

Meet Amairany Casillas-Alcala, an Undergraduate Advisor

This summer I had the privilege of joining the amazing Earth Science Advising team. I will soon be celebrating my seventh year as an academic advisor at CU, in which I previously worked with only first-year students. I am excited to now be able to work with you all, not only in the first year but through graduation. As a CU alumna, I cannot wait to see everything that you will accomplish and learn during your time here.

My advising appointments and drop-in availability are posted on **Buff Portal Advising**. Do not hesitate to meet with me or reach out via email with any questions.

I look forward to getting to know you all and assisting you in your academic journey. Sko Buffs!



Last Chance to Apply for Honors Thesis



Students interested in graduating with **Latin honors through the Arts and Sciences Honors Program** should submit their Honors Thesis registration by the deadline. Learn more and apply through the [Arts and Sciences Honors Program](#)

Deadline: September 28th at 11:59pm

[Apply Now!](#)

Department Social Events

Coffee Social

Coffee Social will be held on Monday, September 28th, 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

Interested in joining the Geology Club camping trip the **first weekend of October**? Keep an eye on your email and Discord for the sign-up form, which will be released soon. **The form will only be open for a limited time**, so be sure to sign up quickly if you'd like to attend!

Colloquium & Happenings



Earth Sciences Colloquium: Dr. Emmy Hughes

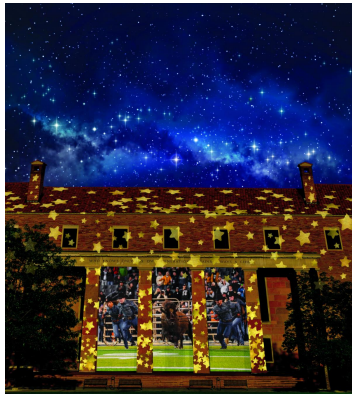
Topic: Geochemistry of the Layered Sulfate-Bearing Unit of Gale Crater, Mars and Implications for Fluid History

Join us on **9/30/26** in room 380 to hear how Arctic lake dynamics shape methane emissions in a warming climate. Snacks and drinks at 12:00pm; talk from 12:20 – 1:20pm.

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)

University Events

Shine on Norlin



Join us for **Shine on Norlin on Thursday, October 1st!** Earth Science will have a table from **4–6:30 p.m.**, so stop by to connect with the department, enjoy **free Sweet Cow ice cream and Pasta Jay's**, and take part in the event.

[Register Here!](#)

CU Museum Events

Looking for something to do on campus? The CU Museum of Natural History offers a variety of programming throughout the semester, including:

- Museum After Hours: Monthly drop-in events for CU Boulder students featuring snacks, games, crafts, books, films, and more.
- Wellness Wednesdays: 8 AM Yoga: A 45-minute, all-levels session designed to help you start your day feeling energized and grounded.
- Wellness Wednesdays: Museum Muse: A fun, meditative session featuring inspiring pieces from the museum's collections and curiosity-focused observation.
- Walking with Death through the Journey of Life: A four-part series exploring how developing a relationship with d/Death can help us consider what it means to live fully and connect with ourselves and the natural world.



Explore upcoming events: [CU Museum Calendar](#)

CU Boulder Earth to Space Career & Internship Fair

Explore career and internship opportunities at the **Fall 2026 Earth to Space: Science and Exploration Career & Internship Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 14.** Meet with 16 employers and learn about available positions. Register in advance to view participating employers and job opportunities.



[Register Here!](#)

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



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Student Opportunities

Undergraduate Volunteer Opportunity: Research & Career Networking Symposium



The Department of Earth Science is looking for **1–2 undergraduate students** to join the planning committee for the **Earth Science Research and Career Networking Symposium** on **November 7, 2026**. The event will feature a poster session, career speed networking with geoscience professionals from across the Front Range, and food.

Interested students should contact **Anne Sheehan** or **Suzanne Anderson**.

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.](#)

Student Pathways Scholarship

Students with disabilities pursuing studies in the geosciences are encouraged to apply for the IAGD Student Pathways Scholarship.

This one-time award provides **\$500-\$1,000** to help support academic, professional, and living expenses that contribute to student success. Both full-time and part-time students are eligible, and there is **no minimum GPA requirement**.

Applications are due **October 1** (Fall) and **March 1** (Spring).

[Apply Here!](#)





AIPG Colorado Section Geoscience Scholarships

The American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) Colorado Section is offering **two \$2,000 scholarships** for geoscience students enrolled at Colorado higher education institutions. One scholarship is available to undergraduate students and one to graduate students. **Applications are due October 10, 2026.**

[Learn more and Apply!](#)

Ocean Exploration Trust 2027 Opportunities

The Ocean Exploration Trust is accepting applications for **paid at-sea internships** and science communication fellowships aboard E/V Nautilus. Opportunities include ocean science, ROV engineering, seafloor mapping, hydrography, and video systems engineering. **Apply by Oct. 15, 2026.**



[Apply here](#)



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](#)



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!

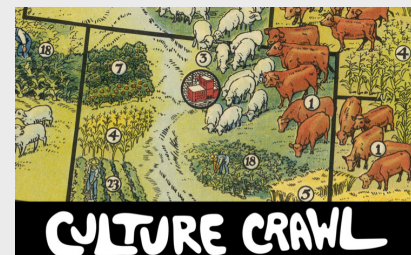
The Hertz Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2026 Hertz Fellowship through **October 31, 2026**. This prestigious fellowship supports the nation's most promising doctoral students in applied science, engineering, and mathematics, offering up to five years of funding, unmatched flexibility,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



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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



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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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