



A Message from the Chair



What the department's name change means for you.

You have likely seen the recent announcement that beginning in August 2026, the Department of Geological Sciences will become the Department of Earth Science. I want to take a moment to share what this change means for you and to reassure you that while our name is changing, our commitment to your education and success remains the same.

This update reflects the exciting evolution of our department. Over the years, our research and teaching have grown far beyond traditional geology to include climate systems, water and energy resources, natural hazards, paleobiology and planetary science. The name Earth Science better represents this breadth and aligns with how the field is defined at leading universities around the world.

Importantly, your degree requirements and academic path will not change. You will continue to receive the same high-quality instruction, academic advising and opportunities for field and lab research that make our program exceptional.

To help answer any questions you may have, the department will host an information session on November 17 (details coming soon). In the meantime, we encourage you to visit our [name change FAQ page](#) and to send any questions to earthscience@colorado.edu.

I'm excited for this next chapter in our department's long and distinguished history and for the important role you play in shaping it. Thank you for being part of this vibrant community of Earth scientists.

Warm regards,

Anne Sheehan
Chair, Department of Geological Sciences, soon
to be Earth Science

Important Upcoming Deadlines

Geology Graduate Program Intranet on SharePoint!

Sign in below with your identikey to access Graduate Program Guidelines documents & Department forms for Committee Meetings. Everything you need in a one-stop-shop.



SharePoint
Website



Upload Completed Committee Docs

Use the link below to submit proof of Committee Form completion.

Upload Link

Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Outstanding PhD candidates can apply for full financial support for one academic semester (Fall 2026 or Spring 2027) to complete their dissertations. The fellowship includes a monthly stipend equivalent to a 50% GPTI salary, tuition for up to five dissertation hours, mandatory fees, and Gold health insurance coverage. Applicants must advance to D status by the end of Spring 2026 and cannot hold other employment during the fellowship period. Apply by **November 14th, 2025!**



Apply Here

Department Social Events



Coffee Social

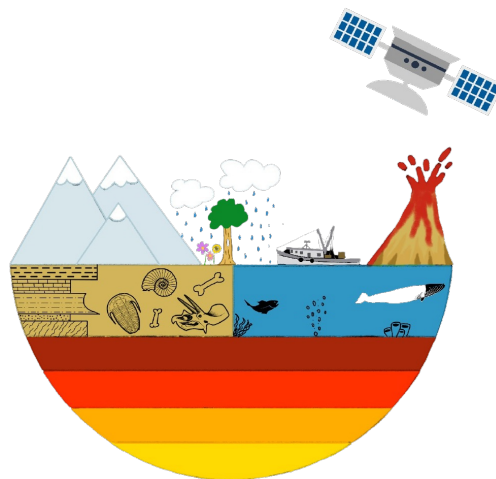
This next Coffee Social will be held on the **2nd floor landing** area instead of 380. It will still begin at 10:30 and go until 11:30. Feel free to swing by grab some coffee, tea, donuts, and bagels!

Event Calendar

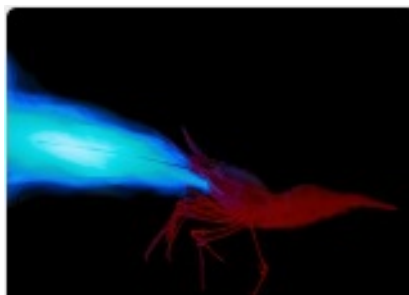
Registration now open for the Earth Science Symposium

Registration is now open for the CU Earth Science Symposium, a 2025 reprise of last year's successful New Frontiers in Translational Geoscience conference. The event will take place on **Saturday, November 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in the Benson Earth Sciences Building.

This poster and networking session is designed for students and early-career researchers to connect with advisory board members and the local geoscience community. Enjoy coffee, a “speed networking” event, and lunch goodies to wrap up the day. It's also a great opportunity to reprise your GSA presentation, prep for AGU, or share your latest research. **Register by November 10th** at the link below!



Register Here



The Language of Light: Bioluminescence in the Deep Sea

Join us for a fascinating talk hosted by Dr. Orit Peleg featuring a renowned visiting scientist exploring how deep-sea organisms use light to communicate. The event will take place in Benson 180, with a reception to follow.

Learn More Here

Distinguished Research Lecture

126th Distinguished Research Lecture: Hydrogen and the Search for Energy and Life

Join **Professor Alexis Templeton** from CU's Department of Geological Sciences and the Center for Astrobiology for the 126th Distinguished Research Lecture, *"Hydrogen: Integrating the Searches for New Energy Sources and Novel Life Activity Within the Earth."*

- **Thursday, Nov. 20 | 4–5 p.m.**
 - Chancellor's Hall and Auditorium, CASE
- A Q&A and reception will follow the lecture.



