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Chico is a warm, friendly city and university, with a lot to offer. CSU, Chico will not be the best fit for everyone, but I have provided some information below that will help you share why it may be an excellent option for many students. We know that making a decision about where to attend university can be a challenge, particularly when someone is unable to visit the school in advance. In order to help students in your network decide if California State University, Chico is the right choice for them, please note the following highlights:

1. A large variety of majors  
(<http://catalog.csuchico.edu/viewer/search/programs.html>):

The College of Business is the largest on campus and its AACSB-accredited programs place it among the top 5% globally. In addition, we hold a unique position as one of only two SAP University Competence Centers in the US. Our College of Engineering is ranked #3 in the US for best value and includes programs in Computer Science, Mechatronics, Mechanical, and Civil Engineering, as well as Concrete Industry Management, Construction Management, and Computer Animation & Game Development. Other highlights include pre-professional programs in Medicine, Dentistry, Law, Physical Therapy, Optometry, Theology, Forensic Science, Veterinary, and Pharmacy.

2. We are a traditional college town in California: This means that everything we do is student-focused both in the city and on campus. Most students live on or within walking/biking distance to campus. CSU, Chico is the only CSU with a free ESL Resource Center to support international students in academic programs. The quality of engagement is high with small class sizes, highly active clubs & intramural sports, excellent high-touch support services, and a safe environment compared to large cities. In addition, we have one of California's largest city parks, Bidwell, which starts on campus and stretches into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

3. Cost of living is half that of bigger cities: Average rent for a single-bedroom apartment is about \$800 and a private room in a shared house within walking distance from campus is about \$400. This means that the total cost of attendance for one year, estimated at \$30,050 for non-residents, is an excellent value.

4. There are limited scholarships available for international students.

I also encourage you to visit the links below for additional information about Chico State:

▪ Some of the highlights about CSU, Chico can be found in our online Excellence brochure: <http://www.csuchico.edu/excellence/>.

▪ For more information and email updates, prospective students are invited to complete our International Student Inquiry Form

▪ To submit an application follow the link to <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/international> and Choose Chico!

Warmest regards,  
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