



Kevin Mahan

As Associate Chair, I oversee the Geological Sciences graduate education program and chair the department's Graduate Curriculum Committee. I work closely with the department's Graduate Program Administrator (Kara), and along with the rest of the GEOL faculty and staff, we are striving to make the process of getting your degree as smooth and transparent as possible while maintaining the high standards of a CU Boulder advanced degree. I support you and I want you to enjoy being here as much I have since I first came to CU in 2007. So, keep working hard! You can find me most days in the Benson building, or you can send an email to arrange a meeting. Feel free to drop me a line or pass on thoughts for how to improve our graduate program to your graduate reps on our departmental committees and our faculty meetings.

Meet with Kevin!

Important Upcoming Deadlines

Registrar & Bursar deadlines

Tomorrow! 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](#)

Bruce Curtis Mentorship Program applications

The Bruce Curtis Undergraduate Mentorship Program provides up to **\$2,000** per academic year to support GEOL undergraduates in research activities. Faculty, post-docs, researchers, and graduate students are invited to apply to serve as mentors. Graduate students are particularly encouraged to submit a proposal and participate in this program. Applications should include the undergraduate mentee's name, a project title, a brief project description, and an itemized budget with hourly compensation at **\$17/hour**.



[Apply 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:
Dr. Gussie Maccracken

Topic: Plant life across the Cretaceous–



Paleogene (K–Pg) mass extinction in the American West

Come join us on **9/10/25** 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.

[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!

- 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

[View Handshake](#)

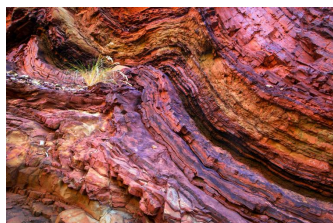


Explore Your Future: Geoscience Career Panel

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](#)

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

NSF INTERN funding

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is offering supplemental funding under its Non-Academic Research Internships for Graduate Students (INTERN) program, enabling graduate students on active NSF awards to pursue six-month, non-academic research internships—providing up to **\$55,000** for travel, tuition, health insurance, stipend, and other related costs.



[Eligibility Here](#)



Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship

CU Boulder invites applications for the Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship, a one-year award designed to support promising researchers and educators in preparing for tenure-track faculty careers. Applicants must have earned a doctorate/terminal degree by July 1, 2026, within the last three years (2023 or later), and be preparing for an academic career. First deadline is **Nov. 3rd, 2025!**

[Apply and Learn More](#)

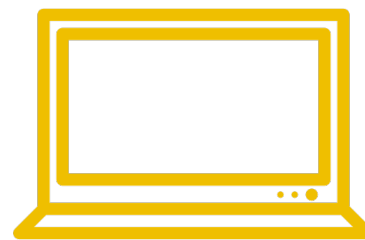
Jobs and Internships

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!

- Bridge Program Opportunities
- NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Internship Opportunities



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

Graduate Research Funding

The DOE Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program is now accepting applications!

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 **Tomorrow, 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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