

# Environmental & Natural Resource Economics

## College of Agricultural Sciences

The **Environmental and Natural Resource Economics** (ENRE) major equips students with economic tools to analyze how natural resources are used and how environmental decisions are made. You'll learn to understand the trade-offs in managing our environment—locally, nationally, and globally—and how economic theory can guide smarter policies and sustainable solutions.

If you're interested in improving how we manage our natural resources and environment, this major offers the analytical tools and hands-on experience to make a difference. You'll learn to evaluate the effectiveness of regulations, predict outcomes of policy decisions, and develop real-world solutions to pressing environmental and economic challenges. 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

West Water Research  
Osmia Organics  
Colorado State University CIRA  
Colorado Department of Revenue  
CSU Extension  
CO Agrivoltaics  
Local Utilities  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
The Nature Conservancy

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

### Entry Level Job Titles

Economic Research Analyst  
Production Specialist  
Economics Researcher  
Tax Examiner  
Market Forecaster  
Environmental Researcher  
Rural Community Organizer  
Natural Resource Analyst  
Community Development Specialist

### Mid-Level Positions

*May require more experience or education*  
Program Manager/Principal Investigator  
Extension Specialist  
International Development Specialist  
Foreign Trade Analyst  
Senior Researcher  
Environmental & Natural Resource Consultant  
Economic Policy Analyst  
Environmental Compliance Manager

## 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

- CSU Extension Internships
- Epic Homes
- USDA Forest Service ORISE Research Fellow
- CSU Office of Engagement & Extension
- Colorado Division of Water Resources
- Colorado Department of Agriculture
- Institute for the Built Environment
- GCI General Contractors

## On-Campus Employment

On-Campus employment helps you build your network and develop career competencies while earning money.

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

## Current Students – Schedule an appointment



<https://col.st/BHYqD>



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## Research Opportunities

### [CAS Undergraduate Research Fellowship](#)

Work with crops & livestock at the Agricultural Research & Development Center (ARDEC) & [Colorado research centers](#) across the state

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

Present at MURALS or CURC

## More experiential learning opportunities in ENRE

Join DARE Diplomats and other [clubs](#), [orgs](#) and [competitive teams](#).

[Study abroad](#) for a summer or a semester

## Meet your Career Ed Team

### Sam Holtshouser

Career Education Manager  
She/Her/Hers

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She/Her/Hers