



Department of Geological Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

A message from the Chair...

Welcome to a New Academic Year!



Dear Geological Sciences Students,
Welcome to the first issue of our weekly undergraduate newsletter for the year! To our new students — including first-years, transfers, and those joining us from around the globe — we're thrilled to have you in our community. To our returning students, welcome back! I hope you all had a chance to enjoy some rest, adventure, or time exploring your interests over the summer. Whether you were hiking through outcrops, working, or recharging, I'm excited to see how your experiences shape the year ahead. There are many ways to get involved with our Geological Sciences department community. Join us for our weekly coffee hour on Mondays, a great chance to meet fellow students, faculty, and staff in a relaxed setting (and get free donuts and bagels!). Don't miss our Wednesday colloquium series, where you'll hear from researchers across the geosciences. The Earth Sciences Library also hosts events and workshops throughout the semester. All undergraduates are welcome and encouraged to participate! This weekly newsletter will keep you informed about department events, opportunities, deadlines, and resources to help you make the most of your time here. We're excited for all that lies ahead and can't wait to see the great work you'll do.

Anne Sheehan
Department Chair, Geological Sciences

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Important Upcoming Deadlines

Main Campus Enrollment Deadlines

Friday, August 29th is the last day to add or swap Main Campus classes and September 5th is the last day to drop a Main Campus class.

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Meet The Academic Advisors

Make an appointment with Amairany Casillasalcala or Jordyn Howard through [Buff Portal Advising](#).

**Learn More About Our
Advisors**

Meet The Faculty Mentors

To meet with Faculty Mentors Dr. Jennifer Stempien or Dr. Lon Abbott, you can make an appointment through [Buff Portal Advising](#). Dr. Stempien will hold Office Hours 11:30-1:00 PM on Mondays in Benson 222B. Dr. Abbott's in-person office hours are on Wednesdays from 12:00 – 2:00 PM in 222A.



**Learn More About Our
Mentors**

Devon Energy is hosting *Devon Geoscience Day* on Friday, **September 12, 2025**, at the Devon Tower in Oklahoma City. Open to graduate students and eligible seniors planning for grad school, the event includes technical exercises, networking, interviews, and a facilities tour. Travel and lodging are provided for selected students. Applications (resume, transcript, cover letter) are required. Deadline is **tonight at 11:59 PM** see flyer for details and QR code.

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Travel Grants & Awards

Departmental Funds

The department is currently accepting applications for travel funds for Fall and Winter 2025 conference travel (September 2025-December 2025). To be eligible for this award, you must be a Geological Sciences major, and you must be presenting a first-author publication. Please have a copy of your abstract submission ready to be uploaded before you begin the application.

Please submit your application no later than **5pm on Monday, September 1** for consideration. Please contact **geoadmin@colorado.edu** with any questions about the application or travel funds.



Apply Here

Geological Society of America
GSA Sections offer travel grants to help students attend GSA Connects. [Check the eligibility requirements](#) for your Section. Apply by Wednesday, August 27th!

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CU Office of Undergraduate Education Travel Grants

Read all of the information in the Application Guide with your mentor before you start an application and contact us with questions as soon as possible.



**University Student Application
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Department Social Events

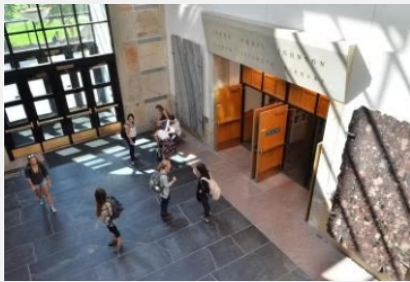


Coffee Social

Our first weekly Coffee Social will be held on Monday, August 25th from 10:30 to 11:30am at Benson's South Entrance. Stop by weekly for a cup of coffee and a chat!

Be Involved Fair

Did you know students who are involved on campus, even if it's just with one thing, are more likely to continue through to graduation? Come visit the Geology Club and others at the Be Involved Fair on **August 27th at 2:00-6:00 PM** on Farrand Field.



Last Chance to See Topophilia!

If you haven't had a chance to see the *Topophilia* exhibition in the Earth Sciences & Map Library, be sure to stop by before it's deinstalled on August 25. Featuring works by artists Rita Vali and Johanna Mueller, the show highlights striking intersections of art and earth sciences. Pieces are still available for purchase, contact **Naomi Heiser** with questions.

Library Hours: 10 am – 4 pm, Monday–Friday

Astronomy on Tap

Free for all ages to attend. Meet with professional astronomers, drink stellar drinks, amazing food trucks, play games, and win prizes! Held on Monday, August 25th, September 22nd, and October 27th! All at 6:00PM at The Rayback Collective.





Education Abroad Fair

Join us on **Thursday, Sept. 4, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. outside in the UMC Fountain Arcade!** Recently returned education abroad alumni & education abroad staff will be on hand to share what it's like to live & learn abroad, find affordable programs, and get started on finding the program that's right for you.

On-Campus Job Fair

Last call to register! The On-campus Job Fair is just one week away, on Tuesday, August 26 from 11am - 2pm at the Glenn Miller Ballroom.

If you'd like to join us, please be sure to **Register in Handshake!**



Outside the Classroom



Be sure to follow our Instagram page [@cu_boulder_geology](https://www.instagram.com/cu_boulder_geology) for updates including upcoming events, department news, and photos from our students!

**View our
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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 geoloffice@colorado.edu.

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