From your GDPE Admin Team

If there is one behavior that fuels the success of GDPE more than any other, it’s altruism. More than 25 years ago, GDPE arose from faculty donating their time to initiate CSU’s first interdepartmental graduate program – designed to provide the highest quality education and training in ecology to graduate students. Today, scores of faculty donate their time to teaching GDPE courses, serving on committees, advising students, and supporting student research through the grant proposals they write. Department Heads and Deans from across campus allow this reallocation of faculty time in support of GDPE. Indeed, GDPE hums along so smoothly, it’s easy to forget the altruistic backbone of the program.

This last week, a GDPE faculty member (whose identity I will not divulge) was offered a $500 grant in his honor from a foundation for some service he had rendered, and he was asked to designate a program at CSU to receive these funds. Now, if your Senior Ecologist was made this offer, the “Alan Knapp Personal Research Fund” would have rapidly become $500 richer. But this GDPE Ecologist (initials are JVF, and he has an inordinate fondness for methane) donated these funds to GDPE – to benefit our students. Just another example of the altruism that makes GDPE a success. So, “Thanks” totally anonymous GDPE (and 3rd floor Biology) faculty member! We all appreciate the donation.

GDPE

All paperwork: Now that we have a Program Coordinator, please drop all paperwork at the GDPE office (Johnson Hall 102), and Dawn will coordinate signatures and processing. Thanks!

We want your feedback! Do you have comments or suggestions about how your GDPE experience can improve? Let us know! Contact your ExComm Student Representatives, Shelby McClelland and Erika Peirce to provide your feedback.

Stay in touch by tagging GDPE in your posts and photos on Twitter - @CSU_Ecology and use hashtags #GDPE and #CSU_Ecology. We look forward to seeing you on Twitter throughout the semester!

Submitting Announcements

Student Success: Let us know if you’ve gotten a paper accepted, won an award, or received a grant by emailing our Science Communication Fellow, Arianna Punzalan.

Information for Digest: Please submit details here for consideration. If you have questions about this, please contact our Program Coordinator, Dawn Koschnitzki.

Submit Photos
**GDPE Deadlines**

**Sept. 30** - GDPE Supplemental GS6 (2nd year students)

**Oct. 1** - Fall Small Research Grant

**Graduate School Deadlines for Fall Graduates**

**Nov. 8** - GS24 Report of Final Examination Results & electronic submission of thesis/dissertation

**Dec. 20** - all outstanding issues resolved (e.g. GS25B, GS52, etc.)

*Find all of the deadline details on the CSU Graduate School's website here.*

**General Registration Deadlines**

**Oct. 21** - Last day to withdraw from a course

*Find all of the registration deadline details on the CSU Registrar's website here.*

**Obtaining Signatures**

**Degree Deadlines**

**Student Forms**

**GDPE Grad Student Survey**

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**Up-coming Courses of Interest**

**ECOLOGY & CSU EVENTS**

**Fall 2019 GDPE Travel Grant:** We are pleased to announce our call for applications for the Fall 2019 GDPE Travel Grant:
1. Fill out the [Application Form](#).
   - Name your file "LastName_FirstName_F19_GDPE_TravelGrant.doc".
   - Email the Word doc to Jennifer Neuwald.
   - Include “F19 GDPE Travel Grant” in the subject line to avoid our misplacing of your application.
2. A brief letter from your major advisor sent separately, addressing the importance of this travel to your professional development. Again, please email this to Dr. Neuwald.

**USDA APHIS Flash Mentoring Event Thursday, September 26 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm (2150 Centre Ave Bldg B - Gray's Peak and Sweetgrass)**
If you are interested in a Federal Career, you are welcome to attend this Flash Mentoring Event "Reaching Your Potential in Federal Service" presented by the Fort Collins Civil Rights and Diversity Advisory Committee. Speakers, Snacks, Networking, Giveaways!

**Science Communication: Infographics Workshop:** Tuesday, October 1, 12:00 - 3:00 pm
GDPE Conference Room, Johnson Hall 132. More information can be found [here](#). Register [here](#).

**FRSES Meeting:** Thursday, October 3, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
GDPE Conference Room, Johnson Hall 132

**Skill Swap with School of Biomedical Engineering (SBME). SAVE THE DATE: Monday, October 7 from 2:30-4:30 pm** in the Lory Student Center, room 372-374.
The Skill Swap is an opportunity to share a skill or teach it to others who want to learn. Please select the skill(s) you are willing to teach to others and select the skill(s) you want to learn in this [Survey Monkey Survey](#). Please complete the survey by September 23. Also, food will be served! For questions contact: Sara Neys Mattem at 970-491-7157 sara.mattern@colostate.edu.

