

Recruitment Plan Resources

This resource is a multi-page document filled with recruitment plan information from the following academic departments:

Aerospace Engineering
Applied Mathematics
Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences
Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences (ATOC)
Leeds School of Business PhD
Center for Advanced Engineering & Technology Education (CAETE)
Chemistry & Biochemistry
Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering
Classics
Communication
Computer Science
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EBIO)
Economics
Environmental Studies
Film Studies
Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures
Integrative Physiology
Linguistics
Mechanical Engineering
Philosophy
Political Science

Information includes, hotel, transportation, airfare, and meal funding from departments as well as set schedules for prospective student visits

Aerospace Engineering

Aerospace Engineering invited 105 applicants in 2009. 44 of the applicants visited campus, and 57% of those 44 applicants accepted. The department invites all admissible applicants to visit campus, including international applicants that are state-side. The department does not invite weak applicants who are likely to be denied by the admissions committee. Aerospace Engineering pays for two days hotel expenses at the Best Western Boulder Inn, on a first-come first-serve basis for approximately 30 people. The two days hotel covers Thursday and Friday evening. The open house is on Friday (you will see agenda below for March 2010). If the individual chooses to stay longer it is a cost to that applicant.

Travel and food expenses are not reimbursed however breakfast and lunch are provided during the Friday open house and dinner is paid by the department's graduate student group (AGSO). The hotel provides free continental breakfast and Saturday breakfast is also covered after the individuals checks out or stays at his/her own expense.

Aerospace Engineering matriculated 18% more students using the format above (used 2009 recruiting season) and has the same confidence going into the 2010 recruiting season.

Open House Agenda

Discovery Learning Center, Bechtel Collaboratory
March 5, 2010

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Welcome by Department Chair
9:15-10:45 a.m.	Focus Area presentations
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00-12:15 p.m.	General Session
11:00	Current Student Panel (discuss life at CU, research from student perspective, Funding)
11:45	Housing
Noon	Career Services
12:15-1:00 p.m.	Lunch with faculty, staff and students/Vise Award (GRC)
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Tour of Engineering Center/DLC/ITLL
2:20-5:00 p.m.	Face-to-face faculty meetings

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Applied Mathematics

Students experience a typical Friday in the department. Candidates are able to sit in on a class during the day, meet with faculty, and attend the departmental colloquium. Refreshments are served after the talk and students can speak with the lecturer. After the colloquium Applied Mathematics hosts a reception, which takes place in Koenig Alumni Center. Food is catered by Spice of Life and candidates will meet with Applied Math faculty, mingle with other graduate students, and get a feel for what life is like with CU Applied Math. The rest of the weekend is non-academic experiences, possibly a night out on the town with current graduate students. On Saturday, candidates are able to take a tour of Boulder or take a hike before their flight home.

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Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences (APS)

APS pays for travel and the candidates stay with current graduate students. Graduate students pick the candidates up from the airport if possible.

Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences Recruitment Weekend 2009

Thursday, March 5, 2009

8:30-9:45 a.m.	Breakfast at Gamow Tower (cost \$350) with opening remarks by the Department Chair and Admissions Chair and research talks by a graduate student and professor
10:00-10:45 a.m.	Session 1: Group Meetings on observational topics; theoretical topics; instrumentation
11:15-11:45 a.m.	Session 2: Individual meetings with faculty
Noon-1:15 p.m.	Lunch with current graduate students at Gamow Tower
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Session 3: Individual meetings with faculty
2:15-3:00 p.m.	Session 4: Focus groups on galactic astronomy or solar & stellar physics
3:15-3:45 p.m.	Session 5: Focus groups on cosmology or magnetospheres & space physics
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Session 6: TA presentation at Fiske Planetarium
5:30-8:30 p.m.	Dinner at Koenig Alumni Center (\$2500)

