

Kevin Mahan



As Associate Chair, I oversee the Earth Science graduate education program and chair the department's Graduate Curriculum Committee. I work closely with the department's Graduate Program Administrator (Rebecca), and along with the rest of the Earth Science faculty and staff, we are striving to make the process of getting your degree as smooth and transparent as possible while maintaining the high standards of a CU Boulder advanced degree. I support you and I want you to enjoy being here as much I have, since I first came to CU in 2007. So, keep working hard! You can find me most days in the Benson building, or you can send an email to arrange a meeting. Feel free to drop me a line or pass on thoughts for how to improve our graduate program to your graduate reps on our departmental committees and our faculty meetings.

Meet with Kevin!

Important Upcoming Deadlines

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- **Friday, September 4th:** Last day to drop a full-semester class without a W notation. [Add & Drop Calendar](#)
- **Saturday, September 5th:** Tuition and fees payment deadline. [Bursar's Dates & Deadlines](#)
- **Thursday, October 1st:** Last day for graduate students to submit or cancel a Fall 2026 graduation application. [Graduation Application Information](#)



More Information Here!

Colloquium and Happenings



Geological Sciences Colloquium: Dr. Carolyn Crow

Topic: Embrace the Messiness: Dating Impact Craters Using Ejecta

Join us on **9/9/26** in Benson Earth Sciences 380 for our weekly colloquium! Snacks and drinks will be available starting at 12:00pm, with the talk held from **12:20–1:20pm**. Dr. Carolyn Crow is from the University of Colorado Department of Earth Science.

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)

Career Opportunities

AEG Landslides Super School

The Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG) is hosting the Landslides Super School November 3–5th, 2026, at the Denver Marriott West in Golden, CO. The three-day workshop includes classroom instruction and a field day focused on landslide identification, characterization, investigation, and mitigation. Student registration is \$50. Hotel rooms are available for \$169/night. Space is limited to 85 participants.



Learn more and register: [AEG Landslides Super School Registration](#)

[View Here!](#)

Front Range Industry & Postdoc Summit & Core Facility Open House



The Front Range Industry and Postdoc Summit (FRIPS) and CU Boulder Core Facility Open House will take place **Wednesday, October 14th, from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.** at **SEEC C120**. This free event offers graduate students and early-career researchers' opportunities for professional development, networking, and connecting with local industry. Lunch will be provided. Registration is now open.

[Register Here!](#)

[Learn More!](#)

Funding & Fellowship

WHOI Postdoctoral Scholarships

(WHOI) is accepting applications for 18-month Postdoctoral Scholarships for recent PhD graduates in fields including oceanography, geology, geophysics, chemistry, engineering, biology, physics, and related disciplines. Special 2027 scholarships will also support research in Marine Policy and Ocean Carbon Cycling.



[Learn More & Apply!](#)

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Workshop

Registration is open for a **Sept. 10th** workshop designed to help eligible graduate students prepare applications for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP). The GRFP recognizes outstanding graduate students in STEM fields and provides three years of financial support, including an annual \$37,000 stipend, along with professional development and research opportunities.



CU Boulder consistently ranks among the top 15 universities for the number of GRFPs awarded to students, and this annual workshop contributes to that success. The workshop will be held **Sept. 10th** from **1–2:30 p.m. via Zoom** and will feature faculty who have served as NSF GRFP proposal reviewers, writing instructors, and recent GRFP recipients. Registration is required, even if you cannot attend live, as the session will be recorded and made

available to registered participants afterward.

[Register for the workshop](#)

More information about the GRFP, including discipline-specific application deadlines, is available on the:

[NSF GRFP website](#)

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 **Today, 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!](#)

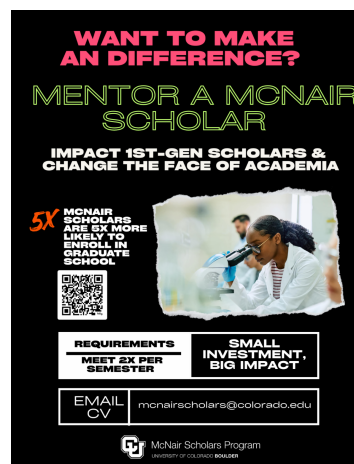
Opportunities Outside the Department

McNair Scholars Program: Graduate Student Mentors

The CU Boulder McNair Scholars Program is seeking graduate students to mentor high-achieving, first-generation and low-income undergraduates preparing for PhD and research doctoral programs. Mentors commit to two meetings per semester for one academic year and will be matched with students based on academic discipline and shared interests. An orientation will be held via Zoom on September 11th, 2026.

To apply: Email your CV to mcnairscholars@colorado.edu.

For questions, contact Jessica Holman at jessica.holman@colorado.edu.



CTL Fall Mini-Conference

The Center for Teaching & Learning will host its Fall Mini-Conference, "Tuning Up Your Classroom for the Stretch Run," on **September 15th from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at CASE E390**. Sessions will cover lesson planning, backwards design, teaching strategies, and creating connection in labs and recitations.

[Learn More!](#)

CTL Semesterly Site Visit

Graduate students and postdocs interested in exploring academic career paths are invited to participate in the CTL's Semesterly Site Visit to MSU Denver. Participants will connect with faculty, tour campus and departments, and learn about different institutional and teaching environments. Applications are due September 25th, with space limited to 12 participants.



Interested in applying?

Email your cv to: preston.cumming@colorado.edu

[Learn more!](#)

Fall Teaching, Learning & Technology Conference



The CTL and OIT will host the Fall Teaching, Learning & Technology Conference on **October 15th from 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m. at CASE** or via Zoom. This year's conference focuses on strategies for engaging and supporting students in large lecture courses. *Register by October 1st to receive lunch.*

[Click here to learn more!](#)

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