

Department of Geosciences

Geochemistry



Geochemistry

Are you interested in:

- Protecting and improving water and soil quality?
- Understanding the origin and evolution of Earth and other planets?
- Identifying new energy and mineral resources?
- Conducting fieldwork and making measurements in the laboratory?



Geochemists examine Earth materials and systems to understand and model the distributions and cycling of chemical elements and compounds. Geochemical knowledge, tools and methods can be applied to a broad range of geosciences questions and environmental problems.



What do Geochemists study?

Cycling of nutrients and impacts of environmental contaminants

Chemical signatures of Earth's interior, oceans, and continents

Formation and distribution of ore deposits

Asbestos and other natural or synthetic materials that pose hazards to human health



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Careers in Geochemistry

Environmental Consulting
Mining and Extraction
Energy and Mineral Resources
Mine Remediation, Closure, and
Water Treatment
Materials Characterization and Testing
Academic and Government Research
Education

Median Geoscientist Salary¹: \$91,930 Salary Range¹: \$49,430 - \$187,990

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