



Spring Opportunities and Advising

Spring is in full swing, and with it comes a fresh wave of fun department events, new opportunities, funding announcements, and exciting classes for geology majors, as you can tell by how long the newsletter is!

As you explore everything happening, it's also a great time to connect with your support team — especially your **primary academic advisor** and the **Geology faculty mentors**.

While each plays a unique role, **academic advisors and faculty mentors work together to support your success**, and we recommend meeting with *both* at least once each semester — if not more.

- Your **academic advisor** helps guide your **overall academic experience** at CU. They're here to ensure you meet **degree requirements**, explore **majors, minors, and certificates**, and consider how your educational choices support your **personal, academic, and career goals**. They can also help find various campus-wide resources depending on needs and interests.
- The **Geology faculty mentors (Dr. Lon Abbott and Dr. Jennifer Stempien)**, based in the Geological Sciences department, are your go-to for discussing **class content, career paths in the geosciences, research or field opportunities**, and **how to get the most out of the major, the department, and associated professional societies**. We are available to all GEOL majors and minors, or anyone interested in geology classes.

Together, we are here to help you make the most of your time at CU — don't hesitate to reach out! You can find appointments and availability for both advisors and mentors under the CU Buff Portal.

Important Upcoming Deadlines



Graduation Deadlines

Please RSVP for the Geological Sciences recognition ceremony online using the Google Form linked below as soon as possible. If you do not RSVP by **April 25th**, we cannot guarantee that you will be included in our department recognition ceremony.

Thursday, May 1st is the deadline for undergraduate students to submit or cancel a Spring 2025 graduation application in Buff Portal (11:59 p.m.).

**GEOL Recognition Ceremony
RSVP**

Fall Honors Thesis

Are you interested in doing an Honors thesis this fall? Now is the time to get working! **April 29th** is the deadline to register your project with the Honors Council. Prior to that, you will have to find an advisor, develop your project, and meet with the Geology Honors Council representative (Professor Brian Hynek) to gain approval. Questions can be sent to hynek@lasp.colorado.edu.



**Deadlines and More
Information**



Research Mentor Awards

Do you have a great research mentor? Consider nominating them for an outstanding mentor award! It is for any research mentor; it is not limited to the UROP program. Tenured/tenure-track research faculty, teaching faculty, postdocs and graduate students at the University of Colorado Boulder and Anschutz Medical Campus are eligible for UROP's Mentor Award. Students are invited to nominate their mentors regardless of program funding.

The deadline is this Friday, April 11. It is a simple web-based nomination form.

Department Social Events

Coffee Social - Every Monday

Our Geological Sciences Coffee Social is still running weekly on Mondays. Stop by Benson 380 **between 10:30 and 11:30 on Mondays** for some coffee, tea, and donuts! It's also a great opportunity to meet your fellow GEOL students and chat with faculty.



Do Students Have the Right to Speak and Protest on Campus?

Can Universities Punish Speech and Protest on Campus?

MONDAY, APRIL 14 | 5:00 - 6:30 PM | ROOM 204

Professor Maryam Jamshidi, along with Byron White Center Research Assistants and Dan Williams, attorney with Hutchinson Black & Cook, discuss their findings on student speech policies and university enforcement practices at the University of Colorado and at campuses across the United States.



Do Students Have the Right to Protest?

This Monday, a panel of CU Law professors and research assistants will discuss their findings on student free-speech policies and university enforcement practices at CU and universities across the country.

Monday, April 14th, 5:00-6:30 pm

Byron R. White Center

University of Colorado Law School, Room 204

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Undergraduate Research Expo

We're hosting the Undergraduate Research Expo again! Attending is **free** and we strongly encourage undergraduates, especially freshman and sophomores, to attend to see the wonderful world of undergraduate research. We'll also be having speakers and free food!

The expo isn't just for one specific field, but is including all majors on campus!

We hope that this event can help bring together the CU Boulder academic community. We'll also be giving out tips on how to get into research!

There's no registration required to attend!

The expo is on Monday, April 14th from 4 to 7pm and everyone is welcome!



If you have any questions feel free to reach out:
Alexandra Washburn
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Campus Sustainability Summit

All Buffs and community members are invited to attend the 32nd annual Campus Sustainability Summit, which takes place Tuesday and Wednesday, **April 22 and 23** at the UMC. This two-day event presents many opportunities to share, learn about and celebrate the wide array of accomplishments, challenges and new ideas related to sustainability in the CU Boulder community.

