Tuition Assistance applications now open[1]
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Tuition Assistance Benefit applications for the spring 2020 semester are now being accepted in your employee portal. Save money on your tuition by submitting your application today.

University of Colorado faculty and staff who want to save money on their or their dependent's spring tuition bill may begin by submitting the Tuition Assistance application through the employee portal. If a dependent will be using the benefit, the employee must submit an application on their behalf.

CU's Tuition Assistance Benefit gives qualified employees up to nine waived credits per academic year (fall through summer).

An eligible employee may give their Tuition Assistance Benefit to an eligible dependent or split it between multiple dependents using the benefit on the same CU campus. Dependents have two options for tuition assistance: Option A – Home Campus and Option B – Other Campus. For more information on dependent options, click here[3].

Dependents attending the same campus where the employee works can use Option A-Home Campus to receive up to nine credits per academic year. Dependents attending a different campus than where the employee works can use Option B-Other Campus for $270 per credit hour, for up to nine credit hours, per academic year. Dependents of CU Boulder employees attending the Boulder campus can receive a 30% tuition discount each semester that they apply.

To receive the benefit, an application must be approved by the posted deadlines. Employee Services will determine Tuition Assistance Benefit eligibility, the campus registrar will determine course eligibility, and the campus bursar's office will verify adherence to registration policies.

Deadlines
CU Boulder[4]: Jan. 31, 2020 CU Colorado Springs[5]: Feb. 5, 2020 CU Denver and CU Anschutz[6]: Feb. 5, 2020
Access the application
Log into the employee portal[7]. Open the CU Resources dropdown menu and select **Forms**. Click the **Career Advancement** tile, then click the **Tuition Assistance Application** tile.
Visit our website[6] for full details.

Call for nominations: Elizabeth D. Gee Memorial Lectureship Award[8]

The Women's Committee of the CU Faculty Council requests nominations for 2019 Elizabeth D. Gee Memorial Lectureship Award. Deadline is Jan. 15, 2020.

The Gee Award is the only award in the CU system that specifically recognizes outstanding work on women's issues and a concerted effort to advance women in the academy. It carries with it a $1,000 cash prize, and the recipient is invited to present a lecture at the 18th Annual CU Women Succeeding Professional Development Symposium, to be held March 6, 2020, at CU Denver. Dorothy Horrell, CU Denver chancellor, will be the keynote speaker.

Founded in 1993, the award recognizes outstanding faculty for their:
Efforts to advance women in academia beyond her/his/their own department; Significant and original scholarship and/or creative work; Interdisciplinary scholarly contributions; Distinguished teaching.
Eligibility: Any full-time faculty member from any of the four campuses who has been with the university at least five years with satisfactory evaluations is eligible for nomination.
The nominator need not be in the same department or campus as the nominee. Collaborative nominations are encouraged. Self-nominations are not acceptable.
Nomination, preparation and submission guidelines:
A completed, one-page nomination form[9] is attached and submitted with the final nomination package. The

nomination form can also be accessed here: cu.edu/facultycouncil/awards/gee.html[10]. An abbreviated curriculum vitae prepared by the nominee (not more than **two** pages in length), and can be limited to the most recent five years of the nominee's career. List of accomplishments. The list should be prepared using bullet sections; complete sentences are not required. It briefly highlights the nominee's record of superior accomplishments, including how the accomplishments of the individual are reflective of the institution, college and department missions. The summary of accomplishments may not exceed **two** pages in length. A minimum of **three letters** of support from the university community and the extended academic community.

Format for submitting nomination materials:

You must electronically submit the nominating packet as a single PDF file using the label in lastname.pdf to facultycouncil@cu.edu[11] for the nomination to be considered. For questions about submissions, please email: facultycouncil@cu.edu[11].

Scope of Work forms are now digital[12]

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The University of Colorado uses the expertise of not only our own workforce, but that of contractors and individuals not employed by CU. When a department wants to engage an outside independent contractor, a Scope of Work form must be completed in order to compensate these contractors for the work they perform.

Scope of Work forms are submitted by departments and reviewed by Employee Services to ensure compliance with related IRS guidelines when paying these individuals. In 2019 alone, 2,051 Scope of Work requests were approved and processed by Employee Services.

The form can now be completed, signed and sent for approval as a digital form instead of filling out a PDF and emailing it. During the approval process, independent contractors and department liaisons will receive automatic emails from OnBase at each step alerting them to complete certain actions.

The approval process will be more efficient and allow Employee Services to be more responsive and customer-focused with less focus on form details. This change also is a step toward becoming more eco-friendly by reducing paper usage, in addition to ensuring sensitive information is routed in a secure manner.

Complete the online form on the Employee Services' website.[14]

To learn more about the process and complete the upgraded form, visit cu.edu/SOW[15]; for more information, email SOW@cu.edu[16].

