

Around Earth Science



Lots to catch up on this week! Browse this week's newsletter for upcoming events, research and career opportunities, important deadlines, and announcements from Earth Science and across CU Boulder. Be sure to check each section for anything that may be relevant to you.

Important Upcoming Deadlines

Looking Ahead

- **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



Earth Sciences Colloquium: Emmy Hughes

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

Come join us on **9/30/26** 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](#)

Coffee Social

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!



Shine on Norlin

Join the CU community for Shine on Norlin on **Thursday, Oct. 1st!** Our department will have a table from **4–6:30 p.m.**, and everyone is welcome to stop by. Enjoy free Sweet Cow ice cream and Pasta Jay's food while connecting with the campus community.

[Register Here!](#)

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.

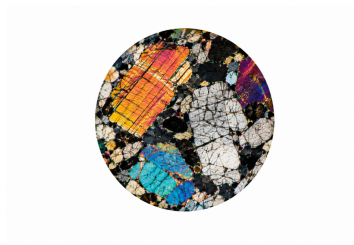
[Register Here!](#)

[Learn More!](#)

Assistant Professor in Geology & Geophysics - Texas A&M

Texas A&M University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position beginning August 2027. The position focuses on chemical processes governing the evolution of Earth and planetary bodies, including geochemistry, petrology, planetary differentiation, and critical mineral resources. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Geology, Geophysics, or a related field by the time of appointment.

Application review begins **October 1st, 2026**.



[Apply Here!](#)

Postdoctoral Researcher — Uranium Chemistry & Nuclear Forensics



Oak Ridge National Laboratory is seeking a postdoctoral researcher in uranium chemistry and nuclear forensics. The position is well suited for candidates with mineralogy skills, despite the position title. The postdoc will be supervised by Tyler Louise Spano, PhD.

[Learn More!](#)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow — University of Bergen

The University of Bergen is seeking a fully funded Postdoctoral Research Fellow for a 3-year position studying the long-term interactions between tectonic deformation and glacial erosion in mountain belts, with a focus on the Southern Andes. The project will use coupled geodynamic and glacial erosion models as part of the interdisciplinary ICICLE project.



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[Learn More & Apply](#)

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Information Session

Curious about 3MT? Join Hailey Herman, Assistant Director of Professional Development, for a virtual information session on **Oct. 1 from 12–1 p.m.** to learn about CU Boulder's Three Minute Thesis Training & Competition, including the training process, competition format and benefits of participating.



3MT helps doctoral students strengthen research communication, public speaking and presentation skills while competing for cash prizes. The session is open to students who are considering participating, with no commitment required.

Eligibility: **CU Boulder doctoral students** who will be admitted to candidacy by **Jan. 1st, 2027**, and will be enrolled in **Spring 2027** and **graduating May 2027 or later**.

[Learn More \(Here\):](#)

RSVP for the 3MT Information Session

Registration for the 2026–2027 3MT Training & Competition will open soon.

Environmental Field Monitoring Position at Rocky Flats



A recent Earth Science alumnus shared an immediate opening for an entry-level Environmental Field Monitoring position at Rocky Flats, located just south of Boulder. The position is ideal for recent graduates who are interested in environmental field work and are able to learn quickly and work independently.

Students who have completed GEOL 3330 (Intro Field) and advanced field courses such as Hydrogeology Field, Geomorphology Field, Field Geophysics, or Environmental Field Geochemistry may be especially well qualified.

Application deadline (TODAY): Sept. 25th

View the position and apply here: [Environmental Field Monitoring Position](#)

Career Services Events for Graduate Students

CU Boulder Career Services is hosting several upcoming events to help graduate students prepare for careers in industry, nonprofits, and other fields. Graduate students can view event details and participating employers through the Career Services calendar and Handshake.



- Industry & Nonprofits Job Search Seminar Series: **Aug. 27–Oct. 29th**
- Prepare for the Career Fairs: **Oct. 5th**, including a career closet with professional attire for career fairs and interviews
- CEAE Career & Internship Fair: **Sept. 30th**
- Technology, Innovation & Information Career & Internship Fair: **Oct. 13th**
- Earth to Space: Science & Exploration Career & Internship Fair: **Oct. 14th**
- Roam Anywhere All Industries Career & Internship Fair: **Oct. 15th**
- Physics & Quantum Career & Internship Fair: **Oct. 20th**

[View the Career Services Calendar](#)

Career Opportunity

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Petrology & Geochemistry

Lakehead University is hiring a tenure-track Assistant Professor with research interests in petrology and geochemistry. The position emphasizes field-based research complemented by quantitative analysis, laboratory experiments, and/or computational modeling, with preference for expertise complementing strengths in critical metal systems and Precambrian geology.