Friday, March 6, 2009

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast at Gamow Tower (\$350) with welcome and research talks by APS graduate student
9:40-10:00 a.m.	Session 1: Focus groups or individual meetings planetary sciences or theoretical astrophysics
10:10-11:00 a.m.	Free time
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Session 2: Focus groups or individual meetings NASA Lunar Sciences Institutes in Boulder
11:40a.m.-12:10 p.m.	Session 3: Focus groups or individual meetings planetary surfaces, interiors & astrobiology
12:15-12:30 p.m.	Transport to LSTB (bus in front of Gamow Tower)
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch (LSTB) (\$1,000)
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Tours of LSTB and CASA – ARL
2:50-3:20 p.m.	Session 4: Focus groups extragalactic and high energy astronomy, extrasolar planets and solar system formation.
3:30-4:00 p.m.	Session 5: Individual meetings
4:15-5:15 p.m.	Graduate student meeting – Reading Room
5:30 p.m.	Dinner out with faculty – meet outside APS office (\$3,000)
8:00 p.m.	SBO Friday night open house – Observing Deck

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Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences (ATOC)

ATOC provides airfare, shuttle to and from DIA/hotel, and hotel costs. Some meal costs are also provided (see visit schedule below).

If a student is unable to make the group visit due to scheduling conflicts, ATOC will cover the airfare, shuttle, and hotel costs at a different date. However, these visits typically include only one full day on campus (e.g. arrive Thursday p.m. visit department on Friday, depart on Saturday). During these visits the student is scheduled to meet with faculty individually, have lunch with a few current students, and attend a lecture or seminar if they are interested.

ATOC Grad Student Recruitment Visit

Wednesday

ARRIVAL: Visitors fly into DIA, take the SuperShuttle to the hotel, and check-in. No ATOC planned activities.

Thursday

During the morning hours, the ATOC faculty members provide a brief overview of the department and current areas of research. Applicants receive formal notification of the details pertaining to departmental financial assistance that will be provided to support their graduate studies (i.e. TA or RA support). Visitors are taken to lunch by a few current ATOC students. Visitors will meet with individual faculty members in the afternoon. In the evening, a dinner with all visitors, current faculty and students is held on campus.

Friday

The morning is spent touring LASP, NOAA and NCAR. Lunch is provided at NCAR. Visitors will meet with individual faculty members in the afternoon. A dinner with all visitors and current students is held at the home of some of the current students.

Saturday

Recruits go off on their own to explore Boulder, and/or participate in planned activities with ATOC graduate students (e.g. hikes, snow shoeing, skiing).

Sunday

DEPARTURE: Visitors check out of the hotel, take the SuperShuttle to DIA, and fly home.

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Leeds School of Business

The Business PhD program does not have a set schedule for prospective student visits. The timing for campus visits varies between five areas of study, but generally top applicants are invited to visit during March and April.

This year's budget is \$10k for travel expenses (hotel, airfare, etc.) and \$2,500 for meals.

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Center for Advanced Engineering & Technology Education (CAETE)

CATE would be glad to assist any department (such as Physics) to capture faculty presentations/seminars for prospective graduate students who might not be able to come to campus due to distance of financial issues. This is provided at no cost to the department. If interested contact Mario Vidalon (information listed below).

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Chemistry & Biochemistry

The Chemistry & Biochemistry funds lodging at the Millennium hotel for two nights, two students per room. Transportation is reimbursed up to \$450 which would include airfare. Any meals not covered by other events during recruiting weekend are included in the transportation reimbursement amount.

Scheduled meals include;

- recruiting banquet and poster session in the Stadium Club (buffet style dinner and poster sessions with the various labs)
- Friday lunch is provided for the Biochemistry and Analytical divisions which are usually boxed lunches, Physical Chemistry has boxed lunches or faculty & students can take visitors out to lunch
- Saturday breakfast is included with the hotel room
- Saturday lunch is with graduate students and professors
- Saturday night dinner, biochemistry has a dinner at a faculty member's home, other divisions have current graduate students take visitors out for dinner and reimburse the students up to a set amount per person.

