



Major February Deadlines Close This Weekend!

A significant number of internships, jobs, summer research programs, and scholarship applications are **closing this weekend**. If you plan to apply, act now!

Be sure to:

- Confirm submission deadlines and required materials
- Request recommendation letters immediately, if you have not already
- Finalize and proofread all application components

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 **TODAY 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](#)



Scientists in Parks Internship

The Scientists in Parks program offers *paid summer positions in U.S. national parks* for students and early-career scientists interested in fieldwork, research, GIS, education, and natural resource management. Participants gain hands-on experience while contributing to real park science and conservation projects across the country. Applications for summer 2026 opportunities close this **Sunday February 15th!!**

[Learn More & Apply!](#)

Keck Geology Gateway Research Program

Rising Sophomores check out this opportunity: The Keck Geology Consortium Gateway Program offers paid summer research experiences designed specifically for rising sophomores who are exploring geology or earth science majors. Students work on collaborative field and lab projects, gain research experience early in their degree, and build connections across institutions. Applications are due **Monday February 16th!**



Learn More

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 16th**, 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 **Wednesday February 18th**, they will be having a *trivia night*, and Saturday **February 21st** they will be going on a trip to **Paint Mines!** Follow their Instagram below for more information!

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9 Movie Night	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Trivia Night	19	20	21 Paint Mines Trip	22
23	24	25 LinkedIn Workshop	26 Mt Sanitas Hike!	27	28	

Instagram

Talks and Colloquium

Geological Sciences Colloquium Speaker



Join us this week for an exciting colloquium presentation by **Dr. Becca VanderLeest** who will be discussing multi-proxy thermal history of basin heating during Cordilleran orogenesis in the Magallanes-Austral retroarc foreland basin, Patagonian Andes

Join her on **2/18/26, 12:20-1:20 PM**. In Benson Earth 380.

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)

GEGM Boase Seminar Series

Join us this Tuesday, February 17th, as Roman Y. Makhnenko (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) will present “Shales as Barriers in Geoenergy Projects.” The talk examines the hydro-mechanical-chemical behavior of shale formations and their role as sealing barriers for CO₂ and H₂ storage and nuclear waste disposal, highlighting laboratory characterization and implications for in-situ performance.



**Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | 12:00–1:00 PM MST
DLC 1B70 |**

Zoom: <https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/99804502326>

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

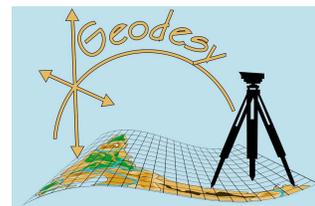
The Colorado Mountain Club Foundation is accepting applications for 2026 fellowships supporting student research in the Rocky Mountain region. Grants range from approximately \$500–\$2,000 and are open primarily to graduate students, though undergraduates are also eligible. Supported disciplines include 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](#)

Student Assistant – Scientific Computing

The Raman Lab is hiring an undergraduate to improve instrument automation, software workflows, and computational efficiency to increase utilization of advanced research equipment.

Pay: \$17/hour | ~10 hrs/week (flexible)

Term: **Spring semester** (possible renewal)

Location: Benson Earth Sciences (on campus)

Seeking: STEM major with basic scripting/programming (Python, MATLAB, macros) or willingness to learn; strong troubleshooting and documentation skills.



Apply NOW: Send a brief statement of interest and resume to Eric Ellison & Jess Hankins
ramanlab@colorado.edu

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!](#)

NOAA (NGS) Hiring Geodesists

NOAA's National Geodetic Survey (NGS) is hiring 6 Geodesists for GNSS testing, processing, research, and development. **Deadline: Feb. 23rd, 2026**
Locations: Boulder, CO; Silver Spring, MD; Corbin/Woodford, VA; Chesapeake, VA; Seattle, WA
Role includes supporting the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) through geodetic data processing and quality control, maintaining and testing NGS software, GNSS orbit determination and modeling, project planning, and presenting/publishing research.



[Read More About Job](#)



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**

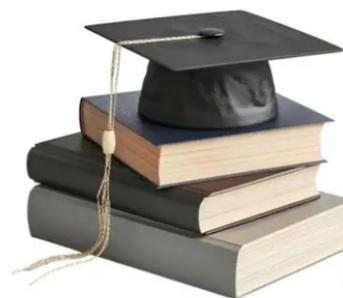
For full details, check out the 2026 Opportunities folder for the PDF, and reach out to Lon, Anne, and or Jennifer.



[2026 Opportunities Folder](#)

Scholarship Deadline – March 15, 2026

The Department of Geological Sciences and CU scholarships **deadline is March 15th, 2026**. These awards are for the 2026–2027 academic year, and this is the only time each year departmental scholarships are awarded through the CU Scholarship system. Students should complete the general CU Scholarship application as soon as possible. Some “apply-to” opportunities require additional materials that must also be submitted by 3/15.



Submitting the general application also automatically considers you for other CU scholarships you may qualify for, so mark your calendars and stay on track!

General Scholarship Details

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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