



Dr. Brian Hynek - Honors Council Representative

I am Geology's Honors Council representative, and I wanted to share a bit about the opportunity to do an Honors thesis as part of your academic career at CU. You can find all the information at colorado.edu/honors.

What is an Honors thesis?

The student develops a (2 or more semester-long) research project with a professor (or other research scientist in the department). After the research, the student writes up an Honors thesis and completes an oral presentation and defense of the work. Honors students need a good GPA. Your cumulative should be at least a 3.0 to be considered for Honors, and 3.3 is a more typical lower bar. Various levels of Honors can be bestowed, based on your research and GPA.

Why pursue an Honors thesis?

- Allows you to complete independent research as an undergrad.
- You would graduate with distinction and a note on your transcript.
- Looks very good on a Resume.
- Helps you get into grad school.
- Helps you get a job.
- Allows you to learn additional skills and toolsets.
- Provides one-on-one mentoring with a faculty member.
- You get a special Honors graduation ceremony and a medal!

How to pursue an Honors Thesis?

Find a faculty member or research scientist to work with. Feel free to ask around, email, etc, to see if anyone in an area that you have interests is in need of an undergraduate research assistant. Talk to your professors or the academic advisors. Start early! Once you have a faculty member onboard, you will need to register with the Honors office by the deadline in the semester prior to when you plan to defend your thesis. **Note that the deadline to register for a Spring 2025 thesis defense is October 1st.** Registering requires a prospectus, timeline, bibliography, and in-person meeting and approval by me, the Honors representative. Feel free to email or set up a meeting with me, Lon Abbott, or

Jen Stempien if you have any questions.

Good luck with the new semester!

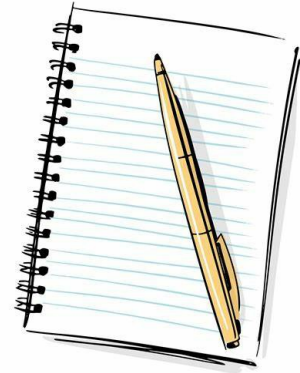
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Important Upcoming Deadlines

Last Day to Drop Without Penalty

The last day to drop a class without penalty is Wednesday, September 11th at 11:59pm.

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Department Events

Geology Club Meetings

The next Geology Club meeting of the Fall semester will take place on Wednesday, September 11th at 5:30 in Benson 265. Drop by to meet the club and grab a slice! To join the Discord, scan the QR codes outside of BESC 265. For any questions, please contact club President Anya Keena (Anya.Keena@colorado.edu).



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Schedule**

University Events



CU Bike Fest

Today, September 5th from 2:00 to 5:00pm, the CU Environmental Center and Bike Program holds their seventh annual CU Bike Fest on Farrand Field! Bike Fest is a day of community and culture, introducing thousands of students to the many ways to enjoy bikes and sustainable transportation. Enjoy free food, t-shirts, and bike repairs, followed by their

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Talks and Colloquium



Geological Sciences Colloquium Speaker

On Wednesday, September 11th, Professor Bradley Markle will be discussing feedbacks and climate dynamics in Earth's past. Join us for this riveting discussion hosted by Dr. Eric Small Tilton at 12:30pm in BESC Room 380.

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Details](#)

ATOC Colloquium Speaker

Please join us for the first ATOC Colloquium of the Fall semester on Friday, September 6 from 11:00 AM–12:00 PM in SEEC C120. This colloquium features Mike Nelson from ABC7 Denver. As part of this seminar, Mike will share insights from his 40 years in the weather forecasting industry and look ahead at the societal challenges posed by climate change. Please join us for conversation beginning at 10:45 AM and stay for a catered lunch afterwards.



[RSVP Here](#)

Micro-Grants for Field Classes

If you are a student enrolled in GEOL 2700, GEOL 4714/5714, GEOL 4716/5716, GEOL 4755/5755, GEOL 5150, the Department of Geological Sciences is pleased to let you know that you are eligible to apply for the Fall 2024 Geological Sciences Personal Field Gear Micro-Grant program! Please note that the micro-grant program is meant to provide funds to cover pieces of personal field gear/equipment you need for a field course that would represent a financial burden for you to purchase. The maximum amount that can be requested from the program is \$400 per student.

Applications are due by **5PM Monday, September 16, 2024** for priority consideration. If you have any questions about this program, do not hesitate to contact Boz Wing at boswell.wing@colorado.edu.

Student Jobs and Internships

Educational Technology Research Assistant

ASSETT is hiring three undergraduate Educational Technology Research Assistants (ETRA.) This is a project-based role where undergraduate students work on researching emergent technologies in higher education. In this role, the ETRA will interact with peers, faculty, and staff to gain diverse perspectives and provide a student's outlook on topics by presenting ideas to a broader campus audience. The application deadline is September 13th. This one-year position is 8-10 hours per week at \$18/hour.

[Learn More](#)

Colorado Water Fellows Program

The Colorado Water Fellows Program advances the next generation of water leaders by training and connecting undergraduate students to careers and opportunities in the water field. All CU Boulder undergraduate students are welcome to apply, the application deadline is September 8th.

[Visit Program Website](#)[Apply Here](#)

New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources

The NMT has recently had a significant increase in their base operating budget to help better characterize the aquifers of New Mexico. You can read about some of the statewide goals in the [New Mexico 50yr Water Plan](#). They currently have 8 open positions to support this effort, with requirements ranging from High School diplomas to master's degrees.



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Mine Engineering/Geology Intern

The HOLCIM Group is hiring an intern for the Summer of 2025. This opportunity will be a 10-week, paid internship beginning May 27th, 2025. This internship will be based in Golden, CO with opportunities to travel to various local sites throughout the program. This role is ideal for students passionate about geology, environmental stewardship, and strategic mine planning.

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Just So You Know...

The undergrad newsletter will be sent out each Thursday at noon, 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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