Recruiting weekend schedule

Friday

Friday morning Analytical, Biochemistry, and Physical Chemistry students arrive. Analytical & Physical students have presentations until lunch and begin to meet with professors in the afternoon. Biochemistry students arrive for lunch and then have presentations in the afternoon. They may begin to meet with faculty that afternoon. Organic and Materials/Nanoscience students arrive in the afternoon and meet at 5:00 p.m. for a quick orientation. At 6:00 p.m. everyone meets for dinner at the Stadium Club.

Saturday

Saturday morning faculty members meet with the candidates. Saturday afternoon is free time and possible scheduled activities like a hike or Banjo Bill Bus Tour. Saturday evening some students leave and Biochemistry students have dinner at a faculty home.

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Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering (CEAE)

CEAE Visit Day – March 6, 2009

Location

The CEAE Visit Day is held in the Engineering Center – a map is provided to the applicants.

Events

Events on Visit Day include lab tours, meetings with faculty groups, interviews with individual faculty and college wide meeting with the Dean.

Schedule

9:00-11:00 a.m.	Meeting with faculty groups, lab tours and seminars
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Plenary session, overview of CEAE graduate program, and lunch with Q&A
1:00-3:30 p.m.	Individual meetings with faculty and current graduate students

Interviews with Faculty

Interviews with faculty can be scheduled in advance.

Lodging

The department highlights CU rates for the Best Western Boulder Inn and New West Inn which are \$69 and \$60/night. The department also suggests Boulder Outlook Hotel & Suites. CEAE offers about 15 to 25 students travel reimbursement for visit day as well as other days before and after that date. (students are offered \$100 to \$500 to cover their travel)

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Classics

The Classics department was allocated \$2k from the Graduate School and received an additional \$772.99 from the Center for Humanities and the Arts to pay for airfare of an A&S fellowship recipient. Their overall expenses ended up \$188.37 under budget. The department expected one further top applicant to come visit and had held money for her trip until the last minute she let the department know she would not be coming. By the time she let the department know of her decision, the formal recruiting season had ended and the funding could not be redirected.

The department actively recruited six top applicants with the allocation from the Graduate School. Four of the six applicants elected to attend CU for Graduate study. The money was used to contribute to travel expenses, meals with faculty, meals with current graduate students, and in one case towards a hotel for three nights. All other visiting applicants stayed with current students. Two of the students were in Boulder separately (one in early March, one in early April); four came at the same time for a high-intensity recruitment weekend I mid-March.

This year prospective students in Classics were awarded a Chancellor's Fellowship, an Arts & Sciences Fellowship, and a Devaney Fellowship. The Chancellor's Fellow and the Arts & Sciences Fellow were brought to Boulder to visit CU. The Chancellor's Fellow decided to attend CU. The Arts & Sciences Fellow never let the department know she was not coming to Boulder. Of the three other students who visited at the same time, two decided to attend CU. The last one decided to go to Seattle for personal reasons.

This year two PhD students were accepted into the program. Both elected to attend Boulder. The Devaney Fellow as in Italy and did not visit, but the other had dinner with faculty in the department who share his interest in Late Antiquity.

Graduate Recruitment Expense Breakdown:

<u>Funding</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
1	CHA Clark Airfare	772.99
2	Graduate School Recruitment Funds	2,000.00
	Total Funding:	<u>2,772.99</u>

Classics cont.

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Expense</u>
1	Reina Callier (Chancellor's)	
	Airfare (March 6-8)	247.00
	Lunch w/Hunt (03/07)	21.75
	Dinner w/grads (03/07)	62.70
2	Dana Clark (Arts & Sciences)	
	Airfare ((March 16-18)-Paid by CHA)	0.00
	Lunch w/Hunt, Laura, Dana, Mitch & Eric (03/07)	74.77
	Meal at Beth's with Laura, Eric, Dana, Mitch (03/16)	176.29
	Coffee w/visiting prospective grad students	8.67
	Meal w/grads & Laura, Eric, Dana, Mitch (03/17)	232.45
3	Laura Zientek	
	Airfare March 16-18)-we reimburse her	300.00
	Meal w/students & Dana (see above)	0.00
4	Eric hotel three nights (March 16-18)	177.00
5	Mitch Pentzer	
	Airfare (March 16-18)	321.00
6	Andrew Clay	
	Dinner with Faculty (April 6)	190.00
7	Hilary Lehman (will not be coming to visit)	
	 Total Expenses to Graduate School Recruitment Funds	 1,811.63
	Balance	188.37

