

Why I Want to be a Professional Geologist

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Growing up in Alberta, Canada, I was completely enamored by the sheer magnitude of the Rocky Mountains and even after I moved to other, less magnificent landscapes, I found that no matter where I lived, my fascination with rocks persisted. Regardless of which sub-field I am studying, geology is a dynamic and diverse field that never ceases to peak my interest. Whether I'm observing melt inclusions, out in the field doing stream gaging, interpreting sedimentary features at a local outcrop, or studying organic matter in lab, I am continually amazed by all of the things I can learn and test using geology.

Becoming a professional geologist provides the opportunity for me to work in a field that continually challenges and pushes me to expand my thinking. Because of the diversity of the geosciences, I have been able to learn from professors in multiple specialties and see the broad scope of approaches to answering research questions and providing solutions to practical questions. It is this diversity that makes geology the perfect fit for me.

Geology is a captivating field that continues to provide surprises and amazement for me. However, the biggest reason that I am pursuing this field of study and career choice is because I want to wake up every day and do what I enjoy. The diversity, challenge and ever-changing landscape of geology is my passion and I hope to make significant contributions to this field throughout my career.