



APPLICANT GUIDE FOR GHANA, KENYA, AND NIGERIA

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER



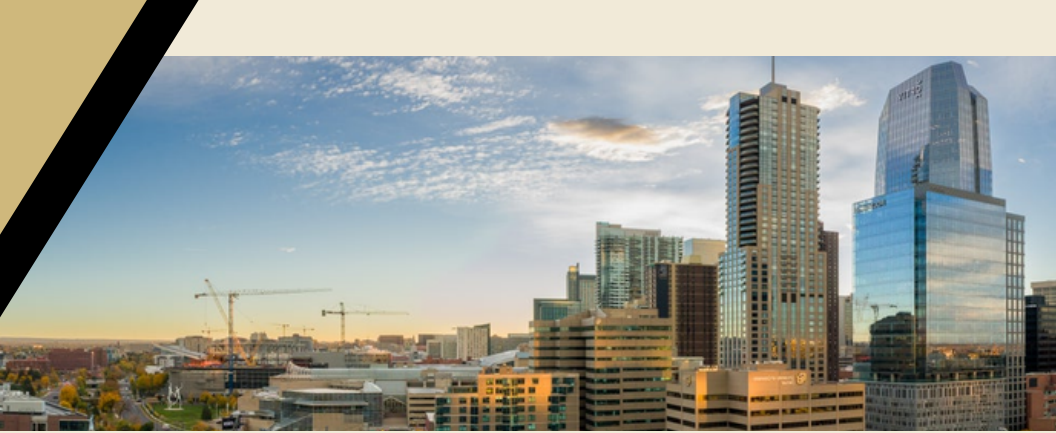


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ABOUT

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

- R1 Research University
- Career-Connected Campus
- Undergraduate Scholarships
- 150+ programs (50+ STEM OPT)
- 15,000 students (7% international)





GUIDE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS

First-Year Checklist

- ☐ [Online application](#)
- ☐ \$75 application fee
- ☐ Complete high school transcripts (3 full years)
 - If the transcript is not in English, a certified English translation must be included.
- ☐ Evidence of English Language Proficiency
 - You do not need proof of English language proficiency (ELP) in order to submit application!

Kenya

- ☐ Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education

Ghana and Nigeria

- ☐ WAEC/NECO Senior School Certificate
- ☐ Scratch Card Information (see next page for details)

Transfer Checklist



- ☐ [Online application](#)
- ☐ \$75 application fee
- ☐ All university transcripts
- ☐ High school transcripts (if under 24 university credits completed)
- ☐ Diploma/Degree Certificates (if program was completed)
- ☐ Evidence of English Language Proficiency

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (ELP) FOR UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS

English Language Proficiency for Applicants from: Kenya, Ghana, and Nigeria

You can meet English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements through one of the following:

- ☐ **B- or higher** on the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)
- ☐ **C4 or higher** on the English portion of Cambridge GCSE/IGCSE/O-Levels
- ☐ **C4 or higher** on the English portion of the WAEC/WASSCE

WAEC/NECO Verification Requirements:

- For **Ghana**, we need:
 - Index Number
 - Examination Type
 - Examination Year
 - Date of Birth
 - Voucher Serial Number
 - PIN
- For **Nigeria**, we need:
 - Examination #
 - Examination Year
 - PIN
 - Serial Number

English Language Proficiency Notes:

- We **do not accept** Medium of Instruction (MOI) letters as proof of English proficiency.
- Transfer applicants who have already earned a degree from an accredited institution may use that as proof of ELP.

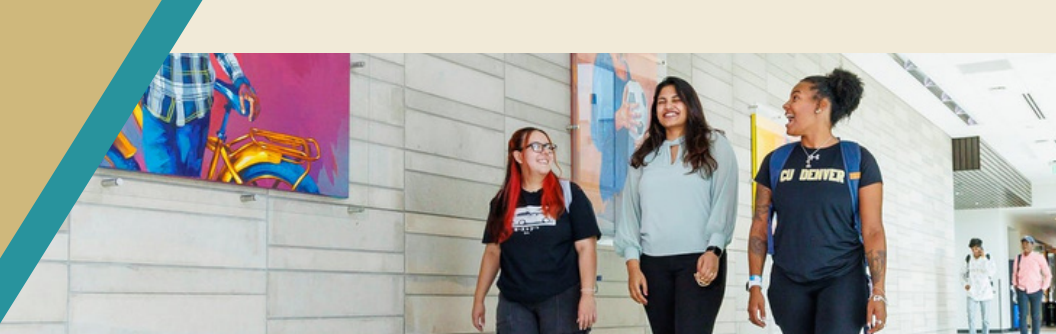
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (CONT.)

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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY DOCUMENTATION

If you cannot meet one of these requirements, you will need to submit standard ELP test scores (TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo etc.).

Test	Required Score
IELTS	6.5 overall 5.5 minimum in all sub scores
TOEFL (before 1.21.2026)	79 overall Reading: 8 Speaking: 18 Listening: 7 Writing: 16
TOEFL (after 1.21.2026)	4 overall Reading: 3 Speaking: 3.5 Listening: 2.5 Writing: 3.5
Duolingo	105 overall 85 minimum in all sub scores
PTE Academic	58 overall 42 minimum in all sub scores
ACT English Section	18
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section	480
Advanced Placement (AP) - English Literature and Composition	3
International Baccalaureate (IB) - English A Literature (HL or SL) - English A Language and Literature (HL or SL)	4
IGCSE Ordinary Level Certificate, General Certificate of Education (GCE) A and AS-Level	E or higher



INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS

The University of Colorado Denver offers financial aid and scholarships for **international undergraduate applicants**.

