



## Meet Dr. Abbott, an Undergraduate Faculty Mentor

For those of you who haven't met me, I teach classes like Geology of Colorado, Introduction to Field Geology, and Scientific Writing. I look forward to the opportunity to work with most of you sometime during your undergraduate career, most likely in the field geology course.

In addition to my teaching, I (along with Jennifer Stempien) am an undergraduate faculty mentor. Only a handful of departments at CU offer this program, which benefits you because it expands the group of resource people available to answer your questions. Either Cole Gladhart or Jordyn Dwyer is your official CU advisor, and they are your go-to people for answering questions about the nuts and bolts of CU graduation requirements. What Dr. Stempien and I add to your resource mix is that both of us are practicing geoscientists, so we are well positioned to answer questions you might have about career options, how to search for the best fit graduate school, or, more immediately, how you can get involved in department research as an undergraduate. I'm happy to chat about anything that's on your mind, but those are some ways I could usefully supplement the great advising you get from Jordyn and Cole.

Here's a bit of my background, in hopes it will trigger questions you have for me. I grew up in Boulder, and all the hours I spent recreating in the local mountains, climbing, hiking, skiing, and kayaking sparked my desire to study geology in college. I love the science, and I find that geologists are usually people I can relate to, so I've found my passion. My main scientific interest remains how mountains are built, same as when I started my geology career. I have degrees in geology and geophysics, and I've done several internships and worked for a geophysical service company. I taught at Prescott College, a small liberal arts school in Arizona, and at Red Rocks Community College before arriving here at CU geology. I do a lot of geology writing and speaking for broad, non-science audiences, so can give you tips on science communication if that's a field that interests you.

You can make an appointment with me on the Hub the same way you do with Jordyn and Cole. I have scheduled appointments on Wednesday mornings and my walk-in hours (Benson Room 222A) are Wednesdays 2-4 p.m. If none of those times work for you, shoot me an email and we'll set up a time that

works for your schedule. Come on in for a visit; I look forward to chatting with you.

**View Dr. Abbott's  
Page**

## Important Upcoming Deadlines



### Honors Thesis

The deadline to register for a Spring 2025 thesis defense is **October 1st**. Registering requires a prospectus, timeline, bibliography, an in-person meeting, and approval by the Honors representative.

**Learn More and  
Register**

### Study Abroad

The deadline to register for most study abroad programs for Spring 2025 is coming up on **October 1st**.

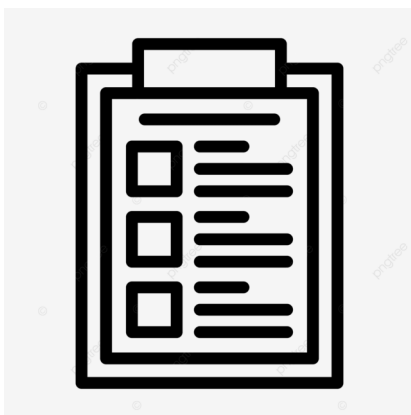
**Learn More and Explore  
Programs**



### New Student Survey

Every fall, the Student Affairs Office of Planning, Assessment, and Data Analytics surveys new incoming students about their transition to CU Boulder via the Fall Welcome Survey. Students who complete the survey by **September 20**, at 11:59pm will be entered to win 1 of 10 \$100 amazon gift cards. For questions regarding this survey, please contact [SAAssessment@colorado.edu](mailto:SAAssessment@colorado.edu).

**Take  
Survey**



## Student Resources

## Academic Coaching

The College of Arts and Sciences is able to offer Academic Coaching to undergraduate students. Academic coaching is a personalized approach to improving your academic performance. Work with a professional coach to set goals, overcome challenges, feel more confident in class, and improve your GPA. Academic coaching is free and available to all A&S undergraduate students.



[View Academic Coaching Website](#)



## Writing Center

The CU Boulder Writing Center is an academic support service that offers writers from all academic disciplines and skill levels the opportunity to work one-on-one with professionally trained writing consultants. Services are available free of charge to current CU Boulder undergraduates!