Income

Grad School	3,000
Total:	3,000

Expenses

Travel: Teets	
Travel: Todd	420.19
Travel: Chaldekas	340.4
Travel: Moore	424.69
Travel: Boetsch	300
Travel: Morpew	358.2
Reception: Shapiro	500.35
Beth Recruitment Dinner	165.77
Lenski Recruitment Lunch	94.28
Collier Mileage & Parking	60.71
Grad Dinner	233.44
Beth Airport	
Lunch w/Morpew	34.20
Meals w/ Beth	58.00
Morton: Meals w/ Morpew	69.91
Hosting Reimbursements	
Total Expenses	<u>3060.14</u>

Classics cont.

Classics Recruitment Visit

	Sunday 15th March	Monday 16th March	Tuesday 17th March
9:00		John Gibert: Dianne Boetsch Lauri Reitzammer: Matt Chaldekas	Eckart Schütrumpf: Matt Chaldekas Diane Conlin: Nicolas Moore Alison Orlebeke: Sarah Teets
9:15		John Gibert: Matt Chaldekas Lauri Reitzammer: Dianne Boetsch	Eckart Schütrumpf: Dianne Boetsch Diane Conlin: Sarah Teets Alison Orlebeke: Matt Chaldekas
9:30		John Gibert: Chris Todd Lauri Reitzammer: Nicolas Moore Andy Cain: Sarah Teets	Greek and Roman Comedy, GUGG 206
9:45		John Gibert: Nicolas Moore Lauri Reitzammer: Chris Todd	
10:00		Greek and Roman Tragedy, CLRE 208	
10:15			
10:30			
10:45			
11:00		campus and library tour with Beth Dusinberre	Classical Greek Political Thought, KTCH 303
11:15			
11:30			
11:45			
12:00		lunch with Noel Lenski , Classics Department Chair	Euripides, HUMN 370
12:15			
12:30			
12:45			
1:00			
1:15			
1:30		Andy Cain: Dianne Boetsch Lauri Reitzammer: Sarah Teets Alison Orlebeke: Chris Todd	
1:45		Andy Cain: Matt Chaldekas Jackie Elliott: Dianne Boetsch Alison Orlebeke: Nicolas Moore	
2:00		Andy Cain: Nicolas Moore Jackie Elliott: Matt Chaldeka Alison Orlebeke: Dianne Boetsch	
2:15		Andy Cain: Chris Todd Jackie Elliott: Nicolas Moore	Eckart Schütrumpf: Nicolas Moore
2:30		Jackie Elliott: Chris Todd	Eckart Schütrumpf: Chris Todd

Classics cont.		Jackie Elliott: Sarah Teets	Eckart Schütrumpf: Sarah Teets
2:45			
3:00		Roman Relief Sculpture, HUMN 370	John Gibert: Sarah Teets
3:15			
3:30			Survey of Greek Literature, DUAN G1B25
3:45			
4:00		Latin Prose Composition, HUMN 186	
4:15			
4:30			
4:45			Alan Shapiro: "The Banqueting Hero", Van Duzee room, Norlin N424B
5:00	dinner at Beth	Alan Shapiro: "The Invention of Persia in Classical Athens," HUMN 150... followed by reception... followed by dinner with current students	
5:15	Dusinberre's		
5:30	house with grad		
5:45	student hosts and		
6:00	others		
7:00			
...			

