



CAPSTONE PARTNER QUICK FACTS

WHY A CAPSTONE PROJECT?

CU Masters of the Environment students are not traditional interns, they are **graduate-level consultants**.

They bring prior professional experience and sustainability expertise, and deliver **innovative solutions** and **high-value outputs** that **directly support the goals** of their partner organizations.

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

Stakeholder Engagement

Effective Communication

Critical Thinking

Data Collection and Analysis

Data Visualization and Mapping

Presentation Design

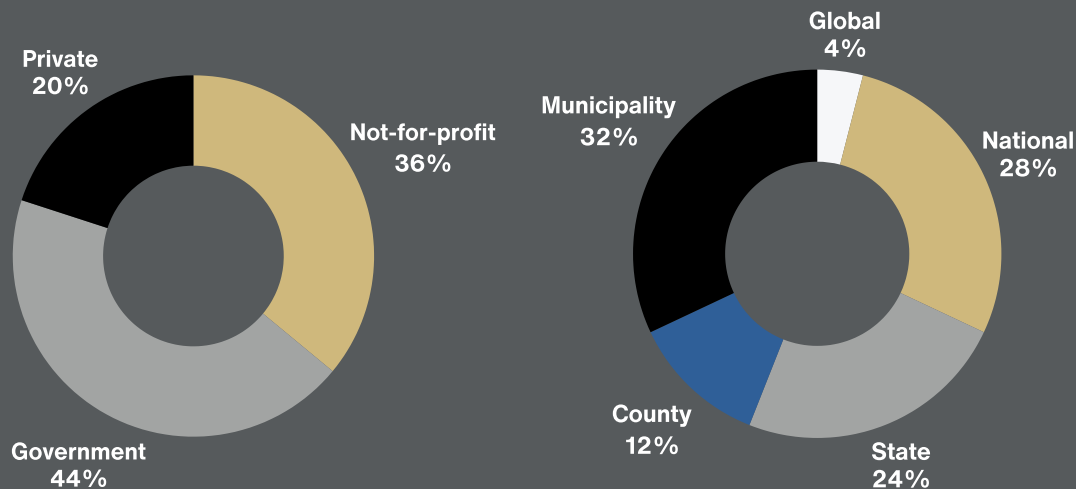
Problem Solving

Research

Topic Specific Knowledge

...and many others!

2026 CAPSTONE PARTNERS BY SECTOR AND LOCATION



FEATURED 2025 PROJECTS

Aspen Global Change Institute

Snow Metrics and Water Management of the Colorado River Headwaters

OneEnergy

Solar Development Strategies Assessment

Town of Erie

Resilience Action Plan

Riverside Natural Foods

A Strategic Environmental Risk and Resilience Framework

Protect Our Winters

The Economic and Policy Implications of Climate Driven Disasters

IMPORTANT DATES

June 1: Proposal Submission Opens

September 25: Proposals due 5 PM

October 21: Partner finalists notified

November 13: Virtual Partner Showcase

November 20: Capstone Partner Showcase

Capstone Partners will be notified if they were matched with a team by **December 14** 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 2027

6-10 hrs/week per student

Summer 2027

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

Fall 2027

5-10 hrs/week per student

2026 CAPSTONE PARTNERS



RESOURCES

[CU Boulder MENV Capstone Project Website](#)

[Capstone Proposal Submission Portal](#)

[2027 Capstone Partner Onboarding Checklist](#)

[Capstone Proposal Template and Instructions](#)

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