



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



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 **Thursday, 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 Alexis's Website!](#)

Important Upcoming Deadlines

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

Exhibition Open! – Desire Lines: Charting Firefly Love and Light

Join the Earth Sciences & Map Library, NEST, and Dr. Orit Peleg (BioFrontiers) for Desire Lines: Charting Firefly Love and Light! This exhibition blends art, science, and geography to explore the luminous world of fireflies, highlighting their nocturnal ecosystems and the creative connections between living light and nature. **Open Now!**



Colloquium and Happenings



Geological Sciences Colloquium: Dr. Jamie McFarlin

Topic: TBD

Come join us on **9/24/25** 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.

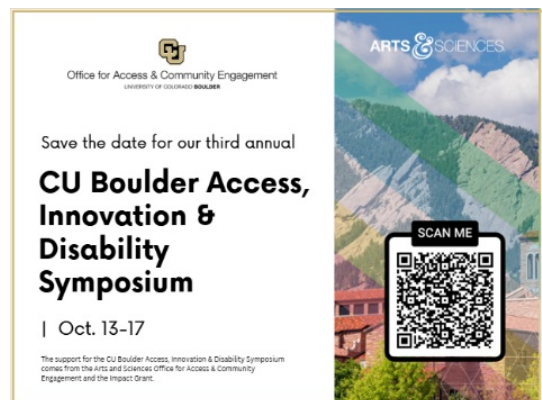
[View Colloquium Schedule](#)



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**



2025 Access, Innovation & Disability Symposium

Join us virtually and in person for the third annual Access, Innovation & Disability Symposium, a week of panels, presentations, and events exploring accessibility in higher education. Highlights include a

- Bio, Science & Exploration Career Fair, **10/16 11am-4pm**
- - Physics & Quantum Career Fair, **10/17 12-3pm**

[View Handshake](#)

Sensory-Friendly and Low Vision Night at Fiske Planetarium (**Oct. 14, 5–8 PM**) with exhibits, activities, and shows designed for diverse audiences, and a keynote by Hayden Kristal (**Oct. 16, 1–2 PM**), a Colorado-based deaf queer activist, comedian, and speaker. Faculty and staff who attend 3+ sessions can earn a CU Boulder digital badge for their commitment to accessibility and inclusion. All events are free and open to the community — view the full agenda and register today!

[Register Here](#)

Funding Opportunities

Scholarships and Stipends

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP)

The NSF GRFP provides three years of support (\$37K/year plus tuition and fees) for students pursuing research in STEM fields. The deadline for Geoscience applicants is **October 30, 2025, at 5:00 PM local time**. Eligible students include senior undergraduates, those in a gap year, and 1st- or 2nd-year graduate students. CU has shared a recording of the info session (**Passcode: Q*0EWSVD**) along with the slide deck and sample proposals — be sure to review these resources and start your proposal early.



[Learn More](#)



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](#)

IAGD Student Pathways Scholarship Now Open

The International Association for Geoscience Diversity (IAGD) is accepting applications for the Student Pathways Scholarship, a one-time \$750

award for students with disabilities pursuing studies in the geosciences. The scholarship is open to both full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students, and funds may be used for tuition, rent, bills, or other financial needs. The application deadline is **September 30, 2025**.



[Apply Here](#)



Hertz Graduate Fellowship

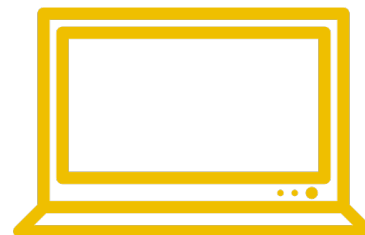
The Hertz Fellowship provides up to five years of graduate funding for students pursuing research in applied science, engineering, and mathematics. Eligible applicants include college seniors, gap year students, and first-year graduate students. The application deadline is **October 31, 2025**.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Jobs and Internships

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!



- Faculty position in Earth science at Otago University New Zealand
- Post-Doc position at Lancaster University
- Whitman College: Tenure-Track Position
- University of Iowa solid Earth geologist tenure track position

[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!

Are you a Ph.D. student looking to advance your dissertation with world-class scientific resources at a DOE lab or facility? The DOE Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program is now accepting applications for 2025 Solicitation 2,



due **November 5, 2025, at 5:00 PM ET**. Upcoming workshops will provide details about the program, application guidance, and opportunities to connect with program area scientists.

[Apply Here](#)



Society of Economic Geologists

Check out these funding opportunities for grad students and senior undergraduates with the Society of Economic Geologists!

They have a grad fellowship program (apply as a senior undergrad or as a first-year grad student), student research grants, funded field trips, and a funding field mapping course. I have been told that the mapping class is very beneficial for networking and career development.

[Apply and Learn More](#)

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



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

Happenings Outside CU Boulder

Resources for Grad Mental Health

Dr. Olivia Davis, NSF STEM Postdoctoral Fellow at Arizona State University, has collaborated with ASU's RISE Center to develop two initiatives supporting graduate student mental health:

- **Fail-Safe Science** – A video repository where successful scientists share challenges they faced during graduate school, how they overcame them, and advice for current students. Click the link below to watch the videos.

- **International Science Postgraduate Mental Health Alliance (MHA)** – A network for graduate students and postdocs interested in promoting mental health in academic settings. This alliance offers national service opportunities, professional development, and peer support. Interested students can join via the google form below.

[Fail Safe Science Videos](#)
[Google Form](#)



GradCO Professional Development Workshops

GradCo's professional development series for graduate students and postdocs kicks off today, **9/19**, and runs through December.

Explore the full lineup of opportunities at the link below. Today's session, "The Key to Successful Proposals," will be held remotely from **12:00–1:00 PM** — don't miss it!

[View Workshops](#)

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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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