

Meet your Undergraduate Program Admin, Brett Bertok

Hello!

My name is Brett. I'm the Undergraduate Program Administrator (UPA) for the Department of Earth Sciences. I support the department by helping to coordinate things like course schedules, transportation logistics, and hiring student employees. I also help out with events like our weekly coffee social - be sure to say hi next time you stop by!

I work in the front office (Benson 285) and encourage you stop by with any questions or concerns (or just to grab some candy). I can assist you with adding and dropping classes, reserving classrooms and conference rooms, and am always happy to share whatever resources I can.
Good luck with the rest of the fall semester! And GO BUFFS! 😊



Department Social Events

Coffee Social

Coffee Social will be held on Monday, September 22nd, from 10:30am to 11:30am at Benson's South Entrance. Stop by weekly for a cup of coffee and a chat!





Geology Club Events

The Geology Club is hosting a **rock swap on Wednesday, September 23**. Bring items from your personal collection to trade with other students at the rock swap!

Club **office hours** are held **Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00–5:30 PM**. Look for new posters around Benson with QR codes to connect with the club.

Colloquium & Happenings

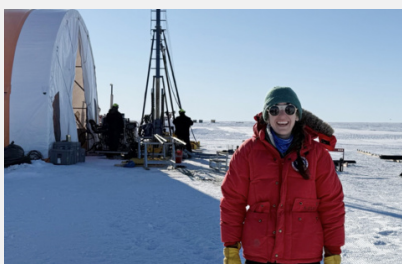


Earth Sciences Colloquium: Dr. Oscar Kamps

Topic: Mineral mapping using orbital hyperspectral data from Earth and Mars

Come join us on **9/22/26** in room 380 for our weekly colloquium! As always, snacks and drinks will be available starting at 12:00pm, and the talk will be held from 12:20 - 1:20pm.

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)



Earth Sciences Colloquium: Dr. Ryan Venturelli

Topic: Holocene Retreat and Re-Advance: Untangling Past [In]Stabilities of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet

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University Events

Reminder for Abroad!

Thinking about going abroad? A reminder that some program applications are due



October 1st. If you're planning to apply, now is the time to finish your materials!

Need help? Stop by Education Abroad drop-in advising hours or connect with an advisor to make sure your application is on track. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Access, Innovation & Disability Symposium

The fourth annual **Access, Innovation & Disability Symposium** will take place **Sept. 28–Oct. 1**, with registration now open for all sessions. This year's symposium will also feature a Resource Fair on Monday, **Sept. 28 from 12:30–2:30 p.m. at the UMC South Terrace Tent**. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend and explore resources focused on access, inclusion, innovation, and disability.



Office for Access & Community Engagement
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Save the date for our fourth annual

CU Boulder Access, Innovation & Disability Symposium

Sept. 28 - Oct. 1

The support for the CU Boulder Access, Innovation & Disability Symposium comes from the College of Arts and Sciences Office for Access & Community Engagement and the Impact Grant.



ARTS & SCIENCES



[Register Here!](#)

Funding and Fellowships

AAUW Fellowships

AAUW offers fellowships and grants supporting women pursuing graduate and postgraduate education.

Deadline to apply is: September 30th

[Learn more and view eligibility requirements..](#)





NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

The NSF GRFP provides 3 years of support at \$37,000 per year, including tuition and fees. Applications are open to undergraduates, gap-year students, and first-year graduate students.

All reference letters are due **October 16th**, 2026 by 8:00PM Eastern Time

Whole Application Deadline: October 23rd

[Learn more](#)

DoW SMART Scholarship

The SMART Scholarship provides funding opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing STEM degrees. Applicants must be citizens of the U.S., Australia, Canada, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom.

Deadline: 5 p.m. ET on the first Friday in December

[Learn more](#)



DoW NDSEG Fellowship



The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship supports graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in science and engineering fields.

Deadline: October 30th

[Learn more](#)



P.D. Soros Fellowships for New Americans

The P.D. Soros Fellowship supports immigrants and children of immigrants pursuing graduate education in the United States.

Deadline: October 29th at 2 p.m. ET

[Learn more](#)



Hertz Fellowship Applications Now Open!

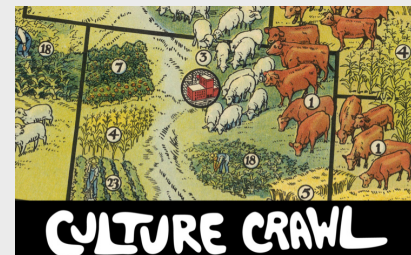
The Hertz Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2026 Hertz Fellowship through **October 31, 2026**. This prestigious fellowship supports the nation's most promising doctoral students in applied science, engineering, and mathematics, offering up to five years of funding, unmatched flexibility, and a lifelong professional network.

Map Library Events & Exhibitions

Culture Crawl - Sept. 30th

Food Tasting: Celebrating 150 Years of Colorado's Agricultural Traditions | 1–3 PM
Explore Colorado's agricultural heritage through food tastings, maps, and conversations with educators and industry representatives. Samples include Pueblo chiles, goat cheese, apple products, beef jerky, non-alcoholic beer, and more. Lower level of the Earth Sciences & Map Library. [Learn more](#)

Creature Crawl | 2–4 PM
Join NEST Studio for the Arts, the Earth Sciences & Map Library, and the Butterfly Pavilion to learn about and interact with local and ambassador insects. Touching the insects is optional! Upper level of the library. [Learn more](#)



Grounded Relations & Repair - New Exhibition - Oct. 30th



A new exhibition exploring the cartographic history of the lands where CU Boulder resides will open October 30. Featuring maps and stories from Native artists and intellectuals, the exhibition recognizes the ongoing presence of Native nations and explores histories and relationships between Native nations, Colorado, and the university. More information will be available soon about this collaboration between Dr. Isaac Rivera and the Map Library.

Halloween Monster Map Scavenger Hunt

Oct. 30th, 9 AM–5 PM

Celebrate Halloween with the annual Monster Map Scavenger Hunt! Search the library for maps featuring UFOs, mythical creatures, zombies, and more while collecting candy along the way. Lower level of the Earth Sciences & Map Library.



BioBlitz! iNaturalist Workshop

Learn how to use iNaturalist to document biodiversity on the CU Boulder campus, then join a hands-on BioBlitz to identify and record local species. **September 22, 2–4 PM** in the Earth Sciences & Map Library and outside Benson Earth Sciences. Free, with snacks and drinks provided. **Registration required for the 2–2:30 PM training.**

[Register & Learn More Here!](#)

Something Missing From the Newsletter?

Have an announcement, event, opportunity, publication, or other news you'd like to share with the graduate community? Submit it for consideration in an upcoming newsletter! Please use the Newsletter Submission Google Form to send us your information.

Be sure to submit your announcement by **5 p.m. Tuesday** to be considered for that week's newsletter.



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Outside the Classroom



Be sure to follow our Instagram page @cu_boulder_geology for updates including upcoming events, department news, and photos from our students!

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Just so you know...

The undergrad newsletter will be sent out each Friday afternoon, so check back weekly for news, job and funding opportunities, and messages from the department. If you have something you would like to share in a future edition of the newsletter, please email earthscience@colorado.edu.



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