



Heads up: February deadlines ahead



We are coming up to February- the shortest month with the most deadlines! Many internships, summer programs, jobs, and scholarships have February application deadlines. Now is a great time to reach out to faculty concerning references and or recommendation letters.

Important Upcoming Deadlines

Drop Deadline

The deadline to drop a main campus class without penalty is next, **Friday, January 23rd** at 11:59 PM.

[View Academic Calendar](#)



UROP Deadline

The deadline to apply to join the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) is **February 13th, 2026**. The program offers individual grants for both the academic year of 2026 to 2027 and the summer term of 2026, with one application for both. Joining UROP can help you explore and expand your skillset, so apply today! **January 26th, 4:00 to 4:30 pm** Come get advice for your proposal!

[Information About UROP](#)

Honors Thesis

Are you interested in doing an Honors thesis this spring? Now is the time to get working! **April 22nd** is the deadline to register your project with the Honors Council. Prior to that, you will have to find an advisor, develop your project, and meet with the Geology Honors Council representative (Professor Brian Hynek) to gain approval. Questions can be sent to hynek@lasp.colorado.edu.



[More Information Here](#)

Department Events



Reminder: Coffee Hour!

Come join us this **Monday, January 26**, and every Monday from **10:30–11:30 AM** for some delicious coffee, tea, and treats! All students and faculty are welcome!

GEOL Club Events

Come join the Geology Club **every Tuesday from 3:30-5:00 PM** for their new Office Hours! You'll have a chance to talk about classes, collaborate and connect with other students, and study in a community space. Office hours will be held in **Benson 1B75** each week.

The Geology Club and Anthropology club will be having a club mixer **Wednesday, January 28th** follow the [Geologyclubs](#) Instagram for details.



Geology Microgrant!

Personal Field Gear Micro-Grant – Spring 2026 Geological Sciences majors enrolled in a Spring 2026 field course can apply for up to \$300 to help cover required personal field equipment.

- **Application deadline: Sunday, February 1st at 11:59 PM**
- Questions? Contact Anne Sheehan geochair@colorado.edu

[Apply Here!](#)

Talks and Colloquium



Geological Sciences Colloquium Speaker

On Wednesday, January 28th, we will have a surprise guest speaker come to speak with us. Topic is TBD, and as always, snacks and drinks will be available at 12:00 and the talk will begin at 12:20. Stop by Benson 380 to listen in!

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)

Funding & Other Opportunities

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.



[View Opportunities Folder](#)

NSF 2026 Summer Research Experience Spreadsheet

Looking for some summer opportunities for research this summer?

We've done some digging for you.

We just updated the Undergraduate Opportunities Folder with a list of NSF Undergraduate Research Experiences (REUs) and internships focused on Earth and Planetary Sciences. Many of these programs provide stipends, housing, and travel.



Why check now? * Deadlines: Many applications are due as early as **next week**.
Highlighted Opportunity: Collaborative REU Site: Microplastic Sources, Sinks, Transport and Environmental Impact across the Finger Lakes Watershed - **Applications close Jan 26th**

[Learn more about NSF!](#)

[Directly Apply Here](#)

Earth-Scope's RESESS Internship



Apply Here!

Applications are now open for Earth-Scope's 2026 RESESS Internship Program, a paid, **mentored 11-week summer research experience for upper-level undergraduates, including students graduating this spring, who are interested in geoscience, environmental science, and related fields**. The program includes a competitive weekly stipend, housing support, and travel funding. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and **no prior research experience is required**. **Application deadline: February 15 at midnight (ET)**.

Job Posting For Soon To Be Grads

Parsons is hiring an Associate Geologist / Environmental Scientist in the Denver area to support environmental site investigation and remediation projects. This early-career role offers hands-on fieldwork (up to 70% travel) with growth into more office-based responsibilities over time. Candidates should have a **Bachelor's degree in Geology** or a related field, be willing to travel, and work in varied field conditions. The position offers a salary range of \$21.88–\$38.27/hour plus competitive benefits. The posting is open now and **early applications are encouraged!** If you have any questions, reach out to: lucianna.baright@parsons.com



Apply Here!



Highlighted Scholarship

The Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists Foundation supports earth science research and academic studies for graduate and selected undergraduate students by providing **14** students with scholarship awards in 2026. Some of the scholarships are available not only to geology and geophysics students but to other earth science-related sub-disciplines including, but not limited to: geochemistry, hydrology, atmospheric and/or climate sciences, volcanology, mining-related studies, planetary sciences, surface processes, and glaciology. The deadline is Sunday **February 15th**.

Apply Here

Astronaut Scholarship

Apply Now: \$15k Astronaut Scholarship

CU is seeking **Sophomore** and **Junior** STEM researchers for the Astronaut Scholarship. This prestigious award offers up to \$15,000 and elite mentorship. You do not need to be interested in space to apply!



- Eligibility: U.S. Citizens; all STEM fields (excluding MD/pre-med).
- Competitive Profile: 3.7+ GPA and a strong commitment to a career in research.
- **First Step:** Speak with your faculty mentor (Lon Abbott or Jennifer Stempien) or department head about a nomination.
- **Deadline: February 19th**

For full details, check out the 2026 Opportunities folder for the PDF, and reach out to Lon, Anne, and or Jennifer.

2026 Opportunities Folder



GEOINT Symposium, and Networking

Students interested in presenting their work at a major geospatial conference should apply to the GEOINT Symposium Student Poster Competition by **February 18th**. Selected students will create and present a geospatial poster and **gain valuable networking experience** with industry, government, and academic professionals at the GEOINT Symposium in Denver (May 6–9). Registration is typically expensive, but CU has 5 free student tickets available—students interested should contact heather.shocker@colorado.edu ASAP!

Sage Field Program

Applications for the Summer of Applied Geophysical Experience (SAGE) field program closes **Saturday February 14, 2026**. SAGE is a competitive, hands-on geophysics program with 2+ weeks of fieldwork in New Mexico plus preparatory online work, open to students and professionals. Only 20–25 participants will be selected, with decisions announced in early–mid March.



Apply to SAGE

Short-term Field Opportunity 2026



Aurora Geosciences is accepting general applications for short-term geophysical field contracts for **Summer 2026**. These roles are open to students and alumni, including those with a geology focus, and are a great way to gain hands-on, applied geophysics experience outside the classroom. Past short contracts have led to additional geology work.

[Read more](#)

Miss a Newsletter?

Check out past newsletters at [this link](#)!

Just So You Know...

The undergrad 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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