

[COLTT 2026 invites you to 'Steer Into the Slide'](#)^[1]

Higher education is experiencing many challenges: advances in AI, shifting student expectations and evolving workforce demands.

The Colorado Learning and Teaching with Technology (COLTT) community invites you to join the 2026 conference, set for Aug. 5 and 6 at CU Boulder, where educators and learning designers from across the CU system and beyond will come together to explore how to navigate uncertainty with purpose and creativity.

This year's theme, "Steer Into the Slide," challenges participants to move beyond hesitation and into action – to test ideas, rethink practices and engage thoughtfully with emerging technologies while keeping the human side of teaching at the center.

[COLTT 2026](#)^[2] offers attendees the opportunity to:

Explore practical strategies for integrating AI and other technologies
Gain hands-on experience you can apply immediately
Connect with colleagues across disciplines and campuses
Share ideas and solutions for teaching in a time of uncertainty

Call for proposals now open

The [call for proposals](#)^[3] is now open, and we invite faculty, instructional designers, technologists and campus partners to share their work and ideas. This year's program is designed to help participants both act and reflect:

Day 1: AI Workshop Series (Aug. 5)

Hands-on, build-as-you-go workshops where participants will create real teaching materials, workflows and AI-supported resources they can use immediately.

Day 2: Broader Innovations (Aug. 6)

Sessions exploring learning analytics, course design, credentials, faculty support, accessibility and more – helping educators adapt to a rapidly evolving landscape.

Proposal deadline: May 1 (for full consideration)

Register today

[Registration is open](#)^[4], with a single, flat rate covering both days of programming.

COLTT 2026 is a chance to come together, share ideas and move forward with intention. Join us as we rise to the challenges ahead – and learn how to steer into the slide.

[CU Thrive: Researchers highlight innovations in well-being in medicine](#)^[5]

[Ask an expert: Why does Colorado care so much about snowpack?](#)^[6]

[Study: Geothermal energy is feasible for future CU Boulder campus use](#)^[7]

[Colorado Springs community gathers around resilience at 2026 GRIT Summit](#) [8]

[Federal update: Government funding, White House national policy framework for AI, more](#) [9]

From March 27, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on Government Funding, White House National Policy Framework for AI, White House Appoints PCAST Members, Ed Moves Student Loans to Treasury, ED Releases Eligibility for Title III and Title V Grants, VA to Assist Veterans in GI Bill Education Benefits, Federal Judge Extends Deadline for IPEDs Data, Gender Affirming Care for Minors Lawsuit, DOJ Lawsuit Against Harvard, and OCR Sends Letter to San Jose State University over Title IX.

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From March 30, this monthly update from CU Federal Relations includes information on FY26 Appropriations, FY27 Appropriations, CU Boulder NCAR Proposal, CU RISE Comments, and Recent Capitol Hill Visits.

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