



CAPSTONE PARTNER GUIDE



Masters of the Environment
University of Colorado **Boulder**

2025-2026

WHY A CAPSTONE PROJECT?

CU Masters of the Environment graduate students serve as **external consultants** who **creatively address real-world sustainability challenges**, **expand your organization's capacity**, and **produce valuable deliverables**.

You will also cultivate a new generation of **sustainability leaders!**

CU MENV SPECIALIZATIONS

Environmental and Natural Resources Policy

Renewable & Sustainable Energy

Sustainability in the Outdoor Industry

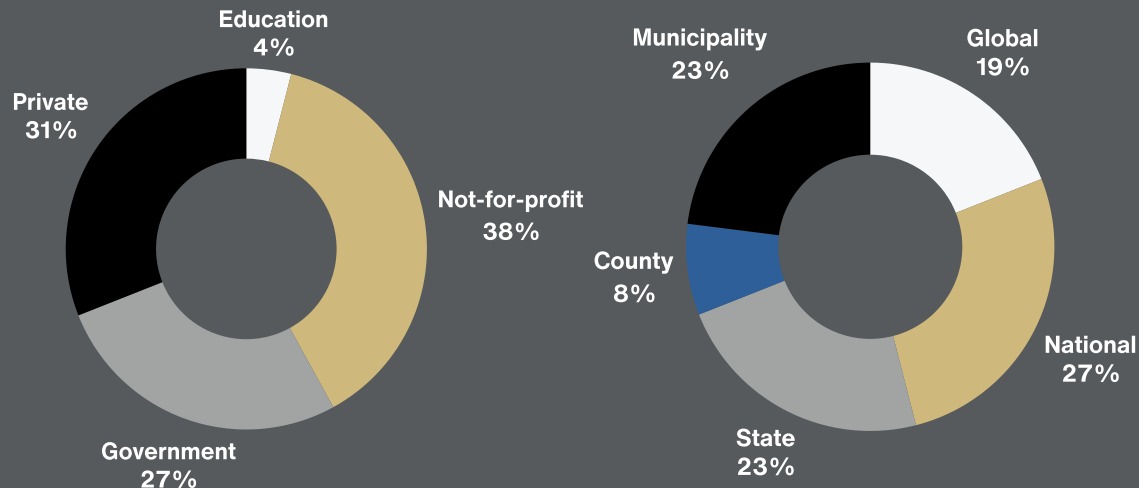
Sustainable Food Systems

Urban Resiliency and Sustainability

STUDENT SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Project management
Community engagement
Effective communication
Qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis
Toolkit development
Data visualization and mapping
Sustainability reporting and certifications
...and others!

2025 CAPSTONE PARTNERS BY SECTOR AND LOCATION



FEATURED 2024 PROJECTS

High Line Canal Conservancy
Accessibility Audit of the High Line Canal Trail
Albertsons
Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Development
Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger
Community Food Assessment & Resiliency Model
Colorado Office of Future Work
The Future of Work in a Climate Changed Colorado
Thule
Exploring A Brand-Owned Recommerce Program

IMPORTANT DATES

June 16: Proposal Submission Opens

September 26: Proposals due 5 PM

October 24: Partner finalists notified

November 21: Networking Event

Capstone Partners will be notified if they were matched with a team by **December 12** to confirm participation.

PARTNER EXPECTATIONS

Meet with students for 1 hour/week throughout the Capstone process
Establish communication channels and provide feedback regularly
Provide mentoring and professional development opportunities
Help students grow their networks
Cover direct costs of the project (none may be needed)
Provide stipends if possible

STUDENT HOURS

Spring 2026

6-10 hrs/week per student

Summer 2026

300 hrs over course of Summer (25-30 hrs/week per student)

Fall 2026

5-10 hrs/week per student

2025 CAPSTONE PARTNERS



RESOURCES

[CU Boulder MENV Capstone Project Website](#)

[Capstone Proposal Submission Portal](#)

[2026 Capstone Partner Onboarding Checklist](#)

[Capstone Proposal Template and Instructions \(on website\)](#)

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