Dianne Boetsch:

<staying with Courtney Tobin>

Sunday, March 15 2009

dinner at Beth Dusinberre's house
1180 Berea Drive
Boulder 80305
303 499 5142

Monday, March 16 2009

9:00-9:15 meet with John Gibert, HUMN 386
9:15-9:30 meet with Laurialan Reitzammer, HUMN 352
10:00-10:50 Greek and Roman Tragedy, CLRE 208
11:00-12:00 campus and library tour with Beth Dusinberre (meet at HUMN 340)
12:00-1:30 lunch with Noel Lenski, Classics Department Chair
1:30-1:45 meet with Andrew Cain, HUMN 392
1:45-2:00 meet with Jackie Elliott, WDBY 408
2:00-2:15 meet with Alison Orlebeke, WDBY 309
3:00-4:00 Roman Relief Sculpture, HUMN 370 (leave early)
4:00-5:00 Latin Prose Composition, HUMN 186
5:00-7:00 lecture by visiting scholar Alan Shapiro: "The Invention of Persia in Classical Athens," HUMN 150. this talk will be followed by a reception
7:00 or so go to dinner on Pearl Street with other visiting students and current grad students

Classics cont.

Tuesday, March 17 2009

9:15-9:30 meet with Eckart Schütrumpf, HUMN 360
9:30-10:30 Greek and Roman Comedy, GUGG 206 (leave early)
10:45-11:00 meet with Peter Knox, HUMN 394
11:00-12:15 Classical Greek Political Thought, KTCH 303
12:30-1:45 Euripides, HUMN 370
3:30-4:15 Survey of Greek Literature, DUAN G1B25 (leave early)
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Matthew Chaldekas

<staying with Dave and Rebecca Collier>

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Classics cont.

Nicolas Moore

<staying with Megan Gorman, Erin Pitt, and Emily Wilson>

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Sarah Teets

<staying at own home>

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Chris Todd

<staying with Megan Gorman, Erin Pitt, and Emily Wilson>

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Communication

Last year the Department of Communication held a Graduate Student Recruitment event the weekend of March 14, 2009. Meals were provided by the department for visiting students one of the two days. Students are invited to stay with department faculty and graduate students during their visit to Boulder. The Communications Department reimburses visiting students up to \$300 for his/her travel. The date for the 2010 Graduate Student Recruitment event is TBD.

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Computer Science

Last year the Graduate School provided \$9,500, the Computer Science Department provided \$2k, and the College of Engineering/Applied Math Dean's Office matched the Computer Science funds with another \$2k for recruiting. The total funds \$13,500 were used:

- Three nights hotel accommodation at the Boulderado (\$4,000)
- Airfare for 16 Ph.D. candidates (\$6,000) – booked through Boulder Travel
- Meals during the three day visit (\$4,000)
- CU Regalia from CU Bookstore (\$500)

An additional \$1k was used to round out the recruiting budget.

Open House Schedule – February 26, 2010

Thursday, February 25

6:30 p.m. Meet in the lobby of the Hotel Boulderado
7:00 p.m. Dinner at the Med with Graduate Committee Members

Friday, February 26

8:15 a.m. Meet in Boulderado Lobby, drive to CU (Student Reps organize this)
8:30-9:15 a.m. Welcome by Prof Mishra and Breakfast in ECOT 831
9:15-9:30 a.m. Department overview by Chair Cai Xiao-Chuan ECOT 831
Presentations – Session 1
9:45-10:15 a.m. Systems – Doug Sicker in Systems lab
10:20-10:50 a.m. Overview of PL-related research at CU-Amer Diwan/Evan Chang – Systems Lab
10:50-11:00 a.m. BREAK in Systems Lab – Beverage served in the lab
Presentations – Session 2
11:15-11:45 a.m. NA/CMS – Richard Byrd – Numerical Lab 121 & 123
11:55 a.m.-12:25 p.m. HCI, CSCW, SE, and crisis informatics presentation – “Crisis Informatics and Software Engineering research at CU” – Professors Kenneth Anderson and Leysia Palen. ConnectVIT lab and SERL lab. – ECCS 111
12:30-1:20 p.m. Lunch in ECOT 831/832
1:20-2:00 p.m. Walking tour of campus with Graduate Students
2:00-3:30 p.m. 1-on-1s meeting with faculty – ECOT 831 will be open and available for those who have completed the 1-on-1 meetings.
3:30-4:00 p.m. Q&A with Graduate Director Shiv Mishra & Graduate Adviser Nick Vocatura – ECOT 831/832
5:15 p.m. Return to the hotel – grad student reps organize this.
6:30 pm. Faculty Dinner at John Bennet's Home – graduate student volunteers will drive.