Faculty invited to submit MOOC ideas for Coursera RFP[17]

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The University of Colorado is an international leader in the use of MOOCs (massive open online courses), which expand access to CU's high-quality learning offerings to learners around the world. Coursera, CU's MOOC partner, recently released an RFP (request for proposals) to develop and launch individual MOOCs and series of MOOCs thematically linked, called specializations.

Topics and fields of interest include artificial intelligence, data science, health care, and business, among others identified in response to learner and search demand on the Coursera platform.

The CU system Office for Digital Education and Engagement and the Provost's Office for Academic Innovation at CU Boulder would like to share this opportunity with the greatest number of faculty possible. Faculty interested in

proposing and creating a course or specialization on the Coursera platform may contact the corresponding individual listed below to receive the confidential list of specific target topics along with the proposal form.
For faculty at CU Denver | Anschutz or UCCS, contact jaimie.henthorn@cu.edu[20]. For faculty at CU Boulder, contact jenny.lane@colorado.edu[21].
Proposals selected by Coursera are eligible for development funding opportunities as well as design, production and marketing support.

Submission deadline is Feb. 1, 2020.

As always, if you have a great idea for a Coursera MOOC or specialization outside of the RFP topic list, reach out to the above contacts and let them know.

Xenna the service dog helps Navy vet do laboratory research[22]

Competitive spirit gave Battle of the Departments Food Drive a lift [23]

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CCTSI announces new leadership in key research programs[29]

The 10 most-read CU Connections features of 2019[30]

1. CU on Coursera, free suite of global online courses, now available

(MAR 7) - The University of Colorado has announced the launch of CU on Coursera, a free online learning program available to the university community. CU on Coursera offers over 100 Coursera courses taught by faculty across CU Boulder, the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, CU Denver and UCCS.

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2. Five University of Colorado researchers named 2019 Boettcher Investigators

(MAY 28) - Five University of Colorado biomedical researchers are among the newest Boettcher Investigators. This year's is the 10th class to receive research funding through the Boettcher Foundation's Webb-Waring Biomedical Research Awards program.

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3. 2019 President's Diversity Award recipients announced

(FEB 14) - The University of Colorado President's Diversity Award selection committee has announced its 2019 award and commendation recipients, who will be recognized at a reception at 3 p.m. March 21 at 1800 Grant St., Denver. All members of the CU community are invited to attend. Click here for event details and registration.

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4. High-impact educators, researchers receive CU's highest faculty honor

(SEPT 19) - The University of Colorado on Friday added seven members to its roster of Distinguished Professors. The designation is the highest honor awarded to faculty across the CU system's four campuses. CU Distinguished Professors are faculty members who demonstrate exemplary performance in research or creative work, a record of excellence in classroom teaching and supervision of individual learning, and outstanding service to the profession, the university and its affiliates.

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5. Two CU Boulder educators join ranks of President's Teaching Scholars

(JUL 11) - Two University of Colorado faculty members have been named President's Teaching Scholars, who are recognized for expertly performing teaching and research work. The title signifies recognition of excellence in and commitment to learning and teaching, as well as active, substantial contributions to scholarly work.

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6. CU Faculty Voices: Lisa Forbes on being true to who you are in the classroom

(FEB 21) - In my first year as a faculty member, I was swept away with the tidal wave of teaching a 4-4, prepping new courses, engaging in research and service while also managing my life as a mother of a 3-year-old and 6-month-old with a partner who travels five months of the year for work.

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7. Philip Fernbach on how ignorance – blissful or not – is more common than we may like to admit

(JAN 17) - You think you know it. But you don't. Neither does your colleague, or family members or friends, or the pundits you watch on TV who agree with your political ideas. Human brains don't have the capacity to know everything about everything in our complex world, and so we rely on communities to share knowledge and enable us to accomplish our goals.

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8. Lexie Kelly named President's Employee of the Year

(NOV 21) - Lexie Kelly, assistant treasurer in the Office of the Treasurer at CU system, was honored Nov. 13 by System Staff Council as the President's Employee of the Year. Kelly received the award from President Mark Kennedy during an event at 1800 Grant St., where many other employees also were recognized for reaching milestones in their years of service to the university.

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9. Procurement leader Sandy Hicks has made priceless memories during her four decades at CU

(MAY 9) - When Sandy Hicks wraps up her work day on Friday, it will be the first time in nearly four decades she hasn't had an official role at the University of Colorado. Hicks, associate vice president and chief procurement officer, is retiring from CU, where she began as a CU Boulder freshman in 1979. It didn't take long for her to become part of the staff, too, as she joined the Athletic Department to sell football tickets.

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10. After years in the Navy and CIA, Regent Chance Hill brings mind for leadership to CU

(AUG 22) - Regent Chance Hill's pursuit of education led him to Dartmouth College, Georgetown's School of Foreign Service and the University of Michigan's Law School. A call to service pulled him from his Southern California roots to Asia and the Middle East, the latter the locale for a deployment during six years in the U.S. Navy, as well as for work as

an officer and analyst with the CIA.
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