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Organizational Change Announcement Form

Nature of Proposed Change

The College of Science announces the renaming of the Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Earth Sciences to the J. Shukla Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Earth Sciences effective February 2026.

Rationale for Proposed Change

In recognition of Dr. Jagadish Shukla's scientific contributions to advance climate science, his leadership in establishing the Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Earth Sciences and the Climate Dynamics, PhD program, and his generous philanthropic support, the Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Earth Sciences will be renamed the "J. Shukla Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Earth Sciences".

Academic Programs

The proposed name change will not impact curricular offerings administered by the department. No degree programs will relocate to the department as a result of the proposed name change. No changes will be made to the academic programs in the department as a result of the proposed name change. The department offers the following academic programs:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Climate Dynamics
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Geology and Earth Science

- Master of Science (MS) in Climate Science
- Master of Science (MS) in Earth Systems Science (jointly offered with the Department of Geography and Geoinformation Sciences)

- Bachelor of Science (BS) in Atmospheric Sciences
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) / Bachelor of Science (BS) in Geology

- Undergraduate Minor in Atmospheric Science
- Undergraduate Minor in Earth Science
- Undergraduate Minor in Geology
- Undergraduate Minor in Ocean and Estuarine Science
- Undergraduate Minor in Paleontology

Administration

The organization of the department will remain unchanged.