



## Happy Spring Break! 🌸

Spring Break is here! We hope everyone has a safe, relaxing, and well-deserved break. Take some time to recharge and enjoy the pause before the final stretch of the semester. When you return, don't forget to start planning ahead—Summer and Fall registration opens **March 30th**. Be sure to schedule an advising appointment early to review your degree progress and course plans, as advising slots fill quickly.

### Meet With An Advisor!

## What's Coming Up After Break



### Scholarship Deadline March 15th!

The Department of Geological Sciences and CU scholarships deadline is this **Sunday 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

## 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.

## CU Career Services

Looking for a summer internship or planning for a post-grad role? Take advantage of upcoming CU Career Services events to build your network and prepare for the job search:

- **Prepare for the Career Fair Workshop**

**March 24 & March 30th**

- **Talk with Forever Buffs (Alumni Networking)**  
**March 26th**
- **CU Career Fair — April 2nd**



## Preparing for Research Opportunities

### Honors Thesis

Are you interested in doing an Honors thesis this spring? Now is the time to get working! **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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](mailto:hynek@lasp.colorado.edu).



[More Information Here](#)



### Funding Opportunity: GSA Rocky Mountain Section Research Grants

The Geological Society of America (GSA) is currently accepting applications for graduate student research grants through the Rocky Mountain Section. These grants are designed to support undergraduate and graduate student research projects conducted within the Rocky Mountain region. Whether you are heading into the field this summer or conducting laboratory analyses, this is an excellent opportunity to secure funding for your project. Deadline is **April 10th!**

[More Information!](#)

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](mailto:Paula.Cushing@dmns.org) Learn more by clicking the link below:



[Learn More](#)

## Department Events

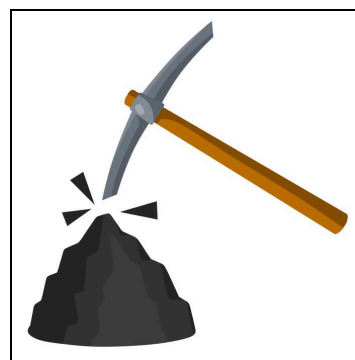


### No Colloquium or Coffee Social Next Week!

Due to spring break **next week**, there will be **no coffee social or colloquium**. They will resume the following week during the normal scheduled time and place.

### Edgar Mine Tour Opportunity

Department alumnus Sean Sundermann has a few open seats for students to join a class visit to the **Edgar Experimental Mine on Monday, April 6th**. The group will travel by van from CU at 8:00 AM and return around 12:00 PM. The tour explores historic underground workings and modern mining training facilities used by Colorado School of Mines students. Interested students should contact Sean directly at [sean.sundermann@colorado.edu](mailto:sean.sundermann@colorado.edu)

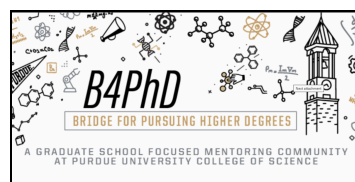


## Funding & Other Opportunities

[Opportunities!](#)

### Bridge for Pursuing Higher Degrees (B4PhD) – Purdue University

Interested in graduate school in the sciences? Purdue University's Bridge for Pursuing Higher Degrees (B4PhD) is a free virtual mentoring program where students connect with current graduate students, learn about research opportunities, and get guidance



on the graduate school application process. Open to U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a 3.0+ GPA graduating Spring 2027 or later.

**Apply by March 16th!**

## Exploration Mining Job Opportunity

Big Rock Exploration is looking to hire around 20 additional team members for exploration mining projects. The company works on a variety of **mineral exploration programs** and offers strong pay and field experience opportunities. Students or alumni interested in learning more should email Lon Abbott ([lon.abbott@colorado.edu](mailto:lon.abbott@colorado.edu)).



[Big Rock Exploration](#)

## Marine Geophysical Research Cruise

Check out and apply to join a marine geophysical research cruise aboard the R/V Marcus G. Langseth to study mantle dynamics and early Atlantic seafloor spreading while gaining hands-on experience collecting and analyzing seismic data. The cruise is **scheduled for July 17th – September 1st, 2026**, and **applications** (CV, statement of interest, and advisor support) are **due March 31st, 2026**. Check out the opportunities folder for more.



[Application \(Here\)](#)

## Undergraduate Job Opportunity:

Shared by current undergraduate Lila Brodsky, the Multibeam **Sonar Bathymetry team** is **hiring** a Junior Data Manager through CIRES and is looking for an undergraduate **student interested in working with environmental data**. This role is a great opportunity for students with a few years of school remaining who are excited to learn data management, coding, and software skills while supporting NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information. **Applications are open until the end of the month.**



[Learn More!](#)

## Conservation River Fellow

River Fellows spend the summer working alongside several partners including the Flathead National Forest to:

- Engage river stewardship volunteers
- Support citizen science and agency data collection efforts
- Engage river users in conservation education
- Assist with stewardship and restoration projects along the 219-mile Flathead River system



It's a great opportunity for students interested in gaining hands-on field experience in conservation and river stewardship.

[More Information!](#)



### GEN ED Elective: Art & Environments Field School (Summer 2026)

Interested in exploring the intersection of creativity and the natural world? **The Art & Environments Field School (ARTS 4444/5444) is an intensive 6-credit off-campus course running May 11–29th, 2026, open to students of all majors and levels.** Learn more at an informational meeting on March 24th at 12:00PM in Room 287 (free pizza provided). Flyer is also in the opportunities folder, but for even more details contact [Richard.Saxton@colorado.edu](mailto:Richard.Saxton@colorado.edu)

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## Emily Fairfax Featured in CU Magazine

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A new CU Arts & Sciences Magazine article highlights research by Emily Fairfax, a CU Boulder Geological Sciences PhD alumna and ecohydrologist who studies how beavers shape ecosystems and influence water systems. The story explores her role as the scientific beaver consultant for a new film and how storytelling can help share environmental science with broader audiences.



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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](mailto:geoloffice@colorado.edu).



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