



## GOLDSCHMIDT CONFERENCE GRANTS

The Goldschmidt Conference is the joint annual meeting of the Geochemical Society (GS) and the European Association of Geochemistry (EAG). Both the GS and the EAG are committed to making the Goldschmidt Conference as accessible as possible. As such, the Goldschmidt grant program exists to provide funding to support students and early career scientists from countries with low- or lower-middle-income economies. To be eligible, your main institution must be in a country defined by the World Bank as low-income or lower-middle-income and you must be within six years of your terminal degree.

The application deadline for the 2026 Goldschmidt Grant Program is February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Note that this deadline is before the Goldschmidt abstract submission deadline, and that an abstract is required as part of the application. More information about the application process, requirements, and eligibility can be found at [2026.goldschmidt.info](https://2026.goldschmidt.info).

## GEOCHEMICAL SOCIETY ORGANIC GEOCHEMISTRY DIVISION

Join the GS Organic Geochemistry Division (OGD)! Members of the GS with an interest in any of the diverse aspects of organic geochemistry are encouraged to join the OGD and can do so without additional charge. The OGD aims to foster the pursuit of research involving the origin, nature, and significance of organic substances from Earth and elsewhere. The OGD consists of a diverse community of organic geochemists, scientists from multidisciplinary research fields, as well as science enthusiasts from all career stages. For more information, go to: [geochemsoc.org/ogd](https://geochemsoc.org/ogd).

## CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS SUCCESS STORIES

Every year, the GS offers grants to support initiatives aimed at promoting networking, educational activities, analytical training, or capacity building related to geochemistry in countries with low and lower-middle-income economies. Grants up to \$3,000 are available and will be awarded later this year. Learn more at [geochemsoc.org/programs/outreach-programs/capacity-building-grants](https://geochemsoc.org/programs/outreach-programs/capacity-building-grants).

Since launching this program six years ago, the GS has awarded nearly 20 grants to projects in 10 countries. Two recent projects supported by the GS are summarized below.

### *Hands-on Training Workshop on In-Situ Water Quality Monitoring and Groundwater Governance*

A training workshop was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 2025, at Jinnah Hall Hazara University, Pakistan, organized by the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and supported by a GS Capacity Building Grant application submitted by Dr. Junaid Ali Khattak. The first part of the workshop featured topics on groundwater governance and management and included presentations from representatives of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) on the overview and scope of the Water Resource Accountability in Pakistan (WRAP) program and highlighted the application of the Groundwater Management Information System (GMIS) for informed decision making. In the second part of the workshop, participants were divided into groups for practical demonstrations of water quality testing field kits, and an analysis of arsenic, fluoride, sulphates, iron, nitrates, pH, and conductivity was conducted on water samples. Next, participants visited the agriculture farm of Hazara University, where IWMI representatives gave a practical demonstration of IWMI's climate-resilient agriculture approaches, including a soil moisture sensor and solar-powered drip irrigation coupled to rainwater harvesting. The event was attended by more than 250 participants, including faculty and students from Hazara



Field kit demonstration to the students of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Hazara University, Pakistan.

University, Quaid-i-Azam University, University of Haripur, government officials from Agri Extension, and the Irrigation and Agriculture Engineering Department.

### *Capacity Building Workshop on Hydrogeochemistry of High-Altitude Lakes: Assessing Vulnerable Ecosystems Affected by Climate Change in the Bolivian Altiplano*

This workshop was held from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and aimed to strengthen the scientific capacity of Bolivian students and young researchers in basic hydrogeochemistry, environmental sampling, and geochemical modeling techniques. Through lectures, fieldwork, and software training, participants were introduced to methodologies for assessing vulnerable aquatic ecosystems in the Andean region, which are particularly sensitive to the impacts of climate change. As part of the outreach component, two public science talks on climate change and humanity were held in the cities of Santa Cruz and La Paz, each attended by over 40 participants from diverse backgrounds. These sessions fostered dialogue and raised awareness about the intersection of science, society, and global environmental challenges.

The main two-day theoretical and practical workshop took place in La Paz, covering a multidisciplinary program that included geology, biology, microbiology, environmental sciences, and hydrogeochemical principles. Following the workshop, a field expedition was conducted with 15

students and 4 instructors to several high-altitude lake ecosystems, where water, rock, and microbiological samples were collected for subsequent laboratory analyses. To ensure continuity and lasting impact, a series of follow-up sessions were scheduled throughout June, focusing on basic hydrogeochemistry concepts and the application of geochemical modeling software. These sessions reinforced the knowledge acquired during the workshop and supported students in developing their data interpretation skills.



Participants of the hydrogeochemistry workshop on a field expedition to visit high-altitude lake ecosystems.



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