

Animal Science

College of Agricultural Sciences

Are you passionate about animal welfare, nutrition, and food safety? The **Animal Science** major offers a science-based, hands-on education that prepares you for careers in animal agriculture and related industries. You'll gain practical experience working with animals, faculty, and industry professionals in the lab and the field.

With pathways in reproduction, nutrition, veterinary studies, genetics, muscle biology/food safety, and more, you'll develop the technical knowledge and business skills needed for careers in livestock production, animal health, food processing, or advanced studies like veterinary medicine and research. A key to career success in this field is building strong relationships throughout your college/career journey (networking) and gaining hands-on experience through experiential learning.

Entry Level Employers

Mile High Reproduction Services
Trans Ova Genetics
Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
Leprino Foods Company
SAW Ranch Stallion Station
Arrowhead Animal Hospital
Colorado State University
JBS & Pilgrim's
Cactus Feeders

Entry Level Job Titles

Breeding Technician
IVF Embryologist
Manufacturing Management Trainee
Plant Manager
Research Assistant
Lab Manager
Research Associate Animal Care Tech
Embryologist
Animal Care Technician
Sales Representative

Mid-Level Positions

May require more experience or education

Data & Grants Manager
Small Animal Veterinarian
Livestock Unit Manager
Operations & Research Analyst
Assistant Professor
Food Animal Veterinarian
Technical Services Manager
Assistant Director of Events and Stewardship
Extension Specialist – Livestock Management

Many more career pathways exist beyond these examples, which include a mix of verified roles held by CSU grads and common career paths.

Earning Potential & Financial Wellbeing

Typical earnings for Bachelor's degree holders are **86% higher** than those with a high school diploma.

87% of Bachelor's degree holders report **financial wellbeing** (20 points higher than groups with any other level of education).

Median lifetime earnings are **\$1.2 million** higher for bachelor's degree holders.

Source: [APLU](#)



Explore Major-Specific CSU Alum Live Career Data:
<https://col.st/omby6>



Gaining Experience



Learning through direct experiences and active engagement is called **experiential learning**.

These opportunities help you build **CSU Career Competencies** - skills employers highly value across all industries).

Internship Possibilities

National Western Stock Show
Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation
CSU Extension Internships
Empirical Foods
Cargill
Milehigh Reproduction Services
Growing Gardens Goat Dairy
The Dairy Authority
Merck

On-Campus Employment

On-campus employment can help you build your network and develop career competencies while earning money.

Apply for on-campus employment year-round on [Handshake](#).

Animal Science Student Story



<https://col.st/lbsd1>

Research Opportunities

[Campus labs](#), [Colorado research centers](#) & industry partnerships, including through [AgNext](#)

Focuses include animal health, productivity, sustainability, human-animal interaction, and more

Explore MURALS, CURC, and TILT OURA Lab
[CAS Undergraduate Research Fellowship](#)

[How to find a research experience in science](#)

More experiential learning opportunities for Animal Science students

Join Block & Bridle, Pre-Vet Club, and other [clubs, orgs](#) and [competitive teams](#).

[Education Abroad Recommended Programs for Animal Science Majors](#)

Sites include Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Ram Country Meats, Rouse Ranch, Maxwell Ranch, ARDEC Livestock Unit, & more. Talk with staff, peers & professors to learn more!

Current Students - Connect with your college Career Team!

Sam Holtshouser
Career Education
Manager She/Her/Hers

Nickey Pietila
Career Education
Coordinator She/Her/Hers

Schedule an appointment!



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