



Department Chair Dr. Anne Sheehan

Welcome to a New Academic Year!

Dear Geological Sciences Students,
Welcome to the first issue of our weekly graduate newsletter for the year! To our new students 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 graduate students 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
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Important Upcoming Deadlines

Registrar & Bursar deadlines

Friday 8/29 is the **last** day to add a class and waitlists close. **Friday 9/5** is the **last** day to drop a class without a W or negative consequences. View the link below for more information and contact your

advisor and/or Kara with questions.

[More Information Here](#)



Geoscience Education & Mentorship Support Program

The Geoscience Education & Mentorship Support (GEMS) program is now recruiting mentors and mentees for the 2025–2026 academic year, offering guidance for those exploring or applying to graduate school in the geosciences. Applications are due **September 12th**, with mentor–mentee matches announced **September 22nd**.

[Register Here](#)

Department Social Events

Monday Coffee Social is Back!

Coffee Social is back! 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!



Colloquium and Happenings

Geological Sciences Colloquium

Fall 2025 Colloquium will resume on **Wednesday, September 3rd** with Anne Sheehan giving a state of the department address. Located in Benson Science Building **room 380** from **12:20pm - 1:20pm**. Drinks and refreshments will be provided before the talk.



[View Colloquim
Schedule](#)



Upcoming Career Services Events for Graduate Students

Below are some events from Career Services that might be of interest to you! All event details are posted to Handshake if you would like to learn more!

- Data Science Career Expo, 9/4 4-7pm
- Industry Networking Night, 10/14, 5:30-8pm
- Bio, Science & Exploration Career Fair, 10/16 11am-4pm
- - Physics & Quantum Career Fair, 10/17 12-3pm
- - Industry Job Search Seminar Series, 9/4 – 9/25 (every Thursday) 12-1pm

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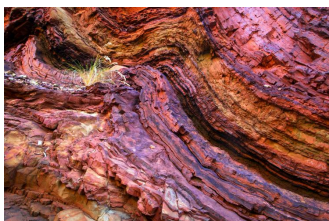


NSF GRFP Workshop 2025 - Register Now!

The 2025 NSF GRFP Workshop will be held via Zoom on **September 3, 2024, from 1–2:30 pm**, featuring faculty reviewers, writing instructors, and recent fellowship winners. Learn how to strengthen your application for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Register and learn more below!

[Register](#)

GEOL Elective Classes



Geological Topics Seminar



GEOL 5700-026

This Fall, Suzanne Anderson will offer a 1-credit seminar on the Camp Century ice core in Greenland, exploring the science and history of ice and climate through Paul Bierman's "When the Ice is Gone" and related papers. Open to all students, researchers, and faculty—no prior ice expertise required

Graduate Writing Seminar GEOL 5003

GEOL 5003 this fall offers graduate students (2nd year and beyond) a supportive space to build writing skills and productivity. The course emphasizes telling the story of your science, with peer feedback on proposals, abstracts, theses, and manuscripts, plus discussions on goal setting, writing habits, editing, and effective presentations.

**Register for Classes on your Buff
Portal**

Funding Opportunities

Scholarships and Stipends

Applications open for Fall Travel Awards

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 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. Apply at the link below!

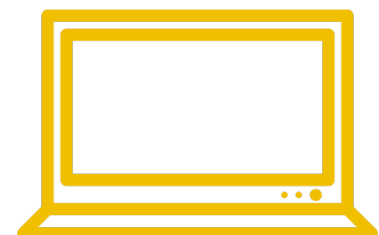


[Apply Here](#)

Jobs and Internships

New 2025 September Job Repository

For the new year we have made a new repository folder for 2025-26 opportunities. The 2024-25 folder is still available and can be accessed if needed. Click the link below for current Postdocs, Tenure Track, Industry jobs, and Funding Opportunities! This folder is **updated continuously with new positions**. Check back soon as opportunities come in!



[September 2025 Repository](#)
[Link to Last Semesters Folder](#)

Graduate Research Funding

Grad+ Seminar Series starts in September -

Sign up now!

The Grad+ Seminar Series is one of our most popular offerings, so sign up now to get involved! Open to all graduate students. Take a look at some of the offerings below! Click the link to register and learn more! All seminars are held through Zoom starting September 8th!



- Grad+ Seminar Series: Fundamentals for Academic Success or Advanced Learning Lab
- Grad+ Seminar Series – Mastery: Self Determination for Performance

[Learn More - Fundamentals for Academic Success/Advanced Learning Lab](#)

[Learn More - Self Determination for Performance](#)

Department News and Features



Information on CU Book Access

CU Book Access ensures that students have all their required course materials – by day one – at a more affordable price. Here are 2 things to know:

- The program charge will appear on student tuition and fee bills. Students may opt-out of CU Book Access via the textbook portal in Canvas through the course drop deadline each semester for a full refund. The fall drop deadline is **September 5, 2025**.
- Digital materials will be available for students via the “My Course Materials” link in Canvas. Students enrolled in courses requiring print materials will receive a separate email when those materials are ready for pick-up at the CU Book Store.

**More Question? Look
Here!**

Happenings Outside CU Boulder

Bridge Program: Upcoming event from NAGT



NAGT is hosting Holding Ground: Navigating as a DEI Advocate in Hostile Climates on Saturday, September 13, 2025 (virtual, 11 AM PT / 12 PM MT / 1 PM CT / 2 PM ET). Join geoscience educators and past JEDI award winners for a supportive, community-centered conversation on the challenges of DEI advocacy—learn more and register at the [link](#).

[Register and Learn More](#)

Grad Program SharePoint

[SharePoint Website](#)

Miss a Newsletter?

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

Just So You Know...

The graduate 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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