



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

Meet Amairany Casillas-Alcala, an Undergraduate Advisor

This summer I had the privilege of joining the amazing Geology Advising team. I will soon be celebrating my sixth year as an academic advisor at CU, in which I previously worked with only first-year students. I am excited to now be able to work with you all, not only in the first year but through graduation. As a CU alumna, I cannot wait to see everything that you will accomplish and learn during your time here.

My advising appointments and drop-in availability are posted on **Buff Portal Advising**. Do not hesitate to meet with me or reach out via email with any questions.

I look forward to getting to know you all and assisting you in your academic journey. Sko Buffs!



Department Social Events

Coffee Social

Coffee Social will be held on Monday, September 29th, from 10:30 to 11:30am at Benson's South Entrance. Stop by weekly for a cup of coffee and a chat!



Colloquium & Happenings



Geological Sciences Colloquium

Topic: Do High Arctic Lakes Stratify in the Summer?

Join us on **9/24/25** in room 380 to hear how Arctic lake dynamics shape methane

[View Colloquium](#)

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 **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 her
Website**



Field Equipment Microgrants

GEOL and GEOP majors enrolled in a Fall 2025 field course can apply for microgrants (up to \$300) to help cover personal field equipment such as hiking boots or a winter coat.

Apply online by Sunday, September 28 at 11:59pm: [Application Form](#)

Questions? Contact Anne Marie at geoadmin@colorado.edu.

Special Lecture

The Evolving U.S. Civil Space Policy
with A. Thomas Young.

Join the Colorado Space Policy Center for its inaugural Distinguished Lecture featuring A. Thomas Young, who will discuss the future of U.S. civil space policy and lessons from decades of involvement in NASA, NOAA, and aerospace programs.

Monday, October 13 at 7:00pm

- AERO-120, Ann & H.J. Smead Aerospace Engineering Sciences Building, CU Boulder
- 3775 Discovery Dr., Boulder, CO 80303

Doors open at 6:45pm. Seating is limited.



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 make sure your application is on track. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

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



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
- Learn more and apply here: **Hertz Foundation Fellowship**

Additional opportunities can be found at **Pathways to Science**.

**Apply and Learn
More**

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**.



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Natural Science Peer Mentoring

Meet with a Peer Mentor!

Connect with peer mentors for guidance, networking, and study support. The CUBE Office also offers open hours, a modern study space, free coffee, tea, snacks, and printing.

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[Interest Form](#)

Course Spotlight

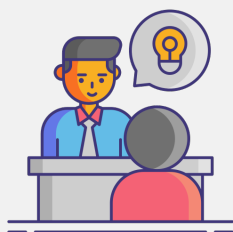
GEOG 1972–582: Environment–Society Geography

- Instructor: **Prakriti Mukerjee**

Explore the relationship between humans and the environment while examining issues like climate change, environmental justice, conservation, food

systems, water, and waste. This 7-week Continuing Education course uses global examples to understand how environmental problems are defined and addressed.

- October 20 – December 5, 2025
- CE Course (billed separately; not COF eligible)



Scholarship Reminder!

Student Pathways Scholarship – Fall Cycle
The deadline to apply is Monday, September 30!
Questions? Contact:

- Katelyn Frizzell – krfrizze@asu.edu
- Alex Bearden – alex_bearden@berkeley.edu

Outside the Classroom



Be sure to follow our Instagram page [@cu_boulder_geology](https://www.instagram.com/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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