- Automatic merit-based scholarships are awarded upon admission.
- Students may also be considered for the Additional Merit Scholarship with a separate application.
- Program-specific and external scholarships are available through CU Denver’s scholarship database, Scholarship Universe.
- Scholarships can be combined with on-campus employment and other financial resources to contribute to the overall cost of attendance.

Scholarship Type	Application Required	Award Amount	Criteria
Automatic Merit	No	\$5,000-\$10,000 per academic year	GPA
Additional Merit	Yes - receive the link after applying	\$6,000 - \$8,000 per academic year	GPA and scholarship application
Program-Specific	Yes - apply on Scholarship Universe	\$500-\$2,500	Varies
External Scholarships	Yes - apply on Scholarship Universe	Varies	Varies

SCHOLARSHIPS (CONT.)

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AUTOMATIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Automatic merit scholarships are awarded automatically based on GPA. International Admissions will convert international GPAs to the U.S. 4.0 scale during the admission review. Students will be notified of the scholarship award upon admission. Students admitted in summer will receive their first award in the subsequent fall term.

GPA	Annual Award
3.0-3.29	\$5,000
3.3-3.69	\$7,500
3.7-4.0	\$10,000

ADDITIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

To apply for the additional merit scholarship, select “**Yes**” to the question “**Are you interested in applying for additional merit-based scholarships?**” in your online admission application. This will trigger an email with a link to the scholarship application. If you have already submitted your admission application, click “Apply Now” next to Additional Merit Scholarship in the [International Undergraduate Scholarships table](#).

Term	Priority Scholarship Consideration
Fall (August)	March 1
Spring (January)	October 1

DEADLINE & COSTS

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

CU Denver uses rolling admission processing for undergraduate applications. You will receive your admission decision within 10 business days of submitting a complete application.

Term	Outside the U.S.	Inside the U.S.
Fall (August)	July 11	August 3
Spring (January)	December 3	January 1
Summer (June)	May 3	May 20

UNDERGRADUATE COST OF ATTENDANCE

Your total cost to attend CU Denver includes more than your tuition & fees – you will also need to consider your housing, food, travel, health insurance, textbooks, etc. Students should be prepared to pay tuition and fees for each year of study for the full duration of their program (typically four years for undergraduate programs).

Tuition & Fees	Living Expenses	Books & Insurance	Total (I-20 Amount)
\$33,645	\$20,380	\$5,294	\$59,318

***The cost estimates above are for the academic year 2025-2026.**



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☐ Evidence of English Language Proficiency

Note: Earning a bachelor's degree or higher from accredited universities in Ghana, Nigeria, or Kenya fulfills CU Denver's English proficiency requirements. You do not need to submit English proficiency test scores like TOEFL or IELTS.

☐ Official transcript

If you have completed your degree:

- Final undergraduate transcripts, including:
 - *Degree Completion Information:* Conferred degree and awarded date.

If you are still completing your degree:

- Most recent transcript showing:
 - At least *3 years of coursework* in a 4-year program.

Note: You can submit unofficial transcripts when applying but must provide official final transcripts with degree completion in your first semester at CU Denver.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Each department may have slightly different requirements. You can view these requirements as you complete your application. For the most accurate and detailed information, please also refer to the program's website or contact the department's academic advisor directly.

☐ Resume

☐ GRE/GMAT

☐ Statement of Purpose

☐ Letter of Recommendation



GUIDE FOR GRADUATE APPLICANTS

Credential Evaluation Options

When applying to CU Denver programs, you have two options for evaluating your academic documents. If you are applying to a program at the Anschutz Medical Campus, you must use an external evaluation service such as ECE or WES.



Option 1: In-House Evaluation (available only for Denver programs)

- CU Denver's in-house credential evaluation is included in the \$75 application fee, with no need for a separate third-party evaluation.
- Our admissions team reviews international transcripts to determine U.S. equivalencies.
- Provides a streamlined and efficient application process for international students.
- Helps applicants save time and money while ensuring a reliable credential assessment.

Option 2: External Evaluation (ECE or WES)

- Send all required documents to ECE or WES for a course-by-course evaluation.
- Detailed instructions will be provided after selecting this option.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS BY COUNTRY

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Ghana

- Bachelor's degree transcript and certificate
- Important note:
 - Students with only an Higher National Diploma from Ghana **are not eligible** to apply for CU Denver graduate programs.



Nigeria

- National Diploma transcript
- Higher National Diploma transcript
- Bachelor's degree transcript and certificate
- Important note:
 - If you have completed an Higher National Diploma from Nigeria, please also submit your National Diploma transcript.

Kenya

- Diploma,
- Higher Diploma, or
- Higher National Diploma
- Bachelor's degree certificate
- Important note:
 - Eligibility for students with a Higher National Diploma or Higher Diplomas from Kenya is determined on a case-by-case basis.

DEADLINE & COSTS

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What are graduate program deadlines?

- Deadlines vary by program. Please check with your program of interest for specifics. <https://www.ucdenver.edu/graduate-education>

Do you offer any graduate scholarships?

- At the graduate level, funding varies by department. Most departments offer research or teaching assistantships, which are competitive positions. Students should contact the department directly to inquire and apply.
- You can find the programs and their contact information here: <https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/programs-a-z/>

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\$24,304	\$20,445	\$5,293	\$50,042

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