

SPRUCE GULCH RESERVE SUMMER FUNDING

The Spruce Gulch Wildlife and Research Reserve invites proposals for graduate and undergraduate projects for summer 2026. This funding is not limited to any specific academic focus but must be connected to the overall mission of the Reserve. We anticipate five awards:

- Three graduate awards, equivalent to a 50% GRA for three summer months.
- Two undergraduate awards to support honors theses, independent study or work in conjunction with other research at the reserve. These will be funded by a \$3000 stipend.



Spruce Gulch is a 476-acre mosaic of ponderosa pine savanna, meadow and riparian areas located just north of Boulder. The site provides excellent habitat for invertebrates, mammals and birds. The reserve is managed using low impact, science-based methods that preserve or enhance site conditions. This site became a CU property in 2025, and has a 25 year history of facilitating studies at CU.

- The Reserve will support efforts in the natural sciences, engineering, museum studies, social sciences, humanities, and arts. We welcome proposals involving research, project design, and creative work.
- Proposed work must focus on Spruce Gulch as the primary site for summer field research, specimen/sample collection, project or creative work, be consistent with the Reserve mission, and follow safety and management guidelines. You must be a currently enrolled CU student to apply for funds.
- We recommend reviewing previous research, including student research efforts, listed on the [Reserve web site](#). Please send inquiries about possible activities to timothy.seastedt@colorado.edu.

TO APPLY:

*Send a two-page proposal describing the justification, merits, procedures and goals of the proposed summer project, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or supervisor, and CV to timothy.seastedt@colorado.edu by **13 March, 2026**. We anticipate making final decisions by early April.*

