

Happy October!



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

2026–27 Three Minute Thesis Competition

Applications are now open for CU Boulder's Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition, which challenges doctoral students to explain their research in three minutes using one slide for a general audience. Eligible students must be admitted to candidacy by January 1, 2027, enrolled for spring 2027, and expect to graduate in May 2027 or later. The first-place winner will receive \$1,500 and an opportunity to represent CU Boulder in further competitions.

Application Deadline: October 12th, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Colloquium and Happenings



Earth Sciences Colloquium: Dr. Maria Rose Petrizzo

Topic: How can microfossils help to decipher environments, climates, and Earth's History over the last 140 Ma?

Come join us on **10/7/26** 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.

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!



Career Opportunities



Student Assistant: Archive & Metadata Assistant

CIRES is hiring a graduate student to assist with a small archival project focused on archiving tsunami data, including tide gauge records. The position runs from November 2026 through June 2027 and pays \$20/hour for approximately 10 hours per week. Applications are due **October 14th**, though students are encouraged to apply early.

[View the Job Posting & Apply](#)

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](#)



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!](#)

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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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.



Application deadline: Jan. 12th, 2027

[View the job posting](#)

Apply to Sail: Galápagos Triple Junction OBS Recovery

Graduate students and early career scientists are invited to apply for up to 6 science party positions on an Ocean Bottom Seismometer (OBS) recovery cruise aboard the R/V Sally Ride. The cruise will travel from Golfito, Costa Rica, to San Diego, CA, from December 17, 2026 to January 17, 2027, with flexibility of ± 2 days required. Participants will assist with OBS recovery, multibeam and side-scan data collection,

seafloor rock sampling, and oceanographic instrumentation. Travel expenses are covered.

To apply, please assemble an application package (2-page CV and 1-page statement of interest and experience) and **submit it electronically to Zach Eilon (eilon@ucsb.edu)** no later than **October 14th, 2026**. Please include in your CV your citizenship and immigration status; priority will be given to US-based scientists. Applications by graduate students require a letter (or email) of support from their graduate advisor.

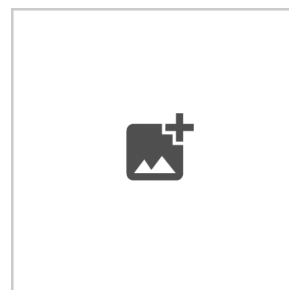
[Apply by October 14](#)

[More Information!](#)

Funding & Fellowship

Nov. 6 — Graduate Student Research Grants Deadline

The Graduate School is accepting applications for research grants of up to **\$1,200** to support graduate student research, scholarship and creative work across disciplines; applications are due Nov. 6 at 11:59 p.m. MT. **Why it matters:** These grants can help NSCI graduate students cover targeted research expenses associated with thesis and dissertation projects, and faculty mentors may want to encourage students to begin preparing applications now.



Graduate Student Research Grants information

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.



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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.



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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-

[Learn More & Apply!](#)

Research Funding & Deadlines

RIO Research & Innovation Seed Grants

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

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.



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 & Art Blast at GSA Connects 2026



Do you create geology-inspired art, paleoart, maps, or other geoscience-themed work? Join the Map & Art Blast on **October 11th at 7 p.m.** during GSA Connects 2026 to share your creativity, explore work from others in the geoscience community, and celebrate the intersection of science and art. Tickets are available through GSA.

[Click Here!](#)

Map Library Events & Exhibitions

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

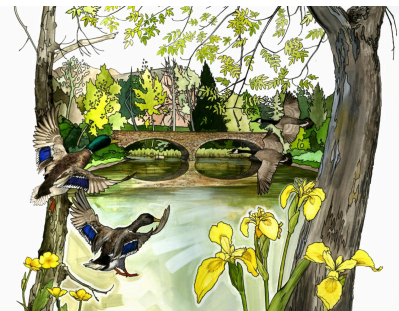


A new exhibition exploring the cartographic history of the lands where CU Boulder resides will open October 30. Featuring maps and stories from Native artists and intellectuals, the exhibition recognizes the ongoing presence of Native nations and explores histories and relationships between Native nations, 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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