU Boulder ultimately report through the Office of Advancement, with some dual-report positions. The division also works closely with CU System Advancement, which supports a shared database, research, reporting, and other day-to-day operational functions for the four-campus, system-wide Advancement enterprise.

Leadership



Justin Schwartz, Ph.D., Chancellor

As the 12th chancellor of the University of Colorado Boulder, Justin Schwartz is committed to transforming lives through the mission of Colorado's public flagship university.

Schwartz joined the campus July 1, 2024, from The Pennsylvania State University, where he most recently served as executive vice president and provost.

He previously served as Harold and Inge Marcus Dean of Penn State's College of Engineering from 2017 to 2022 and has spent his career as a researcher, educator, entrepreneur, and academic leader in large state universities.

Schwartz holds a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a doctorate in nuclear engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He is a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and ASM International. Schwartz holds seven patents.

A highly visible, transparent, and engaged leader, Schwartz is focused on advancing campus research and leadership in sustainability, supporting innovation and interdisciplinary education, and ensuring that all students, faculty, staff, and alumni survive and thrive as valued members of an equitable and just CU Boulder community.



Katy Herbert Kotlarczyk, Ed.D., Vice Chancellor for Advancement

As Vice Chancellor for Advancement at the University of Colorado Boulder, Katy Herbert Kotlarczyk (cut-lar-chick) oversees all campus efforts related to private fundraising, philanthropic outreach, and alumni engagement. Under her direction, the CU Boulder Advancement team identifies and partners with constituents who contribute their time and talent to advance the university's mission.

CU Boulder is the leading global educational institution in the Rocky Mountain region.

The university shapes students to become the leaders and thinkers that tomorrow requires, identifying and addressing complex issues and learning from faculty who pursue innovative research to bring new knowledge into the world. CU Boulder consistently challenges its talented students, faculty, and staff to live by the [Colorado Creed](#) and positively improve the human condition.

With CU Advancement since 2010, Katy previously served as Assistant Vice President within the System Advancement team and led CU's gift planning and annual giving efforts. Prior to her time at CU, Katy led fundraising for a scholarship program at Georgetown University that supported first-generation and low-income undergraduate students. She also served as a director for Orr Group, a fundraising and strategy consultancy for nonprofit organizations.

A lifelong learner, Katy earned a Doctor of Education degree in leadership in educational equity, with a focus on higher education from CU Denver, and an MBA from DePaul University. She also earned an undergraduate and master's degree from Stanford University, where she served as captain of the women's gymnastics team.

When she's not working, Katy serves as a Boulder County court-appointed special advocate (CASA) for youth. She loves to read and enjoys exploring all that Colorado has to offer with her spouse, their three children, one happy dog, and a mischievous cat.



Taylor Jarvis, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement

Taylor Jarvis is a strategic advancement and engagement leader with expertise in constituent engagement, organizational strategy and integrated marketing and communications. As Assistant Vice Chancellor for Engagement at University of Colorado Boulder, Taylor leads a broad portfolio spanning Advancement Marketing & Communications, Annual Giving, and the CU Boulder Alumni Association, helping shape how the university builds meaningful, lifelong relationships with its global community of alumni, donors, students, and supporters.

Known for blending strategic vision with operational excellence, Taylor has led engagement initiatives that have driven record growth in constituent engagement. Her work has included advancing audience-centered engagement strategies, integrated campaign planning, and helping position CU Boulder for its first campus-based comprehensive campaign. Taylor is particularly passionate about building collaborative teams, creating data-informed strategies, and developing modern engagement models that connect people more deeply to institutional mission and impact.

A trusted advisor and collaborative leader, Taylor serves on the Advancement Leadership Team and participates on the CU Boulder Executive Communications Leadership Board. She is recognized for bringing together cross-functional teams to solve complex challenges, strengthen alignment and elevate constituent affinity and engagement. Her leadership philosophy centers on curiosity, excellence and cultivating a culture of joy and purpose in the workplace.

Taylor is an avid reader and outdoor enthusiast who hopes to hike through every national park in the United States. In her spare time, she enjoys eating her way through Colorado's vibrant restaurant and scene and spending time with her husband and daughter.

About the University of Colorado Boulder

The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) was established in 1876 and remains the flagship University within the University of Colorado System. It serves more than 36,000 undergraduate and graduate students and employs a faculty and staff workforce of more than 10,000.

The University of Colorado Boulder is one of only 38 U.S. public research institutions in the Association of American Universities (AAU), a group of institutions widely recognized as America's leading research universities.

CU Boulder's mission is centered on the belonging, well-being, and success of its students and community. With nine Colleges and Schools offering more than 90-degree programs and 5,160 academic courses, it is home to world-class faculty who deliver high-impact learning opportunities while also originating innovative research.

Mission

CU Boulder's mission is to serve as the [state of Colorado's comprehensive graduate research university with selective admission standards](#), offering a comprehensive array of undergraduate, master's and doctoral degree programs.

Vision

CU Boulder's vision is to be a leader in identifying and addressing the humanitarian, social and technological challenges of the 21st century.

