

# **Student Testimonial**

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#### Country: Pakistan INTO CSU Program: Graduate Electrical and Computer Engineering Pathway - Robotics

## How has INTO CSU helped prepare you for success at Colorado State University?

Since I am from INTO CSU, I have more time to blend in, and I really have more time to know what I have to do. I don't have too much pressure on my head. I am calm, and I am scoring well. I think all of that stuff is because of INTO CSU. INTO CSU really helped me in terms of English, in terms of courses, and in terms of providing me with enough resources, for example, academic advising.

## What have been the three highlights of your American education experience?

About the USA, I noticed three things here. First of all, up to date knowledge, second thing is the research that is going on now. Third thing, the level of competition, and the disciple that they show in their academic institutes, that is the most attractive thing about US education and academic institutes.





#### What advice would you give to new students at INTO CSU?

Don't worry about the culture shock. People are really nice here. You'll feel good here. You'll feel like you are in your own house. Be prepared to work hard, because if you are not ready to work hard you will not score well.

#### What do you think of the safety in Fort Collins?

I called my friends and parents after five or six days; they asked me about the safety, and they asked me about the external environment. I really feel safe here, because the security is really good here for international students and even the citizens here. The security is really good. The streets are really safe, if you want to go out after 10pm it is really safe for you. Here in Fort Collins you will be able to do whatever you want, whenever you want. That is the level of safety they are maintaining here.

#### Do you enjoy being an INTO CSU student?

I think INTO CSU is the best thing that has happened to me in America.

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