



Good Luck with Final Exams!

Congratulations, you made it! The last day of classes is today, December 5th. Final exams begin Monday, December 8th and final grades will be posted on transcripts December 18th.

Keep up the great work, and good luck!

Notices

Benson Access for Finals & Winter Break

CU Boulder will shift all academic building exterior doors to Buff OneCard access from Dec. 6–Jan. 6. Please plan ahead for building entry during this period.



Building Access Schedule

Reading Day & Finals Week
(Saturday–Sunday, Dec. 6–7; Monday–Friday, Dec. 8–12)

- Exterior doors to most academic buildings will be locked.
- Entry will require a Buff OneCard.

Winter Break

(Dec. 13, 2025–Jan. 6, 2026)

- All academic building exteriors will remain locked.
- Buff OneCard access is available 7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. for affiliates.

December 22–January 4

- The Benson front office will be closed.
- On university holidays and administrative leave days, all buildings will be fully closed (no access).

Have a wonderful break, and happy holidays!



Next Newsletter in January

The GEOL Undergraduate Newsletter will take a break over the holidays, to resume in the new year. Look out for the next edition, to be sent out on **January 9th, 2026**. Check it out to prepare

for the first day of classes and get back into the swing of things!

Upcoming Events

On-Campus Student Job & Professional Experience Fair



Are you interested in working on campus? Gain valuable work and career experience through on campus jobs that can grow your skills and may even be within your field of study! Departments from across campus will be there to showcase their job and professional experience opportunities – including mentorship, internships, research, volunteering, skill certificates, entrepreneurship and more. Hourly and work-study positions are available. This event is open to all current undergraduate and graduate students.

- **Thursday, January 15, 2026 11am to 2pm**

2026 Water Workforce Career Fair

Join us for the Colorado Water Center's third annual Water Workforce Career Fair designed to connect students across Colorado with water related employment and education/training opportunities. The Fair will feature over 30 exhibiting water professionals, a speed-dating networking session for students and professionals, and water education for all ages! The event will be held on **February 13th, 2026**, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. See flier for address.



[Register and Learn More](#)

Résumé and LinkedIn Strategy 101

If you're exploring your next career move, it can be challenging to know where to begin. How do you convey your unique story and skillset on your résumé? How do you get noticed in a sea of applicants? And how important is LinkedIn, really?

Expert speaker and career strategy consultant, Amanda Rico, will answer all these questions and more in Episode 2 of The Career Series: Résumé and LinkedIn Strategy.

 **Thursday, 11 December 2025**



Scholarships, Jobs, and Internships

Bruce Curtis Fellowship Opportunity

The Templeton lab is looking for an undergraduate student available for a 6-month Bruce Curtis fellowship (~7- 10 hours of paid work per week). The project "***Understanding the water-rock reactions producing geologic hydrogen in the Mid-Continent Rift rocks of Kansas***" will be supervised by Valentine Combaudon (postdoctoral associate) and will start in January 2026, mixing theatics such as **geochemistry** and **mineralogy**.

The project will aim at understanding which water-rock reaction producing geo-H₂ prevails in the Kansas basement. The mentee will (1) conduct experimental water-rock reactions under various temperatures to reproduce the reactions occurring in the Kansas basement, (2) characterize the rates of hydrogen production and potential redox reactions, and (3) determine which reaction produces hydrogen by characterizing the reaction products. To do so, the mentee will set up and monitor two different water-rock reaction systems, run weekly gas chromatography (GC) measurements, and characterize the reaction products by using X-ray Diffraction (XRD). The mentee will also be introduced to Raman spectroscopy. Students who have taken geochemistry (e.g., GEOL 3320) or who will be enrolled in Spring 2026 will be preferred. Please contact Valentine Combaudon at **Valentine.Combaudon@colorado.edu** and send information about your prior GEOL coursework, science interests, and work history.



New Location for Opportunity Postings!

Internships, Summer programs, scholarships, and job postings have a new home! Check out our Opportunities Folder for news and postings on exciting experiences available to you.



Opportunities Folder



Highlighted Internship:

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

The USBR's Technical Service Center is seeking interns for Summer 2026. The TSC seeks motivated, hard-working, resourceful individuals for its Summer Intern Program. Candidates must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in engineering or related science fields. Limited spots may be available for other disciplines. A virtual informational session is coming up on November 20th. **Applications are due January 7th, 2026.**

Apply Here

Earth Sciences MSc Program France

We would like to advertise available scholarships to attend our **Earth Sciences MSc program** (International Master in Geosciences) in **Aix-en-Provence, France**, for the **2026/2027 academic year**.

Information on the program, its content and application procedures can be found here :

https://people.cerege.fr/~vgodard/flyer_img

These scholarships for international students include :

- 10,000 €/year (for up to two years for students entering at the M1 level)
- Priority access to university housing
- Reduced tuition rate for non-EU students (EU students tuition is the same as French students)

Students may enter the program at either the **first (M1)** or **second (M2)** year level, depending on their academic background.

There is no separate application for the scholarships. We use the application material submitted through the platforms listed on the program website ("Application" section). However, we encourage interested students to contact us beforehand to declare their intention to apply, so we can guide them toward the appropriate procedure (EU vs. non-EU, M1 vs. M2, etc.).

Summer Programs

Announcements and applications for summer programs and experiences are starting in early January and application deadlines will peak around mid-February!

Get prepared by:

- **Updating and drafting templates of resumes and cover letters.**
- Come up with a list of potential people to ask for reference letters.
- **Review your skills from various classes and other experiences.**
- **Develop/fine-tune some new/old skills**
- **Keep current on opportunities through the CU Geological Sciences departmental newsletters.**

Resources include

- **CU Career Services for advice on preparing material and events:**
- **Geological Sciences Faculty mentors**
- **Academic advisors.**

Highlighted Summer REU Program:

"The Program in Climate and Space Science Observation (PICASSO) at the University of Michigan seeks to engage a collaborative cohort of students with hands-on exposure to a broad range of climate and space science topics, including meteorology and climate impacts, atmospheric-biosphere exchange, aerosols and atmospheric chemistry, remote sensing, computational modeling, space weather and planetary atmospheres.



Due date **Feb 8th 2026**

What is a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)?

An REU Site typically involves a group of around 10 students who work on related research projects at a host institution based in the United States or sometimes at an international location. At each REU Site, students work closely with faculty and other senior researchers to: conduct authentic research, receive mentoring, build their knowledge and research skills, and learn about educational and career pathways in STEM.

[Visit Website](#)

To search REUs across the nation, check out [this database!](#)

[View Opportunities Folder](#)

For more Summer experiences, check out our Google Folder below.

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Just So You Know...

The undergrad newsletter will be sent out each Thursday at noon, 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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