[View the job posting](#)

Funding & Fellowship

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 Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) provides 3 years of support at \$37,000 per year, including tuition and fees, for eligible undergraduates, gap-year students, and first-year graduate students.

The NSF is hosting webinars and office hours this month covering eligibility, the application process, tips for preparing a strong application, and information about becoming a GRFP reviewer. Reference letters are due October 16th, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. ET, and the full application is due **October 23rd, 2026**.

[View the GRFP Information Sessions & Register | Learn More & Find Applicant Resources](#)

DoD 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](#)



DoD 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](#)

Hertz Fellowship

The Hertz Fellowship supports graduate students pursuing research in applied physical, biological, and engineering sciences.



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](#)

DOE Office of Science Graduate Research Program (SCGSR)

The SCGSR program supports PhD candidates who have completed qualifying exams in conducting part of their thesis research at a DOE national laboratory.



Deadline: November 4th, 2026

[Learn more.](#)

Fellowship Resources

Looking for more funding opportunities?



[Pathways to Science](#) provides fellowship listings, while the [CU Boulder Graduate School National Fellowship Opportunities page](#) and [Awards & Grants page](#) feature external and internal funding opportunities.

[Learn More](#)

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!](#)



Amelia Earhart Fellowship



The Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship supports women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. The **\$12,000 fellowship** may be relevant to students in fields such as geological sciences, astrobiology, remote sensing, planetary science, and geodesy whose research is applied to space sciences. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a doctoral program and have completed at least one year of study or hold a master's degree in an aerospace-applied field. **Applications are due November 15th, 2026!**

[Learn More & Apply!](#)

Research Funding & Deadlines

Brain Research Foundation Seed Grant



September 28th at 11:59 p.m. MT

CU Boulder's internal limited-submission competition for the Brain Research Foundation Seed Grant closes September 28. Eligible researchers must apply through RIO's internal competition before the sponsor's November 3 letter-of-intent deadline.

[View the limited-submission opportunity](#)

RIO Research & Innovation Seed Grants

Information session: September 30th | Proposal Deadline: October 12th

RIO Research & Innovation Seed Grants provide up to \$60,000 to support preliminary research, new collaborations, and projects positioned for future external funding. Projects that establish or leverage external partnerships are especially encouraged.



[View program and application details](#)

Opportunities Outside the Department

2026 Colorado Water Officials Conference



The Colorado Water Officials Association invites students and professionals in water-related fields to attend the 2026 Colorado Water Officials Conference on **September 29–30th** at the Jeffco Fairgrounds in Golden. The conference will feature presentations on drought response, water security, infrastructure, instream flows, and more, along with a Colorado Water Officials Panel, Water Rodeo, and scholarship fundraiser. **Conference registration closes September 21st.** A separate Happy Hour will be held September 29 from 6–9 p.m. and is open to non-conference attendees with an RSVP.

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 (TODAY) 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!](#)

Register Here!

OCG Proposal Analyst Out of Office:

Juanita Rastello, OCG Proposal Analyst, will be out of the office **December 14th, 2026–January 7th, 2027**. Faculty and PIs anticipating proposal submissions or other time-sensitive activities during this period should contact Juanita as soon as possible to coordinate in advance.



Contact: juanita.rastello@colorado.edu
303-492-0189

IQ Biology Graduate Certificate Virtual Info Session



Learn about CU Boulder's Interdisciplinary Quantitative Biology PhD Certificate, offered through the BioFrontiers Institute. The certificate complements a student's degree-granting PhD program through interdisciplinary coursework, cross-departmental lab rotations, research projects, outreach, and science engagement.

Dr. Kristin Powell, Director of Interdisciplinary Education, will discuss program details, resources, opportunities, and the application process, followed by a Q&A.

Friday, October 16th, 2026

10-11 a.m. MDT | Zoom

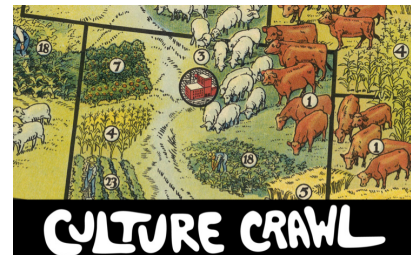
Registration is required to receive the Zoom information.

Register!

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

Join CU Boulder Libraries for a hands-on BioBlitz and iNaturalist workshop! Learn how to use iNaturalist to document and identify local biodiversity while participating in a community science event. Everyone is welcome!

[Register & Learn More!](#)

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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