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Welcome to a New Academic Year!

Dear Earth Science Graduate Students,



Welcome to the first issue of our weekly graduate newsletter for the new academic year! To those just joining us, we're happy to welcome you to our community. To our returning students, welcome back! I hope you had a chance to recharge over the summer, whether that meant traveling, focusing on research, or taking a break.

This newsletter will be your source for department news, upcoming events, deadlines, and opportunities of interest. We'll share job openings, scholarships, and other announcements that won't be distributed elsewhere, so be sure to give it a quick read each week. I hope this newsletter helps you stay connected and informed throughout the year (feedback is welcome!).

I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to connect with others in the department. Our weekly coffee hour every Monday is a great way to catch up with fellow students, faculty, and staff over coffee and other refreshments. On Wednesdays, our colloquium series brings in a broad array of speakers, and graduate students often accompany the speaker to lunch afterwards (check with the colloquium student reps, Israel Carrillo and Evan Hoeft, to reserve your lunch spot). The Earth Sciences Library also hosts events and workshops throughout the semester, and we'll share that information here.

We're glad you're here and look forward to the year ahead.

*Anne Sheehan
Chair, Department of Earth Science*

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Important Upcoming Deadlines

Registrar & Bursar deadlines

Friday 8/28 is the **last** day to add a class and waitlists close. **Friday 9/4** is the **last** day to drop a class without a W or negative consequences. View the link below for more information and contact your advisor and/or Kara with questions.

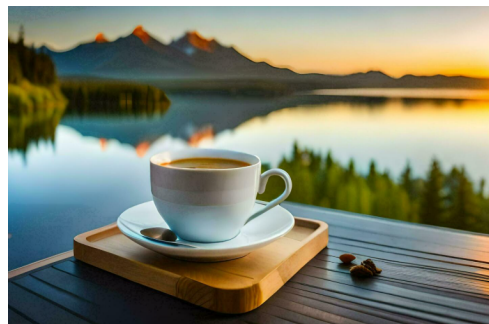
[More Information Here](#)



Department Social Events

Monday Coffee Social is Back!

Coffee Social is back! Join us on **Monday mornings** at **10:30 am - 11:30 am** for coffee, tea, donuts, and other snacks! Located outside Benson by the globes or in 380. Come drop by, say hi and start your week off right!



Colloquium and Happenings



Geological Sciences Colloquium

Fall 2025 Colloquium will resume on **Wednesday, September 2nd** with Pedro Monarrez from Virginia Tech. Located in Benson Science Building **room 380** from **12:20pm - 1:20pm**. Drinks and refreshments will be provided before the talk.

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)

Scholarships and Stipends

Fall 2026 Earth Science Personal Field Gear Micro-Grant

We are accepting applications for microgrants for personal field equipment. The awards are meant to cover personal field equipment (such as hiking boots, winter coat, etc.) necessary for you to participate in field courses in Fall 2026, up to \$300. To be eligible you must:

1. Be a major in the Earth Science or Geophysics program and;
2. Be enrolled in at least one field course in Fall 2026

To apply, please complete the online form: **Fall 2026 Earth Science Personal Field Gear Micro-Grant Application – Fill out form**

Please submit your application by **11:59pm on Friday, September 4**. If you have any questions, please contact Ali at earthsciadmin@colorado.edu.

[Apply Here!](#)



Fall 2026 Earth Science Student Fall Travel Award

The department is currently accepting applications for travel funds for Fall and Winter 2026 conference travel (September 2026-December 2026). To be eligible for this award, you must be presenting a first-author publication, and you did not previously receive a Travel Award in Spring 2026. Please have a copy of your abstract submission ready to be uploaded before you begin the application.



Apply online: **Fall 2026 Earth Science Student Fall Travel Award – Fill out form**

Please submit your application no later than **11:59pm on Friday, September 4th** for consideration. We will be awarding funds in the third week of September. If you have any questions, please contact Ali at earthsciadmin@colorado.edu.

[Apply Here!](#)

Boulder Black Blossoms Program

Application Deadline: September 1st, 2026

Boulder Black Blossoms is a program designed to examine and support the lived experiences and achievements of Black women. The program is open to all CU Boulder graduate students in STEM or Education fields, and all individuals are welcome to participate.

Participants who complete the program receive a \$1,000 stipend.

Apply by September 1st: [Complete the Program Application](#)

Learn more: [Boulder Black Blossoms Program Information](#)

For programming or accessibility questions, contact Dr. Christina Alston at:

Christina.Alston@colorado.edu.

Fall 2026 Graduate Seminars

Grad+ Fundamentals: Motivation, Strategies and Tactics for Success

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Mondays starting Sept. 14 | **11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**
You can attend via Zoom.

Build skills for success in graduate school through interactive workshops and practical strategies focused on productivity, motivation, time management, procrastination, and confidence. Recommended starting point for the Grad+ series.

[Register here](#)

Grad+ Special Topics: Identity Cultivation and Application for Confidence

Tuesdays starting Sept. 15 | 10–11:15 a.m. | Zoom

Explore how identity, values, and experiences can strengthen confidence, resilience, and motivation. Develop practical, research-backed strategies to support personal and scholarly growth. One year of Grad+ Fundamentals is recommended.

[Register here](#)

Grad+ Mastery: Purpose for Resilience

Mondays starting Sept. 14 | 10–11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Explore how to actively build purpose through your experiences and actions while developing strategies to align your time, behaviors, and goals with what matters most. Completion of Grad+ Fundamentals and Special Topics is required.

[Register here](#)



Graduate Research Funding

Grad+ Seminar Series starts in September - Sign up now!

The Grad+ Seminar Series is one of our most popular offerings, so sign up now to get involved! Open to all graduate students. Take a look at some of the offerings below! Click the link to register and learn more! All seminars are held through Zoom starting September 8th!



- Grad+ Seminar Series: Fundamentals for Academic Success or Advanced Learning Lab
- Grad+ Seminar Series – Mastery: Self Determination for Performance

[Learn More - Fundamentals for Academic Success/Advanced Learning Lab](#)

[Learn More - Self Determination for Performance](#)

Graduate Student Research Grants

Applications open **September 14th, 2026** and close **November 6th, 2026**. Graduate students can apply for funding to support eligible research projects. See the Graduate School's website for eligibility, funded project types, award criteria, and application instructions.



[Learn More!](#)

Department News and Features



[Information on CU Book Access](#)

CU Book Access ensures that students have all their required course materials – by day one – at a more affordable price. Here are 2 things to know:

- The program charge will appear on student tuition and fee bills. Students may opt-out of CU Book Access via the textbook portal in Canvas through the course drop deadline each semester for a full refund. The fall drop deadline is **September 4th, 2026**.
- Digital materials will be available for students via the “My Course Materials” link in Canvas. Students enrolled in courses requiring print materials will receive a separate email when those materials are ready for pick-up at the CU Book Store.

More Question? Look Here!

Miss a Newsletter?

Check out past newsletters at **this link!**

Just So You Know...

The graduate newsletter will be sent out each Thursday, so check back weekly for news, job and funding opportunities, and messages from your faculty. If you have something you would like to share in a future edition of the newsletter, please email **geoloffice@colorado.edu**.



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