



Heads up: February deadlines ahead

As we are approaching 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

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!](#)

Education Abroad: Geological Cross Section and Continental Collision: The Western Alps (France)

Travel to France in May 2026 (May 20–29 plus travel on front and back end) for an international CU Boulder - University of Marie and Louis Pasteur field course exploring mountain-building and tectonic processes across the Western Alps. Conducted in English; **fulfills the field course requirement for Geology majors.**



Students will enroll in the UMLP course through CU Education Abroad and have credit transferred to CU (2 course credits)

Prerequisites: GEOL 2700 & GEOL 3120 or equivalents

Instructors: UMLP instructors plus Dr. Kevin Mahan (CU) and an instructor from Kansas State University

Deadline to apply: March 1, 2026

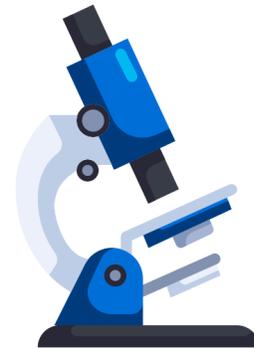
Contact kevin.mahan@colorado.edu or CU Education Abroad for details

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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!



[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

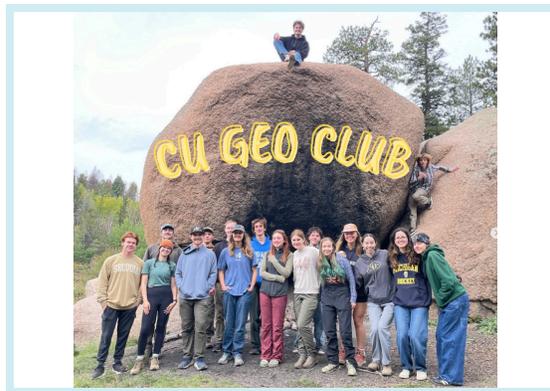


Reminder: Coffee Hour!

Come join us this **Monday, February 2nd**, and every Monday from **10:30–11:30 AM** for some delicious coffee, tea, and treats! All students and faculty are welcome!

Geology Club

Come join the Geology Club **every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 PM** for their 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.



[Instagram](#)

Talks and Colloquium

Geological Sciences Colloquium Speaker



On **Wednesday, February 4th**, we will have Dr. Ian Hillenbrand come to speak with us. He will present *Beyond Plumes and Rifts: A New Origin Story for Rare Earth Element Deposits*, exploring new models for the tectonic and petrologic processes that form major REE deposits., and as always, snacks and drinks will be available at 12:00 and the talk will begin at **12:20 in Benson 380**.

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)

Funding & Other Opportunities

New Location for Opportunity Postings!

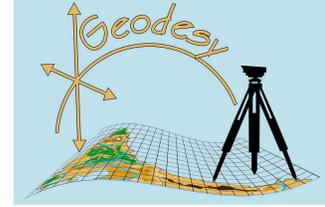
Internships, Summer programs, scholarships, and job postings have a new home! Check out our Opportunities Folder for news and postings on exciting experiences available to you.



[View Opportunities Folder](#)

Geodesy Internship

Paid, in-person 8-week undergraduate research internships at Michigan State University focused on geodesy—using GPS/GNSS and satellite data to study Earth processes like earthquakes, deformation, and sea level rise. Interns receive a \$7,000 stipend plus travel support and work with faculty on hands-on research. Application deadline: **February 15th, 2026 at 5 PM ET**—learn more and apply via the link below.



[Learn More & Apply](#)

NSF 2026 Summer Research Experience Spreadsheet

Looking for some summer opportunities for research this summer?

We've done some digging for you. The Undergraduate Opportunities Folder has 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.



[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).**

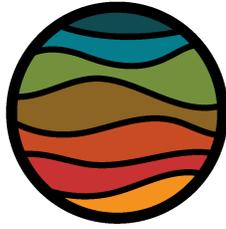
Job Posting For Soon To Be Grads

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](#)

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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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