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# **CAPSTONE PARTNER GUIDE**

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

**2024-2025**

## 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

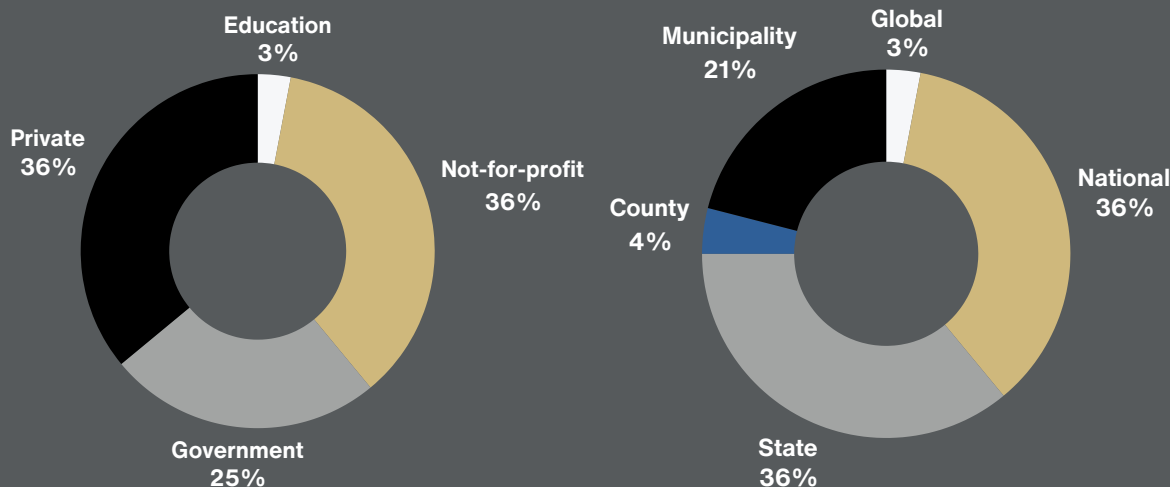
Sustainable Food Systems

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!**

## 2024 CAPSTONE PARTNERS BY SECTOR AND LOCATION



## FEATURED 2024 PROJECTS

Invenenergy  
SPP Transmission Development Optimization  
Celotite Consulting, LLC  
Unlocking the Potential for the Justice40 Initiative  
Growing Gardens  
Farm to Food Access: Supply, Demand, and Stakeholders Assessment and Recommendations  
City of Arvada  
Park Equity and Climate Resilience Assessment  
Fremont Adventure Recreation  
Fremont County Socio-Economic Impact Study of Public Trail Systems

## IMPORTANT DATES

**June 17:** Proposal Submission Opens

**October 1:** Proposal Deadline at 5 PM

**November 4:** Partner finalists notified

**December 6:** Networking Event

Capstone Partners will be notified if they were matched with a team by January 10.

## 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 financial costs of the project (none may be needed)  
Provide compensation if possible

## STUDENT HOURS

**Spring 2025**

8-10 hrs/week per student

**Summer 2025**

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

**Fall 2025**

5-10 hrs/week per student

## 2024 CAPSTONE PARTNERS



## RESOURCES

[CU Boulder MENV Capstone Project Website](#)

[Capstone Proposal Submission Portal](#)

[2025 Capstone Partner Onboarding Checklist](#)

[Capstone Proposal Template and Instructions](#)

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