Computer science cont.

Saturday, February 27

8:00 a.m. Invitees are welcome to join Henry Tufo for breakfast. Meet Henry at 8:00 a.m. in the lobby of Boulderado. Students who do not want to join this breakfast are free to be on their own to suit preferences and schedules.

10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain National Park Expedition with Professor Henry Tufo. Lunch is included in this trip

Or

1:00 p.m. Walking Tour of Boulder with Professor Clayton Lewis. Meeting in the hotel lobby. Lunch is included in this trip.

6:45 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby

7:00-9:00 p.m. Student dinner at BJ Brew House

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Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EBIO)

Each year the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EBIO) requests graduate student recruitment funds from the UCB Graduate School, since there are no other funds in the department available for that purpose. With those funds, the department has been able to reimburse approximately 20 visiting prospective graduate students per year up to \$200 each for their travel expenses. The \$200 travel reimbursement grant is usually enough to cover all or part of the airfare, but it is not enough for meals and lodging in addition to the airfare. During their visits, invited applicants are typically provided lodging and meals in faculty member or graduate student homes. If the visitors do not stay with faculty or graduate students, it is recommended that they stay at the International Youth Hostel on the hill in order to help them keep their expenses down. EBIO no longer hosts a recruitment weekend due to insufficient funding. Applicants visit when it is most convenient for them, most visit during the period of December through March. We encourage applicants to try to be here for our weekly Friday colloquium, which gives them the opportunity to meet many of our faculty and graduate students at an intellectually stimulating, but informal event.

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For the past two years, Economics held recruiting events in March of each year after fall admissions decisions were made. On average, the department extended an invitation to visit to the top 14 applicants. On average, about ½ of those invited came. The official event took place either from Sunday night through Monday night or Thursday night through Friday night. The first night of the event, recruits met the departmental chair and several faculty members at a restaurant for dinner (with alcohol). The department paid for the dinner. The department made hotel reservations for recruits at a nearby hotel that offered a complimentary breakfast. The department paid for each recruit to stay one night at the hotel. The second day of the event, recruits met up with the graduate program coordinator for a Q&A session. This was followed by another Q&A session with a few current grad students. This was followed by lunch and a campus tour with more current graduate students. The department paid for lunch (no alcohol). In the afternoon, recruits were given the opportunity to attend an upper level elective course, followed by a field presentation session with faculty (chair, graduate director, undergraduate director and others). The field presentation was followed by a department reception for the recruits (with alcohol). The reception was attended by faculty, grad students and staff. After the reception, recruits were taken to dinner with the graduate director and other members of the department faculty (with alcohol). The department paid for the dinner.

The event was tagged to the weekend so that recruits had more travel time and could spend some time touring the campus and Boulder and, in some cases, spending some one-on-one time with graduate students already in the program. In addition to paying for a one night hotel stay and all meals during the event, the department offered each recruit up to \$500 reimbursable travel expense. Reimbursements included: additional hotel night(s) stay, airfare, mileage, transportation and food while traveling.

Recruits submitted travel vouchers to the graduate program coordinator to receive reimbursement for their travel. A purchase order was used for the hotel expense and a-cards for all other expenses.

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Environmental Studies

For the last three years the Environmental Studies Program has sponsored a Visit Weekend in early March to bring a group of admitted graduate students to campus. The financial offer to participants has been: partial airfare and transportation reimbursement, lodging with a currently enrolled student, and breakfast and dinner during the main visit stay.

Each year, a current graduate student has volunteered to be the student coordinator of the weekend to help design the weekend agenda, solicit volunteer hosts, and organize the optional Saturday hiking and skiing activities. The main visit day has included a campus tour, an introduction to the five main areas of concentration within the graduate program, student presentations, meetings with potential advisors and an afternoon outing to a nearby environmental institute or lab (NREL Wind Farm in 2008). Since the organization of the day has worked well in the past, the agenda in 2009 would remain essentially the same (see below “prospective student visit weekend”).

