



## CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS

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 <https://www.geochemsoc.org/programs/outreach-programs/capacity-building-grants> and apply by 30 September 2025.

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



A group photo of the Rare Earth Elements, Rare Metals, and Strategic Minerals workshop participants held at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India.

### *Geochemistry and Exploration for Rare Earth Elements, Rare Metals, and Strategic Minerals*

A national workshop on Rare Earth Elements, Rare Metals, and Strategic Minerals was hosted by the Department of Geology at Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, India, from the 30<sup>th</sup> of November to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2024. This workshop was convened by Dr. Alok Kumar and Prof. Arun D Singh and aimed to explore topics ranging from innovative exploration strategies and sustainable recovery processes, to deep-sea mineral deposits and India's critical mineral wealth. The event brought together experts from academia, industry, and research institutions to discuss innovations and strategies for sustainable exploration, efficient utilization, and recycling of rare earth and critical minerals. Interactive sessions and keynote addresses underscored the importance of these resources in driving global energy transitions and industrial competitiveness. Panel discussions focused on bridging the gap between scientific research and industrial applications and fostering collaborations for sustainable development. This workshop provided a platform for insightful discussions on challenges and opportunities in resource management. The organizing team ensured a seamless execution of the event, which emphasized actionable recommendations to enhance India's leadership in the strategic mineral sector, and the outcomes of this workshop are expected to contribute to policy-making and technological advancements in this field.

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### *Stable Isotope Geochemistry: Bridging the Gap between Class Theories, Practical Societal and Industrial Applications*

A workshop on stable isotope geochemistry, facilitated by John Ajayi, PhD candidate, took place January 9–11, 2025 at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria. The workshop aim was multifaceted and included topics on fundamentals and applications of stable isotope geochemistry, diversity and inclusion in the geosciences, navigating career choices, including those in stable isotope geochemistry, graduate school applications, a virtual tour of a research lab at the University of Connecticut, and a panel session with department alumni. This successful workshop welcomed over 160 participants, including selected principal university officials, faculty members, and students.

Facilitators, conveners, hosts, speakers, and panelists of the stable isotope geochemistry workshop at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria.

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### **LOOKING FOR A JOB? ADD YOUR RÉSUMÉ TO THE GS CAREER CENTER**

Uploading your résumé to the Geochemical Society's Career Center offers a range of benefits tailored to job seekers in geochemistry and related fields. Not only does it increase your visibility to top employers in academia and the industry, but it also allows you to store your CV for future applications, saving time when new opportunities arise. You can create personalized job alerts to stay informed about the latest openings, track your application history to monitor your progress, and maintain a comprehensive profile that highlights your skills and accomplishments. If you are searching for a position, be sure to check the Career Center regularly for new opportunities. Visit <https://jobs.geochemsoc.org>.

### **SPECIAL LECTURES AT GOLDSCHMIDT 2025**

The Geochemical Society is pleased to announce three special lectures to be given at the 2025 Goldschmidt Conference. The Earl Ingerson Lecture will be delivered by Nathalie Goodkin of the American Museum of Natural History. She is recognized for outstanding work developing coral geochemical proxies and generating paleo records that clarify the ocean's role in driving climate on decadal to centennial time scales. The Endowed Biogeochemistry Lecture will be given by Ronnie Glud of the University of Southern Denmark for his research on oxygen fluxes in aquatic systems and the role of hydrological, chemical and biological processes in oxygen diffusion and consumption. The Robert Berner Lecture (a joint award with EAG) will be presented by Benjamin Mills of the University of Leeds. He has made fundamental advances in understanding the evolution of the Earth and its habitability through time and is at the forefront of the paleo-biogeochemical modeling discipline, continuing to adapt and extend Berner's original modeling approach. The special lectures honor includes financial support to attend the Goldschmidt conference and is a great way to recognize your colleagues. Please consider submitting a nomination for 2026: <https://www.geochemsoc.org/honors/special-lectures>.

### **ONLINE SEMINARS**

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