



February Deadlines Are Here

Many internships, jobs, summer programs, and scholarships close this month. Now is the time to connect with faculty about references and recommendation letters. Start reviewing opportunities and preparing application materials to stay on track.

Important Upcoming Deadlines

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 1st, 2026

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

[Read More](#)

[Apply Here!](#)

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 9th**, 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. This upcoming **Monday February 9th**,

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| | | Office Hours Benson 1B75 3:30-5:30 | | Galantines Girls Night! | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Movie Night | | | | | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | | Trivia Night | | | Paint Mines Trip | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | |
| | | LinkedIn Workshop | Mt Sanitas Hike! | | | |

they will be having a *movie night*, follow their Instagram below for more information!

Instagram

Save The Date

Are you wondering where your degree can take you? Join the **Geological Sciences Alumni Advisory Board** for an evening dedicated to your future. Careers rarely follow a straight line. Our distinguished alumni have navigated careers in everything from the **USGS** and **ExxonMobil** to **Remote Sensing, Water Resource Management, and Environmental Consulting**. This is your chance to hear

the "unfiltered" stories of how they navigated twists and turns to find success.

- **When:** **Thursday, March 26th | Evening (Exact time TBA)**
- **Where:** Benson Earth Sciences, Room 380
- **Why:** Get real-world advice, ask the "tough" questions, and start building your professional network over light refreshments.

Don't just plan for a job—prepare for a journey. We can't wait to see you there!



Talks and Colloquium



Geological Sciences Colloquium Speaker

On **Wednesday, February 11th**, we will have Dr. Fran Bagenal, who will present *Think Global, Act Local: Demographics of the Space Sciences*. Her talk explores long-term trends in the demographics of the space and physics workforce, challenges common assumptions about progress in representation, and discusses what individuals and departments can do locally to strengthen and diversify STEM career pathways, 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](#)

Research in the Rocky Mountains

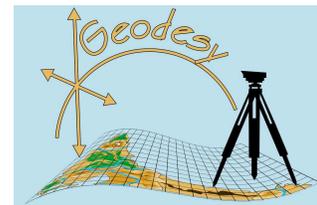
The Colorado Mountain Club Foundation is accepting applications for 2026 fellowships supporting student research in the Rocky Mountain region. Grants range from approximately \$500–\$2,000 and are open primarily to graduate students, though undergraduates are also eligible. Supported disciplines include geology, biology, chemistry, environmental studies, geography, forestry, history, law, and related fields. **Applications are due April 15th** and **require a faculty sponsor letter**. Send your application to: Paula.Cushing@dmns.org
Learn more by clicking the link below:



[Learn More](#)

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 15th 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 14th, 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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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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