Colloquium and Happenings



Geological Sciences Colloquium: Dr. Yuval Tal

"Revealing the Dynamic Effects of Fault Structure on Earthquake Ruptures and Resulting Ground Motion through Laboratory Earthquakes"

Join us for a talk by Dr. Yuval Tal of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, who will discuss how laboratory earthquake experiments shed light on the complex dynamics of fault structure and ground motion.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

- 12:20–1:20 p.m. MST
- Benson Earth Sciences, Room 380

Academic Host: Dr. Kathryn Materna

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)



Recruiting Graduate Students and Post-docs for CLaSH

The Center for Land Surface Hazards (CLaSH) is recruiting graduate students and postdocs for the 2026–27 academic year. Participants will join an interdisciplinary network studying landslides, flooding, and cascading hazards, with opportunities for fieldwork, collaboration, and outreach across multiple universities. Learn more and explore projects at the link below!



CGWA Networking + Student Connection Program

The Colorado Groundwater Association (CGWA) is inviting students in water-related majors to participate in its Student Connection Program, which pairs students with professionals for career guidance, résumé reviews, and networking opportunities that may lead to employment connections. Learn more and sign up below.

[Learn More](#)

Spring Classes

GEOL 5702: Geomorphology Seminar Spring 2026

Join Bob Anderson for a one-credit seminar exploring the fascinating world of glaciers — from alpine glaciers to massive ice sheets and rock glaciers. Through classic and modern readings, you'll examine how glaciers shape landscapes, reveal climate history, and expose key gaps in current scientific understanding.

Tuesdays 11:00–11:50 AM | Benson 240D



**Learn
More**



GEOL 5700-039 Geochemical Principles

This course, adapted from Introduction to Geochemistry, covers the chemistry of mineral dissolution and precipitation, weathering reactions, and redox biogeochemistry—essential concepts for planetary and environmental science. It's ideal for students who have limited prior coursework in geochemistry or chemistry. Meets MWF from 11:15 am - 12:05 pm.

Funding Opportunities

Scholarships and Stipends

2025 Brunton Awards & Scholarships

The Association for Women Geoscientists is now accepting applications for the 2026 Brunton Awards, recognizing advanced undergraduate (3rd year and above) and graduate students whose gender has been historically underrepresented in the geosciences and who demonstrate a passion for fieldwork. Applications are due **December 15**, and students can apply via the new Google Form or by traditional PDF submission. Learn more below.

[Learn More](#)

Association for Women Geoscientists Brunton Awards

Promoting the future of field work for the upcoming generation of geoscientists whose genders have been historically underrepresented in the geosciences.

Applications due Dec. 15

Awardees receive a Brunton compass, up to \$1000 for field-related expenses, and a 1-year AWG membership

learn more at
www.awg.org/ScholarshipsandAwards





Vaughn-Tardif Graduate Student Fellowship

The Vaughn-Tardif Fellowship supports graduate students researching local community issues in Colorado's Front Range, especially those addressing LGBTQ+ topics. Recipients receive full support for one semester (Fall 2026 or Spring 2027), including a stipend, tuition, fees, and health insurance. Fellows may not engage in other paid employment or hold another fellowship simultaneously. Apply by **November 14th, 2025!**

[Apply and Learn More](#)

Figueroa Family Fellowship

The Figueroa Family Fellowship awards \$1,500 to a graduate student in the sciences or engineering who demonstrates a strong commitment to fostering diversity in higher education. **Apply by November 21, 2025.**

[Apply Here](#)



Jobs and Internships

October Job Repository

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!

- PhD Opportunity at Durham University
- Assistant professor position in geophysics at CUNY
- Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Curriculum



[October 2025 Repository](#)
[September 2025 Repository](#)

Graduate Research Funding

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](#)

Graduate Student Research Grants

The Graduate School offers grants of up to **\$1,200** to support graduate students' research, scholarship, and creative work across all departments. Applicants will be considered for the Beverly Sears and other donor-funded or Graduate School-funded awards. Apply by **Today, November 7, 2025**.

[Apply Here](#)



Happenings Outside CU Boulder



GradCO Professional Development Workshops

GradCo's professional development series for graduate students and postdocs runs through now until December. Explore the full lineup of

opportunities at the link below.

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Grad Program SharePoint

[SharePoint Website](#)

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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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