Drop 'N' Swap: Donate and pick up new-to-you items such as clothing, shoes, accessories, outdoor gear, office supplies, housewares, room decor and more. (April 22, noon to 5 p.m.)

Student Idea Showcase: Learn about sustainability and climate solutions from CU Boulder students and vote for your favorite. \$5,000 in cash prizes is up for grabs! (April 22, 1 to 4 p.m.)

Campus Sustainability Awards: Join us at the awards ceremony as we recognize outstanding efforts toward continuing the leadership and legacy of sustainability at CU Boulder. (April 23, 12 to 1 p.m.; Advance registration required.)

[More Information](#)

Gathered in Darkness

During the eclipse last year, NSF NCAR was supporting CATE 2024, a citizen science project that worked with folks from along the path of totality to take observations during totality. A documentary about the project is premiering at the NSF NCAR Mesa Lab on April 23rd.



What: Film premiere of ***Gathered in Darkness***

Where: NSF NCAR Mesa Lab (1850 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO)

When: Wednesday, 23 April at 7pm MT - come early to mingle, eat snacks, walk the red carpet, and take photos!

Reserve your [tickets](#) soon - they are going fast.

After the event, hear from scientists on the project and the filmmaker about total solar eclipses, CATE 2024, and documenting a large-scale citizen science project.



Earth Mysteries and Histories

"Earth Mysteries and Histories" is an Earth Science outreach event for visitors of all ages, from kids to retirees. The event has interactive and guided hands-on exploration stations. Visitors are invited to discover and learn about oceans, groundwater, fossils, earthquakes, volcanoes, climate change, and more!

Meet other students, faculty, and staff of the Department of Geological Sciences and Museum of Natural History to learn about Earth Science in a fun and hands-on way!

This event will take place in the gallery and café spaces at Level 1 of the JSCBB on **Saturday, April 26th**.

[More Information](#)

Save the Date - Spring Formal

The BAJEDI committee would like to announce that we will o-fish-ally be having a second annual Spring Formal! Mark your calendars for **May 1st, 2025**, and plan to spend your evening dancing the night away *under the sea* at the **Devonian Disco!** Formal invitations to follow!

If you would like to help with decorating/set up/clean-up for the event, be sure to scan the QR code or click [here](#) to fill out the volunteer form!



[Volunteer Form](#)

Colloquium and Happenings

Geological Sciences Colloquium Speaker

On **Wednesday, April 16th**, Dr. Erik Hanschen will be visiting from Los Alamos



National Laboratory as a colloquium speaker. The topic of his talk will be, "the genetics of diploid algae and how they respond to the stress of spaceflight." As always, snacks and drinks will be available at 12:00 and the talk will begin at 12:20. Stop by Benson 380 to listen in!

**View Colloquium
Schedule**

GEOL Electives and Field Classes



Interested in water resources, groundwater science, or environmental consulting?

Don't miss your chance to take Field Techniques in Hydrogeology (an upper-division field course) this Maymester 2025

Why take this course?

- Gain hands-on experience with groundwater field methods
- Learn how to communicate findings the way industry professionals do
- Taught by Gordon McCurry, an experienced instructor and hydrogeologist from industry
- Build practical, career-ready skills that employers value

Important: This course will not be offered again until Spring 2027. If you're looking to strengthen your resume or graduate school applications, this is the time.

Colorado job outlook:

- Thousands employed in private water-related industry
(<https://watercenter.colostate.edu/jobboard/>) and <https://careercenter.awwa.org/>
- Geological and hydrologic technicians in CO earn a median salary of \$70,230 ([usawage.com](https://www.usawage.com))

National outlook: growth of 3% every year, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/hydrologists.htm>

To learn more or see how this would fit in your academic plan, contact your academic advisor

Opportunities

Studio Lab Research Opportunity

Studio Lab provides top-notch, experiential learning for undergraduate students at CU. Students are matched with projects from across the College of Arts & Sciences, and work on these projects for about 5 hours a week. Studio Lab students receive an honorarium.



