



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

Meet your Undergraduate Program Admin, Brett Bertok

Hello!

My name is Brett. I'm the Undergraduate Program Administrator (UPA) for the Department of Geological Sciences. I support the department by helping to coordinate things like course schedules, transportation logistics, and hiring student employees. I also help out with events like our weekly coffee social - be sure to say hi next time you stop by!

I work in the front office (Benson 285) and encourage you stop by with any questions or concerns (or just to grab some candy). I can assist you with adding and dropping classes, reserving classrooms and conference rooms, and am always happy to share whatever resources I can.

Good luck with the rest of the fall semester! And
GO BUFFS! ☐



Department Social Events

Coffee Social

Coffee Social will be held on Monday, September 22nd, from 10:30 to 11:30am at Benson's South Entrance. Stop by weekly for a cup of coffee and a chat!



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!

Colloquium & Happenings



**View Colloquium
Schedule**

Geological Sciences Colloquium

Topic: An Atmosphere Rich in Organosulfur through a Planetary Haze

Come join us on **9/17/25** 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.

Congratulations to Alexis Templeton!

Please join us in congratulating Professor Alexis Templeton on being named a CU Distinguished Research Lecturer for 2025–2026. This honor recognizes her exceptional contributions in geobiology, geochemistry, and clean energy innovation.

Her Distinguished Research Lecture will take place on **Wednesday, November 20, 2025**, at **4:00 PM** in CASE, followed by a reception at **5:00 PM**.

Learn more about this award [here](#).

Congratulations, Alexis, on this well-deserved recognition!



**Visit her
Website**

University Events

Reminder for Abroad!



Thinking about going abroad? A reminder that some program applications are due October 1st. If you're planning to apply, now is the time to finish your materials!

Need help? Stop by Education Abroad drop-in advising hours or connect with an advisor to

Student Opportunities



NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP)

Seniors, gap-year students, and first- or second-year graduate students are eligible to apply for the prestigious NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP). The fellowship provides three years of support, including a \$37,000 annual stipend plus tuition and fees.

- **Deadline (Geosciences):** October 30, 2025, 5:00 PM local time (other fields have different deadlines).
- **Resources:** [Program website](#), recording of CU's info session (Passcode: Q*0EWSVD), slide deck, and sample proposals.

If you are considering graduate school, start preparing your proposal now!



Undergraduate Lab Assistant

The CU Boulder Earth Systems Stable Isotope Lab (CUBES-SIL) is seeking an undergraduate lab assistant:

- Starting this fall ~5 hrs/week
- Continuing through spring 10–20 hrs/week
- Summer up to 40 hrs/week

Start date is flexible, with training beginning mid-October. If it's a good fit, the position may be extended into future years of your undergraduate experience. This is a great opportunity to gain hands-on geochemistry lab experience, no prior experience required, as full training will be provided. Student assistants will help prepare environment

Email for Application Link



Hertz Fellowship Applications Now Open!

The Hertz Fellowship supports the nation's most promising innovators in applied sciences, mathematics, and engineering. Open to college seniors, gap-year students, and first-year graduate students, this fellowship offers five years of support.

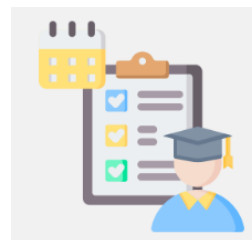
- **Deadline:** October 31, 2025

[Apply and Learn More](#)

- Learn more and apply here: **Hertz Foundation Fellowship**
Additional opportunities can be found at **Pathways to Science**.

PhD Opportunity - University of Toronto

NSF/NSERC funded project on the tectonic evolution of the Puna Plateau, Argentina, with field mapping, structural analysis, stratigraphy, and geochronology. Co-advised by **Lindsay Schoenbohm** (UTM) and **Alex Tye** (Utah Tech/University of Pittsburgh), with collaborations across Purdue, Georgia Tech, and Universidad Nacional de Salta. Applications due **Jan 15, 2026**.



[Visit Lindsay's Page](#)



[More Details Here](#)

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**.

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!

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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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