Feedback from participants has been very favorable: the percentage of participants who attended the Visit Weekend and then enrolled in the program was 69% in 2006, 57% in 2007, and 78% in 2008. Given the unique interdisciplinary nature of the Environmental Studies Program, an organized visit day offers a first-hand glimpse of the range of opportunities available to prospective students.

In spring 2009 the department planned again on offering prospective students a partial airfare reimbursement in addition to breakfast and dinner during the visit day. Recruitment allocation was \$4k for 2009. Twenty-three admitted graduate students were invited. The department offered to cover \$300 of airfare for those from outside Colorado. Seventeen students came to the weekend and of those 17, 11 (65%) enrolled in the Environmental Studies Graduate Program.

Prospective Student Visit Weekend (March 13-14, 2009)

Friday, March 13

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Campus and Boulder Orientation, RAMY 240
9:00-9:40 a.m.	Campus Tour
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Introduction to Environmental Studies, Samuel Fitch, Program Director, Sharon Collinge, Graduate Program Director, Secondary Core Faculty RAMY 240
11:00 a.m.-Noon	Student Presentations, RAMY 240
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own with current students, The Hill
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Meet with advisors, various locations
3:15 p.m.	INSTAAR tour and hike, meet in Benson Atrium
6:00 p.m.	Dinner, BJ’s Restaurant
8:00 p.m.	Pearl Street

During the evening plans will be finalized for optional activities on Saturday including hiking, skiing, celestial seasonings tour.

Environmental Studies cont.

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The Film Studies Department plans on 3 candidates coming to campus visits over a weekend when there are special events or activities to highlight the program. Film Studies funds hotel stay for 3 nights, airfare on an average of \$325/candidate, and an average of \$45.75/day meals. Some money is spent on brochures to send to schools, ads in magazines and some current grad and faculty travel to promote the program at other cognate schools. About \$1500 is spent on program promotion. Total spent is \$3697.

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The MA program in German is quite small, 2-5 students are admitted to the program per year. For the first time, in 2008, a prospective student was invited to campus. \$668 was spent on the visit (\$163 for meals with faculty and MA students, \$158 for hotel, and \$347 for airfare). That candidate accepted the offer. Last year a total of \$1137 was spent on another student visit (\$516 airfare, \$237 hotel, \$149 travel expenses, and \$235 on meals with faculty and MA students), and she also ended up accepting the department's offer. The department could say they've had a 100% success rate for their recruitment activities, but this is hard to compare to other programs because of the small numbers. The department will again consider inviting prospective graduate students in the spring, as this is an effective tool, but will do it on an ad hoc basis, once the applications are in (deadline February 1). In addition, the department spent an average of \$400 on printing and mailing of graduate posters, but thinking about discontinuing that practice as it might not be equally effective.

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The Department of Integrative Physiology has chosen to use the recruitment funds provided by the Graduate School to bring in outstanding applicants who wanted to get a better look at our program before making their decision. The department pays for transportation, hotel at the Millennium, and meals with faculty/graduate students for the stay of one to two nights. Last year the department spent \$2,763 on seven prospective students (approximately \$450 per prospective student--one student did not require airfare or hotel). Four of the seven students did enroll in the program. The department expects to use the same plan for the coming recruitment year, and project they will provide funds for five or six visitors.

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Linguistics

The Department of Linguistics accepts a few Ph.D. applicants each year. Those that are accepted are invited to visit the campus. There is no organized recruitment event but each applicant visits individually and according to a schedule that works for the applicant and the Department of Linguistics. An itinerary is prepared for his or her visit. The Department provides hotel, transportation, and airfare. There is usually a graduate student lunch and dinner with the faculty that is paid for by the Department.

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The Mechanical Engineering Department centers their recruiting visit around GEARS (Graduate Engineering Annual Research Symposium). GEARS is organized by graduate students in the Mechanical Engineering Department. The symposium provides a platform for discussion of new research among members of the Mechanical Engineering Department and Industry. The current students who attended GEARS last year have commented that their attendance at the symposium last year was instrumental in their decision to attend CU.

