Department of Geology Capstone Scholarship Eligibility Requirements (applies to students who joined the program fall semester, 2013 or later)

Each student is required to fulfill the Capstone requirement (6 credit hours) as a partial fulfillment of the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. This can be done in three ways:

1) Attend a 6-credit hour field camp.
2) Participate in two upper-level geology field courses at 3 credit hours each (choose from GEOL6021, GEOL6022, GEOL6023, GEOL6033).
3) Participate in one 3-credit hour upper-level geology field course (listed above) and attend a 3-credit hour field camp.

Eligible students may receive some financial support toward field camp/field course costs. To be eligible for this award and receive scholarship funds, the student must have a 2.75 Geology GPA at the end of the fall semester prior to the summer the field camp/field course takes place. For example, if the student will be attending field camp the summer of 2015, they must have a Geology GPA of at least a 2.75 at the end of fall semester, 2014. The Geology GPA can be found on the student’s degree audit and is calculated using the grades from the “Geology Core” and “Science Electives” sections on the audit. If the student chooses participate in two upper-level field courses to complete the Capstone requirement, the funds will be awarded to help cover the costs of the second field course. Additionally, if a student does not meet the GPA requirement, it is at the discretion of the Director of Undergraduate Studies and the Department Head whether funds should be awarded.

In order to receive the scholarship funds, the student must provide evidence of attending a field camp or field course to Krista Smilek, the Academic Director. This can be done by:

1) Providing a letter of acceptance and proof of a deposit paid if attending a field camp.
2) Providing evidence of a deposit paid if participating in an upper-level field course.

The scholarship funds are processed to the student’s Student Account at the end of spring semester. If the student is enrolled in direct deposit through student accounts, the funds will be deposited directly into the student’s bank account. If not enrolled in direct deposit, the student will be sent a check.

For questions regarding field camps, please see Carl Brett, Geology Physics building room 510 or carlton.brett@uc.edu.

For all other questions, please contact Krista Smilek, Geology Physics building room 500 or krista.smilek@uc.edu.