**Graduate Student Showcase:** Celebrate research, creativity and entrepreneurship with us on November 12 at the Graduate Student Showcase! Approximately 300 graduate students from all eight
The Society of Environmental Journalists (SEJ) Annual Conference will be held at CSU in the Lory Student Center on October 9-13, 2019. This is an invitation from the SEJ and the Office of the Provost to showcase the diversity and creativity of CSU environmental research all across the campus. This is an excellent opportunity for the Graduate Degree Program in Ecology students to share their work with the journalists visiting campus. If you are interested in an opportunity to talk to journalists, you can sign up to sit at an exhibition booth at a given time. Sign up here.

iLeaps/NCAR Early Career Workshop regarding Air Quality and Ecosystem Interactions’ will be held in Boulder, CO from October 16-17, 2019. The workshop is led by iLEAPS, which is a Global Research Project of Future Earth. The iLEAPS scientific steering committee will be meeting in Boulder, and the workshop is designed as a way for early career scientists in the region to engage with the international Future Earth community represented by iLEAPS via networking and presenting science related to atmospheric chemistry and ecosystem health interactions. Learn more and register here.

2020 Funding Opportunity through the Continental Divide Research Learning Center (CDRLC) is issuing a request for proposals in three categories including research, technical assistance, and education projects. The deadline to submit a proposal for this funding opportunity is October 15, 2019. Learn more.

How to Talk to Journalists: Panel Discussion Wednesday September 25, 2019 5-6:15 pm Lory Student Center Room 382. Learn more here.

Workshop on ‘Air Quality and Ecosystem Interactions’ October 16-17, Boulder, CO. The workshop is led by iLEAPS, the Integrated Land Ecosystem-Atmosphere Processes Study, which is a Global Research Project of Future Earth. Registration is free. More info.

2nd annual ‘Biodiversity, Bluegrass, and Brews’ event on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 5-8 pm hosted by the Global Biodiversity Center. Back patio of Avogadro’s Number. Learn more.

NSF’s Graduate Research Fellowship Program: Deadlines for 2019 are 21-25 October.

RESOURCES

R-user group: Wednesdays 3-5 pm NR 256 Sign up for updates or to contact the group. Questions.

Coming Out, Being Out, and Questioning Support Group: Email Jessie Charbonneau for details.

CSU Writes: Show up & write. Drop-in writing sessions provide faculty and graduate students a designated time and place to "show up & write."

CSU Health Network Therapy: CSUHN has individual and group counseling as well as workshops and are available for students for free.

Data and Donuts - Data Management Made Tasty: Good data management practices are becoming increasingly important in the digital age. Learn how you can improve your data management.

Coding and Cookies - Everything is better with cookies. Especially data: Sessions are focused on coding in R.

Geospatial Graduate Students Club: Anyone interested in geospatial applications is welcome. Click here to learn more!

Society for Ecological Restoration- Rocky Mountains Chapter (SER-RM)
Webpage: https://chapter.ser.org/rockymountains/
Follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SERRockyMountains/
Graduate Researchers Across Microbiomes (GRAM): Would like to invite any graduate students or post-docs with involvement or interest in microbiome research to join our student organization. We will be meeting monthly this fall on the third Tuesday of every month at the Marmot.

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**GRANTS / JOBS**

**Tenure-Track, Assistant or early Associate Professor:** Cornell University’s Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology is recruiting in the area of Limnology/Freshwater Biology. [Info](https://twitter.com/SER_RockyMnts)

**Post Doctoral Research Associate:** USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center is seeking a post-doctoral research associate with interest in survey design and analysis and waterfowl biology. Specific duties will be to conduct statistical analyses of waterfowl survey data in support of a review and re-design of the Waterfowl Breeding Population & Habitat Survey (WBPHS). For further information, contact: John Sauer, jsauer@usgs.gov, 301-497-5662,

**Post Doctoral Fellow (up to 5 positions):** Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory (NREL) at Colorado State University (CSU) invites applications for a postdoctoral research position.

**ORISE Position:** The EPA Office of Water is inviting applications for an Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education National Wetland Condition Assessment Plant Data Research and Support postgraduate research opportunity.

**Researcher:** The Vidanta Foundation and Wilson Center’s Latin American Program are in search for applicants who can conduct research and propose concrete solutions to the range of environmental threats faced by countries of the hemisphere.

**Post Doctoral Fellow:** Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory (NREL) at Colorado State University (CSU) invites applications for a postdoctoral research position.

**Ph.D. Student Opportunity:** The Deer Laboratory at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at University of Georgia is recruiting a Ph.D. student with an interest in using structured decision making to improve wildlife management.

**Post Doctoral Fellow:** The Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory (NREL) at Colorado State University (CSU) invites applications for a postdoctoral position.

**USGS Permanent Position, Soil Carbon:** Applications will be accepted starting on Monday, September 9th.
**Undergraduate Academic Advisor:** The College of Business at Colorado State University invites nominations and applications for an Undergraduate Academic Advisor. This is a 12-month administrative professional position eligible for University benefits.

**Assistant Unit Leader:** The USGS Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Program is hiring an Assistant Unit Leader in Disease Ecology. The position is based in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Please distribute to interested parties. The application closes on 9/26/19.

**2020 Hubbard Fellowship - The Nature Conservancy**
Learn more about careers at The Nature Conservancy [here](#).