[View Locations and Hours](#)

## Mathematics Academic Resource Center

The Mathematics Academic Resource Center (MARC) is a free service provided by the Department of Mathematics that offers students additional support for their CU Mathematics courses. Tutors are trained to help assist with specific questions. They are not able to work through homework assignments. The MARC is extremely busy before assignments are due, so make a habit of visiting the MARC well before assignments are due, have some coffee and tea, and start a conversation with their wonderful tutors.



[View MARC Website](#)

## Department Events

### Upcoming Research Conference

On Saturday, November 9th, the New Frontiers in Translational Geoscience

Conference will take place. It is a research conference hosted by the Department of Geological Sciences at CU Boulder. The conference will showcase posters on geoscience research conducted by mainly graduate students at CU Boulder, followed by an optional networking social hour with representatives from geoscience-related agencies, businesses, non-profits, and organizations. Although the conference is geared primarily for geoscience graduate students at CU Boulder, postdocs and undergraduate students conducting geoscience research at CU Boulder are also welcome to submit abstracts.

[Register Here](#)

## Weekly Coffee Social

Every Monday from 10:30am to 11:30am, the Department of Geological Sciences hosts a Coffee Social! Stop by the globes on the South side of Benson Earth Sciences for a drink and a treat.



## Talks and Colloquium



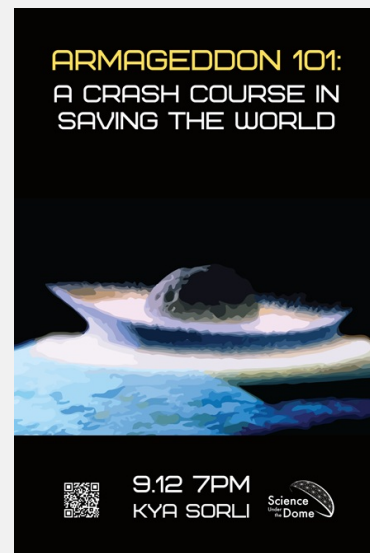
### Geological Sciences Colloquium Speaker

On Wednesday, September 18th, Dr. Peter Roopnarine will be visiting CU Boulder and speaking on modeling the dynamics of ancient communities concerning ecological persistence, extinction, and change. Stop by Benson 380 at 12:30 to listen into this chat hosted by Dr. Carl Simpson.

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)

### Armageddon 101 - A Crash Course in Saving the World

Join us at Fiske Planetarium tonight, Sept 12th at 7 pm for a talk titled, "Armageddon 101: A Crash Course in Saving the World." Speaker Kya Sorli is a PhD candidate in the Department of Astrophysical & Planetary Sciences. This talk is open to all members of the public and is free to all CU students with valid ID.

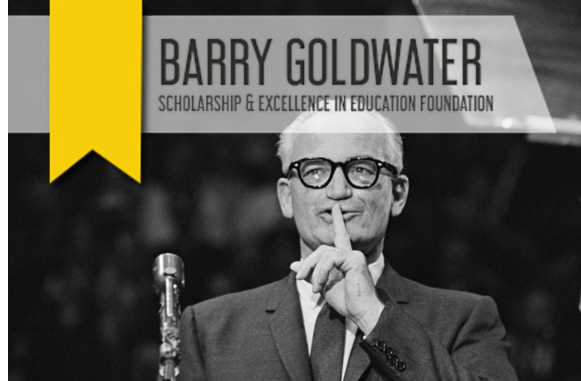


## Scholarships and Stipends



## Goldwater Scholarship

Students interested in a research career in math, natural sciences, or engineering are invited to apply for the Goldwater Scholarship, which funds up to \$7,500 toward undergraduate tuition and other educational expenses. Students must be current sophomores or juniors and may be eligible if they have an excellent academic record and demonstrated research experience. For more information and advice on the application process, attend the information meeting on September 18th from 4-5 pm in person in ECCR 257.



## Micro-Grants for Field Classes

If you are a student enrolled in GEOL 2700, GEOL 4714, GEOL 4716, and/or GEOL 4755, 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](mailto:boswell.wing@colorado.edu).

[Apply Here](#)

## 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](#)



## 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.

**Learn More and  
Apply**

## 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](mailto:geoloffice@colorado.edu).



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