It's already time to start thinking about applying for financial aid for next year! Here are some important steps to apply for financial assistance for 2016-2017:

1. Complete the CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA). The CSUSA opens on December 1, and the majority of available scholarships at CSU are awarded to students who complete the CSUSA. All of our department and Warner College scholarships are given out to students through the CSUSA. The deadline to complete the CSUSA is March 1.

2. File taxes early. Start collecting tax documents now so you can be sure to file early after the start of the new year.

3. Complete the FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)). To maximize your financial aid options, ALL students should plan to complete the FAFSA application, even if you don't think that you'll qualify for any aid. The FAFSA will be available starting January 1 and is due on March 1.

If you have any questions or concerns about your financial aid for spring or next year, please speak to Student Financial Services.

Have a great fall break!

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- **November 23-27** – Fall Break
- **December 1** - CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA) opens in RamWeb
- **December 11** – Last day of fall classes
- **December 11** – Deadline to submit a University Withdrawal
- **December 14-18** – Final Exams
- **December 16** – Deadline to accept loans for Fall 2015
- **December 18** – WCNR Commencement and Department Reception (3:30pm)
- **December 23** – Grades posted to RamWeb
Final Exam Preparation

Final Exams can be a very stressful time. Here are some tips to help you prepare for finals week:

1. **Review your finals schedule in advance.** CSU has a policy that will allow students to move a final exam if you have three or more final exams scheduled for the same day. For more information on the final exam policy, go to: www.registrar.colostate.edu

2. **Look at the requirements for each of your exams.** Are your final exams cumulative? What type of exam will you have (multiple choice, essay, etc.)? How many points is the final exam worth? Will the final exam replace a lower test grade? It's important to know what type of exam you'll have and how much weight it carries in your grade prior to final exam week.

3. **Use your resources wisely.** Most tutoring programs end before the last week of classes. Make sure you take advantage of any available tutoring resources and office hours prior to final exam week.

4. **Start preparing early.** Final exam studying should start at least two weeks before finals week. Use time now to make flashcards, review old class notes, and complete study guides and practice problems.

   If you have any questions about preparing for final exam week, please contact me or set up an advising meeting!

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2. Apply for a job at CSU as a Key Mentor: http://www.key.lc.colostate.edu/keystaffapp/. Applications are due December 11.

3. Apply for a job at CSU as a Global Village Academic Mentor. See attached flyer for details.

4. Entry-level Wellsite Geologist/Mudlogger job opening! Position details are attached.


6. Apply to be part of a two-year field-based research program! Paid travel and stipends: http://www.theiagd.org/GEOPATH.

7. Applications for LeaderShape, a summer leadership program at CSU are now available. Deadline to apply is December 4: http://slice.colostate.edu/leadershape.aspx.

8. Summer field courses in Alaska through the Tatoosh School: http://tatooshschool.org.


10. Field Compliance Job Opening attached.

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New Courses for Spring

Geol 581A2 – Geodynamics
Geol 5xx – Petrophysics and Well-Logging
Geol 492 – Laramide Seminar
Geol 492 – Deep Water Depositional Systems Seminar
Cive 599 – Mining Geotechnics

Interested? See attached course flyers or instructors for more information!
# Common Registration Errors

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<td>Class level</td>
<td>Only students in a certain class level (fr/so or jr/sr) can register for a given course.</td>
<td>If you NEED the course, contact Jill to request access (for GEOL courses) or the home department for access (for courses outside of GEOL).</td>
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<td>Additional Component Required</td>
<td>In addition to the lecture, you have to register for another component (lab or recitation) at the same time.</td>
<td>Check boxes for each component PRIOR to hitting “register”. Clicking on the CRN for the lecture will tell you if there are specific sections of lab/recitation that must be selected.</td>
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<td>Major</td>
<td>You don’t have the “right” major for a class.</td>
<td>Click on the CRN for details about major restriction—if the class opens to non-majors at a certain date, it will tell you there.</td>
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<td>Prerequisite</td>
<td>You fail to meet at least one prereq for the class.</td>
<td>You’ll need to take the prerequisite courses prior to registering for the course in question. If you think this is an error, contact Jill or the course instructor.</td>
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<td>Dept/Instructor approval</td>
<td>Registration for a certain class is limited and only approved on a case-by-case basis.</td>
<td>If you seek access to a class requiring department/instructor approval, contact the instructor listed, the department (if not GEOL), or Jill.</td>
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<td>Stop enrollment</td>
<td>A department has stopped enrollment so that no one can register for the class until a problem is resolved.</td>
<td>Try registering for a different section of the same class, or contact the department to find out more information.</td>
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 Interested in a research, teaching, or office assistant position with the department?

Complete the department application at: [http://goo.gl/forms/TVrzoHBaSo.](http://goo.gl/forms/TVrzoHBaSo.)