The visit begins with a small meet and greet welcome at the hotel. The symposium begins at 8 AM the next morning. Prospective students are encouraged to attend the sessions which are of most interest to them and to take some time to explore the campus. Current graduate students are available to answer questions and/or provide campus tours. In addition, this year we will involve local IAC (Industry Advisory Council) companies in the symposium. The representatives from these companies will interact with prospective students by explaining the research being conducted at their company, as well as providing information on any internships or employment opportunities that are available with their company. Breakfast and lunch are provided as part of the symposium. The symposium culminates with a banquet at Center Plate in Folsom stadium.

The following day begins with a van picking up the prospective students at their hotel and taking them for breakfast at Chautauqua Dining Hall. After breakfast the students take a hike with faculty and current students. Many fall 2008 and fall 2009 recruits have commented that this was one of the highlights of their visit and helped seal their decision to attend CU.

After the hike the van drops the students back off at the engineering center. The graduate chair, department chair and graduate coordinator give a brief presentation of the program and are available to answer any questions the prospective students might have. After the orientation lunch is provided and prospects mingle with current students and faculty. During the rest of the afternoon prospective students have appointments to meet with faculty in which they have shown an interest. Lab tours are also conducted during this time.

The afternoon culminates with the department's weekly Friday Ice Cream Social. A faculty member gives a scientific minute while students and faculty enjoy an ice sundae of their making. After this the current graduate students take the prospects over to the UMC for pizza and bowling. Faculty is also encouraged to join. After bowling and pizza students are free to socialize as they wish. Most students will depart the following day. If they stay longer they are required to pay any additional hotel fees. The department will cover up to 3 nights (Wed, Thurs, and Fri).

The results of the last two years recruiting efforts are impressive. In 2008 25 students visited, of those 9 enrolled the following fall with one student having to defer until next fall. That is a 36% enrollment rate from those who were recruited during the visit. In 2009 21 students visited, of these 11 enrolled and one deferred until next fall. This is a 53% enrollment rate from those who attended the visit.

Mechanical Engineering cont.

The fall 2008 recruitment visit cost approx \$17,650, up to \$350 was allowed for airfare.

The fall 2009 recruitment visit cost approx \$13,300. Airfare was paid for 4 visitors who otherwise would not have been able to attend. Total cost was dropped significantly which helped. There was less outside funding for the GEARS symposium portion. Of the 4 students who the department paid airfare, 2 matriculated this fall. 21 attended the visit, only 4 less than the year before when the department spent almost \$8000 on airfare.

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Philosophy has 230+ applicants for 5-7 slots each year. The department does not admit more than there are spaces available so traditionally the recruitment money pays for airfare to bring students who have been admitted to visit. The yield is typically at least 50%. Philosophy often has to wait until mid-April to start getting acceptances and rejections, and to move down the wait list.

For recruitment visits, Philosophy typically has five students come out individually, on their own schedule. Candidates stay with current graduate students and transportation/airfare typically runs up to \$350. Each candidate is given a per diem, often having faculty members taking them out to lunch and picking up the tab.

DGS or Associate Chair of Admissions arranges the details of the visit.

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Political Science holds a recruitment weekend the last weekend in February, this year February 25th and 26th. Political Science arranges airfare and SuperShuttle service and lodging for the candidates.

Recruitment Weekend Draft Schedule

Thursday

Graduate Student Happy Hour (no faculty)

Friday

9:00-10:00 a.m. Breakfast

10:00-11:45 a.m. Faculty members to give a few conference style (10 minutes each, no discussant) presentations on their work.

Noon-1:45 p.m. Members from each field will take students in those fields to lunch – separately

2:00-4:00 p.m. Students have the opportunity to make appointments with faculty.

4:30 p.m. Faculty grad student reception

Saturday

Students on their own; spend time in Boulder or travel back to the airport on the SuperShuttle. If a student would like to stay longer in Boulder the student needs to pay for that.

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