



Important Upcoming Deadlines



Dr. Brian Hynek - Honors Council Representative

I am Geology's Honors Council representative, and I wanted to share a bit about the opportunity to do an Honors thesis as part of your academic career at CU. You can find all the information at colorado.edu/honors.

How to pursue an Honors Thesis?

Find a faculty member or research scientist to work with. Feel free to ask around, email, etc, to see if anyone in an area that you have interests is in need of an undergraduate research assistant. Talk to your professors or the academic advisors. Start early!

Once you have a faculty member onboard, you will need to register with the Honors office by the deadline in the semester prior to when you plan to defend your thesis. **Note that the deadline to register for a Spring 2026 thesis defense is October 7th.** Registering requires a prospectus, timeline, bibliography, and in-person meeting and approval by me, the Honors representative. Feel free to email or set up a meeting with me or Lon Abbott.

Good luck with the new semester!

What is an Honors thesis?

The student develops a (2 or more semester-long) research project with a professor (or other research scientist in the department). After the research, the student writes up an Honors thesis and completes an oral presentation and defense of the work. Honors students need a good GPA. Your cumulative should be at least a 3.0 to be considered for Honors, and 3.3 is a more typical lower bar. Various levels of Honors can be bestowed, based on your research and GPA.

Why pursue an Honors thesis?

- Allows you to complete independent research as an undergrad.
- You would graduate with distinction and a note on your transcript.
- Looks very good on a Resume.
- Helps you get into grad school.
- Helps you get a job.
- Allows you to learn additional skills and toolsets.
- Provides one-on-one mentoring with a faculty member.
- You get a special Honors graduation ceremony and a medal!

Learn How to Get Started!

Department Social Events

Coffee Social

Coffee Social will be held on Monday, September 8th, from 10:30 to 11:30am

at Benson's South Entrance. Stop by weekly for a cup of coffee and a chat!



2025
Geo Club September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Intro Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Office Hours Benson 265 5-7pm	11	12 Camping Trip	13
14 Denver Rock and Mineral Show	15	16 Rock Swap 5:30-7pm	17	18	19	20
21 Club Hike	22	23	24	25 Movie Night 6:30-8:30pm	26	27
28	29	30				

Geology Club Events

Kick off the semester with Geo Club! This month is packed with activities including a Camping Trip, the Denver Rock & Mineral Show, and a fun Rock Swap. Don't miss their Club Hike and Movie Night. Whether you're into rocks, hiking, or just hanging out, there's something for everyone, come get involved!

Locker Requests

Our department is able to offer locker reservations for the lockers on the basement level of Benson Earth Sciences. If you are interested in reserving a locker for this semester or next, requests are now open. There are several ways to reach our locker request form, linked [here](#). You can also stop by the lockers and scan the QR codes, or visit the Geological Sciences webpage and choose the Resources tab. If you have any trouble completing the form, please call (303) 492 8141 or email Geoloffice@colorado.edu.

Colloquium & Happenings



Geological Sciences Colloquium

Join us for the first Geological Sciences Colloquium of the semester on **Wednesday, September 10**, from 12:20–1:20 PM in BESC 380, featuring **Dr. Gussie Maccracken**, Assistant Curator of Paleobotany at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Dr. Maccracken will discuss how plant life across the Cretaceous–Paleogene (K–Pg) mass extinction recovered and reshaped ecosystems in the American West, influencing the evolutionary



Hertz Fellowship Applications Now Open!

The Hertz Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2026 Hertz Fellowship through **October 31, 2025**. This prestigious fellowship supports the nation's most promising doctoral students in applied science, engineering, and mathematics, offering up to five years of funding, unmatched flexibility, and a lifelong professional network. Prospective applicants can attend upcoming information sessions with

trajectory of animals after the dinosaurs. Come early at noon for snacks, drinks, and conversation outside **BESC 380** — all are welcome!

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)

current Hertz Fellows on **September 10 (6:00 p.m. EST)** and **September 16 (12:00 p.m. EST)** to learn more about the fellowship and strategies for a strong application.

[Apply and Learn More](#)

Explore Your Future: Geoscience Career Panel

Explore Your Future: Join EarthScope and CRESCENT on **Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 12–1 PM MT** for a virtual Geoscience Career Panel highlighting diverse paths in academia, industry, government, nonprofits, and more. Hear from professionals who've built impactful careers with their geoscience backgrounds—open to students, early career scientists, and enthusiasts.



[Register Here](#)

University Events & Opportunities



Colorado Water Fellows Program

Are you an undergrad student at CU Boulder interested in water? Apply by **9/8** for the Colorado Water Fellows Program, hosted by **Western Water Assessment!** The program prepares students for careers in the water field and connects them to opportunities, including conferences.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ethan Knight: ethan.knight@colorado.edu

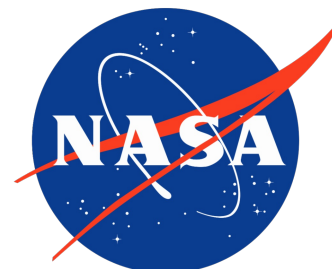
Nasa Internship Opportunities

NASA offers hands-on internships for undergraduate students across STEM fields, including opportunities at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and other NASA centers. . Deadlines:

Spring 2026 – Sept. 12, 2025

Summer 2026 – Feb. 27, 2026

Fall 2026 – May 22, 2026.



[Learn More and Apply](#)



Goldwater Scholarship

Students interested in pursuing a research career in math, natural sciences, or engineering are encouraged to apply for the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, which provides up to **\$7,500** toward undergraduate tuition and educational expenses. Sophomores and juniors with strong academic records and demonstrated research experience are eligible to apply. To learn more about the application process, attend the information session on **Thursday, September 25, 2025**, from 4:00–5:00 pm in **Norlin S421**.

[More Details Here](#)

Outside the Classroom



Be sure to follow our Instagram page [@cu_boulder_geology](#) for updates including upcoming events, department news, and photos from our students!

[View our Page](#)

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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