



# COMMITMENT TO GRADUATES

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Resources for  
Beyond Your Time  
at CSU

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Colorado State University cares about you, and we will continue to be in your corner past graduation. We know, given the impacts of COVID-19 on our world, that you are facing challenges that are different from those that have been faced by other Rams alumni. In this document, you will find a number of resources that we hope will be helpful to you as you begin your post-graduation journey.

## RESOURCES INCLUDED:

**Housing****Financial Services****Career****Transportation****Food Security****Additional Resources****Legal Services**



# Housing Resources

## CSU-SPONSORED RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND NEW GRADUATES:

- **CSU On-Campus Housing** – On-Campus summer housing has been expanded for this summer to be available for anyone who was a CSU student during Spring 2020. Summer housing in Parmelee Hall will open Saturday, May 16, and conclude Saturday, Aug. 8. Students staying in Summer Session Housing pay for only the days that they stay (\$27/night, which equals \$189/week), and are given the option of three meal plans.
- **Fort Collins Off-Campus Housing** – Graduates can access the CSU off-campus site for up to one year after graduation to search for vacant properties for rent, rooms for rent, roommates, and furniture for sale/giveaway. Graduates can also post a room or property for rent, a roommate profile, and furniture for sale/giveaway. This website is accessible only to the CSU population.
- **Affordable Housing Options** – Housing access vouchers are available based on a number of criteria. Graduates can email Lindsay Mason at [lindsay.mason@colostate.edu](mailto:lindsay.mason@colostate.edu) with a request to complete a coordinated entry assessment and gain access to housing vouchers.

## COMMUNITY HOUSING RESOURCES:

- **The Murphy Center for Hope** – The mission of the Murphy Center is to facilitate collaboration among independent agencies that offer an array of services for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.
- **City of Fort Collins Programs** – The city of Fort Collins is committed to a high-quality, safe community with equal access to services. As part of that mission, the city offers numerous discounts, rebates, and services for qualifying residents.
- **Faith Family Hospitality Overnight Program** – The Family Housing Network is sheltering families at Foothills Unitarian for the duration of the COVID-19 health crisis.
- **Neighbor to Neighbor** – Neighbor to Neighbor is working with Larimer County residents on rent assistance and programming to keep residents in their homes.
- **Utilities Assistance Program** – Fort Collins Utilities partners with local organizations to provide bill payment assistance and efficiency and conservation programs that offer low- or no-cost resources that keep utility costs down.



# Housing Resources

## ADDITIONAL HOUSING LINKS:

- Apartment Complex List
- Property Management List
- Affordable Housing Options
- Roommate Roundups



# Career Resources

## CSU-SPONSORED RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND NEW GRADUATES:

- **CSU Career Center** – The CSU Career Center is committed to empowering and equipping students to discover and pursue academic and career goals that honor their identities through intentional collaboration with campus partners and employers. For up to one full year after students graduate, they can access all of the Career Center's services, exactly how they would during their time as students. This includes drop-ins, appointments, and all events.
- **CSU Alumni Association Career and Professional Development Workshops** – The Colorado State University Alumni Association offers professional development designed to provide comprehensive insight that will make a real impact! Events are offered virtually and across Colorado and are free to attend.
- **Interview Attire Fund** – The Interview Attire Fund exists to assist students without financial means with expenses related to the purchase of professional attire for job interviews.
- **Ram Networks** – With more than 232,000 living CSU alumni, there are bound to be fellow Rams in your neighborhood. Ram Networks provide a way for alumni to find community wherever they end up after leaving Colorado State University.

## COMMUNITY NETWORKING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS:

- **Mile High Young Professionals** – MHYP's mission is to create a lasting legacy that promotes young professional growth in Denver. Their goal is to empower young professionals with the business relationships, education, and community awareness necessary to become an influential leader in the community.
- **Envision Young Professionals (Larimer County)** – Envision Young Professionals provides a casual atmosphere and interesting topics that relate to pertinent issues in the local Fort Collins community for the young professional.
- **ENGAGE Young Professionals Network (Weld County)** – ENGAGE Young Professionals Network meets once each month. Their goal is for 21- to 39-year-old professionals to create meaningful relationships in the community through business connection opportunities, volunteer and philanthropic activities, social events, and professional development programming.



# Career Resources

## ADDITIONAL CAREER LINKS:

- [Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce Employment Resources](#)
- [Tips for Searching for Remote Work](#)
- [Employment Authorization Application for International Students](#)



# Food Security Resources

## CSU-SPONSORED RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND NEW GRADUATES:

- **Mobile Food Pantry** – All CSU students, staff, faculty, and alumni may select from a variety of fresh, refrigerated, and shelf-stable foods. The distribution site is open to anyone with a CSU ID. To access the site, enter the south entrance of the Lory Student Center and follow the signs. Check the Mobile Food Pantry website for details and hours of operation.

## COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMS:

- **Colorado Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** – The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is a food assistance program in Colorado, formerly known as food stamps. SNAP provides food assistance benefits as part of a federal nutrition program to help low-income households purchase food.
- **Food Bank for Larimer County** – The Food Bank ensures that those in our community who are hungry have convenient access to free, healthy, and nutritious food.
- **Loveland's Community Kitchen** – Everyone is eligible to visit Loveland's Community Kitchen; there are no requirements to come for a meal.
- **Vindeket Foods** – Through partnership with SERVE 6.8, Vindeket Foods seeks to connect with the Fort Collins community, empowering individuals at any level in the socioeconomic structure to participate in the consumption of economically and environmentally sustainable foods.



## Legal Resources

- **Student Legal Services** – Student Legal Services will continue one-to-one advising appointments past graduation. Advising appointments can cover topics such as business advice, help with ongoing legal issues, and legal evaluations of Dreamers' unique situations.



## Financial Resources

- **CARES Act Emergency Aid** – Application for CARES Act emergency aid is available on RamWeb. Spring 2020 graduates can apply after graduation. Funding is limited and subject to availability.
- **CSU Graduation Student Loan Reference Guide** – Helpful information about repaying student loans and what to expect after CSU graduation.
- **CSU Young Alumni Series** – The Young Alumni Series, supported by Canvas Credit Union, provides opportunities for young alumni to connect around financial education that is relevant to this stage of life. Each part of the series includes a formal presentation by a financial expert, intentional time to connect with other young alums, and opportunities to get individual questions answered.
- **State Financial Support** – PEAK is an online service for Coloradans to screen and apply for medical, food, cash, and early childhood assistance programs.
- **Federal Student Aid Managing Loans** – Comprehensive resource for many topics about managing student loans after graduation.



## Transportation Resources

- **Transfort** – Graduates can ride Transfort buses through July 31, 2020. This includes Flex buses that travel into communities south of Fort Collins.



## Additional Miscellaneous Resources

- **Alumni Association Membership** – All May 2020 graduates will receive a complimentary one-year membership to the Alumni Association.
- **Student Recreation Center** – To help graduates stay active, the rec center is updating its website regularly with new content that you can engage with remotely!
- **Student Affairs Offices** – The Division of Student Affairs fosters a campus community that supports students and graduates in the development of their unique potential. A number of the Student Affairs offices are continuing to support 2020 graduates through programming, resources, and community-building beyond graduation. Make sure to check individual websites where programming and resources will be regularly updated.

*Colorado State University is committed to the success of our 2020 graduates in all aspects of their post-graduation life, including addressing needs such as housing, financial assistance, and job search assistance, among others. If you are aware of additional resources to add to this list, please email them to Alexandra Schweigert at [Alexandra.schweigert@colostate.edu](mailto:Alexandra.schweigert@colostate.edu).*



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