Apply today for the 2025-26 academic year! **The application deadline has been extended to Friday, April 11th.**

[Learn More and Apply](#)



CIRES Study Seeking Paid Participants

Are you over 18 and looking to participate in a research study? CIRES is recruiting students for a study on undergraduate students' learning from data visualizations. It's a one-hour study at either Fiske or the CEEE building, and participants will receive up to \$20 in gift cards for participating. See the flyer linked below for more details.

[View Flyer](#)

CU Teach Program

CU Teach is CU Boulder's secondary STEM teaching licensure and education outreach program. We encourage students interested in education and/or STEM communication to register for their introductory course EDUC 2035: Designing STEM Learning Environments, which provides students opportunities to teach STEM lessons and engage with local youth. They are offering two sections of EDUC 2035 in fall 2025 on **Tuesdays/Thursdays from 11:00-12:15 and 12:30-1:45.**



They would also like to highlight that CU Teach undergraduates now earn a dual major in Middle and High School Teaching.

Finally, CU Teach has a Noyce Scholarship program for CU Teach students that **offers \$18,500 per year** to candidates in their last two years of the program.

If you have advising questions, please reach out to the CU Teach advisor Samantha Long at samantha.long-1@colorado.edu.

EDUC 2035

**Dual Major
Details**

Noyce Scholarship



CU Community Scholars

This unique program is open to all CU Boulder undergraduate students and is hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences in conjunction with the CU Boulder Office of Government and Community Engagement. Our public service learning opportunity will place up to thirty CU undergraduate students in paid or stipend-supported community-based internships with the City of Boulder, other local government entities, or nonprofit organizations in and around Boulder. The **Community Scholars Program** provides a unique learning opportunity for undergraduate students to experience first-hand the dynamics of working within government and community-based organizations. The internship experience is enriched through weekly seminars and briefings with leaders from the community in the PSCI 4028 course that all Community Scholars students will take together with Professor Glen Krutz on Friday afternoons.

Application Deadline: April 15, 2025

See more opportunities available to you in our Google folder!

**Details and
Application**

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Opportunity

The Cascadia Region Earthquake Science Center (CRESCENT) is excited to offer a paid, year-long research opportunity for undergraduate students interested in the field of earthquake geosciences through the Undergraduate Twinning Program.



Program Overview:

Duration: **Fall 2025 - Summer 2026**

Academic Year: Students will work at their home institution, regularly meeting with mentors.

Summer: Students will visit one of their mentor's institutions to continue their research. The length of the visit will vary based on the mentor and project needs.

Application Deadline: April 15, 2025

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Project Description and Application

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CU Geological Sciences Front Desk Assistant

Dependable student needed for department front desk position to assist in providing reception duties such as answering phones, greeting visitors, triaging questions. Additional duties include (but are not limited to):

- distributing mail
- signing for packages
- copying, scanning, and filing documents
- posting flyers and maintaining bulletin boards
- updating the department's Google calendar
- publishing a weekly newsletter
- posting on the department's Instagram account
- supporting weekly departmental events
- taking on special projects

Good communication skills are a must. Previous customer service experience is preferred. Student is expected to commit to 10-20 hours per week.

Preference will be given to students who can fill this role throughout the entire academic year (May 2025 through May 2026).

The expected starting hourly pay for this position is \$16.00 per hour.

Apply below or on Handshake - application closes April 25th!

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AAPG Veterans Scholarship

The Deana and Paul Strunk Military Veterans Scholarship Program supports education and career opportunities for veterans, aids in the transition of veterans to educational and civilian technical professions, and promotes geoscience programs in higher education institutions.



The Foundation awards scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to cover the cost of attending a four-year accredited college or university. Scholarships are available to both active U.S. military service members (including National Guard and Reserve) or veteran members separated from active military service who have been honorably discharged, and are entering or re-entering a post-secondary undergraduate program in a field of geoscience full time or part time. Eligibility also includes military dependents (spouses and children) for the following categories: deceased, disabled, active and veteran.

Deadline: April 30, 2025.

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Dallas Geological Society Scholarship

The Dallas Geological Society (DGS) Scholarships are one-year awards of up to \$5,000 given to current undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a degree in Geological Sciences. Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need and school and extracurricular activities. Preference

will be given to undergraduates who have completed 12 semester hours of advanced or core geology courses beyond the introductory level. **Deadline: May 1, 2025.**

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Miss a Newsletter?

Check out past newsletters at [this link!](#)

Just So You Know...

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



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