Institutional Priorities

Aligned with the campus mission and vision and the CU System strategic plan, [our priorities are designed to enhance our impact on the public good](#), to emphasize leadership in sustainability and to accelerate recommendations developed via Academic Futures and other recent campus strategic initiatives. These priorities include:

- Fostering the success of all students, faculty and staff
- Scaling research and creative excellence
- Achieving global leadership in sustainability impact
- Aligning our infrastructure to our mission

Land Acknowledgement

The University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado's flagship university, honors and recognizes the many contributions of Indigenous peoples in our state. CU Boulder acknowledges that it is located on the traditional territories and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Ute and many other Native American nations. Their forced removal from these territories has caused devastating and lasting impacts. While the University of Colorado Boulder can never undo or rectify the devastation wrought on Indigenous peoples, we commit to improving and enhancing engagement with Indigenous peoples and issues locally and globally.

We will do this by:

- Recognizing and amplifying the voices of Indigenous CU Boulder students, staff and faculty, and their work.
- Educating, conducting research, supporting student success and integrating Indigenous knowledge.
- Consulting, engaging, and working collaboratively with tribal nations to enhance our ability to provide access and culturally sensitive support and to recruit, retain and graduate Native American students in a climate that is inclusive and respectful.

Academics

While interacting with CU Boulder's faculty – which include five Nobel laureates, nine MacArthur "genius grant" fellows, two U.S. Professors of the Year, five National Medal of Science winners, and more than 30 Grammy awards and nominations – students will develop a broad understanding of the world, strong leadership skills, and an enhanced ability to think critically.

Schools & Colleges

- [College of Arts and Sciences](#)
- [Leeds School of Business](#)
- [School of Education](#)
- [College of Engineering & Applied Science](#)
- [Program in Environmental Design](#)
- [Program in Exploratory Studies](#)
- [University of Colorado Law School](#)
- [College of Media, Communication, and Information](#)
- [College of Music](#)
- [Graduate School](#)
- [Continuing Education and Professional Studies](#)
- [University Libraries](#)



Student Life

CU Boulder offers a vibrant student life. Students have opportunities to get involved, make friends, and enjoy a beautiful campus. From housing and food to athletics and clubs, there are many ways to engage and make the most of the college experience.

Through innovative programming, the university creates a place where students can find their people, engage in community building, and feel at home on campus. Students can be placed in housing groups with students of similar academic interests, called Residential Academic Programs.

Students at CU Boulder are active and engaged. With over 300 days of sunshine in Colorado, there are many outdoor opportunities and programs on campus that sponsor free activities. CU Boulder students also love to give back to the community. More than 8,000 students volunteer in the Denver and Boulder area.

The [Center for Inclusion and Social Change](#) is a place where students can feel welcome in a warm and inclusive environment. The vision of the center is to provide high-impact, transformational community-building and educational programs to the CU Boulder community, and to nurture leaders grounded in the core concepts of intersectional identity development, diversity, equity, and social justice. The center plans a number of community-wide events and has a wide variety of resources for students.

Athletics

The University of Colorado Boulder sponsors 16 varsity sports teams. Both the men's and women's teams are called the Buffaloes (Bufs for short) or, rarely, the Golden Buffaloes. "Lady Bufs" referred to the women's teams beginning in the 1970s but was officially dropped in 1993. The nickname was selected by the campus newspaper in a contest with a \$5 prize in 1934 won by Andrew Dickson of Boulder. The university participates as a member of the Big 12 Conference at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision level.



Boulder, Colorado

Located in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, about 25 miles northwest of Denver, Boulder is the 12th largest city in Colorado with a population of approximately 105,000. Residents enjoy more than 300 days of sunshine a year and an impressive variety of recreation, shopping, dining, cultural, and entertainment choices.

At the foot of the mountains, outdoor activities abound, including hiking in the landmark Flatirons with more than 60 parks and 155 miles of hiking trails open to the public. Boulder is also a biking mecca: there are four bikes for every one person, 300 miles of dedicated bikeways, mountain biking trails, a 29-acre free bike park, cycling clubs and more.

Downtown Boulder offers shops, restaurants, and street performers on the Pearl Street Mall, as well as the Boulder County Farmers Market in the warm summer months. A strong arts community, with galleries, museums, musical performances, and more provides entertainment rich in culture.

From the Rocky Mountains to an engaging downtown, ranked as one of the best college towns and cities in the U.S. by *Travel + Leisure*, Boulder offers something for everyone.

For more details about Boulder, visit: <https://www.bouldercoloradousa.com/>.



Procedure for Candidacy

[WittKieffer](#) is assisting the University of Colorado Boulder in this search. All applications, nominations, and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a current CV or resume and a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile.

For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by Friday, July 24.

Application materials should be submitted using WittKieffer's [candidate portal](#).

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to:

Greg Duyck, Mercedes Chacón Vance, and Jevon Walton
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The annual salary range that the University of Colorado Boulder reasonably projects for this position is \$180,000-210,000. Signing bonus and relocation assistance is available for qualified candidates.

The University of Colorado does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, pregnancy, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation, or political philosophy. All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply.

The University of Colorado Boulder is committed to building a culturally diverse community of faculty, staff, and students dedicated to contributing to an inclusive campus environment. We are an Equal Opportunity employer, including veterans and individuals with disabilities.