



## NEWSLETTER

The College of Natural Sciences Newsletter is designed to serve CNS students. It is delivered online every Sunday.

Dean Kopp's weekly email includes a link to access the newsletter, as well.

Items in **BLUE** are new;

Items in **RED** are last chance.

If you would like to submit news to CNS Newsletter, send the information to [cnsnewsletter@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:cnsnewsletter@austin.utexas.edu).

Include a contact person phone number and email, date or deadline, write in complete sentences, text must be fewer than 150 words.

Submit by 11:59pm Friday to be included in that week's newsletter.

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## Academic Announcements

### 1. Research Week

April 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

[Research Week](#) is the University of Texas at Austin's annual celebration of undergraduate research and creative activity. Here's how you can participate!

#### [Attend Research Week Events](#)

Events range from poster sessions in which undergrads talk about their research projects to showcases of creative work to workshops focusing on various facets of the research process.

Visit the [Events page](#) on the Research Week web site to learn more about the events happening all over campus during Research Week 2014!

Be sure to look at the Events page as soon as possible—some events begin this week, and your department or program may be hosting one of them.

#### [Visit the Longhorn Research Bazaar](#)

Learn more about research opportunities at UT and talk with students from all across campus about their research and creative projects. Enjoy **free pizza** and other treats (while they last)! Show off your participation with a **free Research Week 2014 t-shirt** (while they last)! Visit our [web page](#) to learn more about the Bazaar and this year's participants!

What: Longhorn Research Bazaar (a multi-disciplinary Research Week event)

Where: Gregory Gym Arena

When: Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Who: All UT undergraduates and the UT community

Hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Research and the Senate of College Councils  
<http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/researchweek>

### 2. Non Profit and Government Career Fair

April 16<sup>th</sup>; 11-3pm; Texas Union Ballroom

Open to all majors.

To view employers attending, please click the link below:  
<http://wikis.utexas.edu/display/public/servicecareers>

### 3. Business of Healthcare Institute

There are a few spots available in the 2014 Business of Healthcare summer Institute.

The Texas Business Foundations Summer Institute (TBFSI) uses classroom instruction and simulation learning to completely immerse students in the core competencies of business. This intensive eight-week, 15-credit-hour program includes:

- Business foundations curriculum, available in two tracks: Industry Track and Healthcare Track
- Stock market and business simulations
- Professional development
- Team building and leadership opportunities
- Small class size
- Resume and business communications workshops
- Mock interviews
- Etiquette luncheon

Find more information:

<http://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/business-foundations/summer-institute>

### 4. UTEX registration

University Extension provides a range of educational

opportunities to members of the Austin community and beyond. We offer flexible course options and formats to individuals seeking college credit from The University of Texas at Austin. We develop special programs and courses with our academic partners.

Register here for Summer and Fall now:

<http://www.utexas.edu/ce/ue/>

### 5. CMHC Student Advisory Committee

Applications due: April 30, 2014

The CMHC Student Advisory Committee provides a forum for direct input from UT student stakeholders in order to: 1) help CMHC better meet the mental health needs of UT students 2) foster leadership skills in UT students with interests in mental health and 3) encourage student advocacy for campus mental health issues  
[http://www.cmhc.utexas.edu/event\\_sac.html](http://www.cmhc.utexas.edu/event_sac.html)

### 6. Aspire Awards Banquet

Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>; 6-8pm; Alumni Center Ballroom

The Aspire Awards recognize the great achievements of students in the College of Natural Sciences from underrepresented populations and show by example the tremendous leadership of our students. Each year, the College honors Hispanic and African-American students who have excelled in the sciences at The University of Texas at Austin. In addition, the purpose of the night is to celebrate you not only as individuals but also as a group that can foster support and encouragement within the community. Check out the event on Facebook. The deadline to nominate is Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. Sanger Learning Center Sessions

RSVP

[utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/ugs/my/events](http://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/ugs/my/events)

*Preparing for the GRE*

Tuesday, April 15 • 5-6:30 p.m. • CLA 0.112

This one-time workshop will include an overview of the GRE, highlight GRE resources, provide practice problems, and introduce you to helpful study tips.

*Study Smarter, Not Harder*

Monday, April 21 • 5-6 p.m. • JES A309

Studying shouldn't feel like basic training yet sometimes it seems like it would take a few good students to get it done. That's because "studying" is not a single act. This program helps you learn about the steps of the study cycle, and discover how to engage in meaningful, active learning to achieve the results you want in class.

*Time & Procrastination*

Tuesday, April 22 • 5-6 p.m. • JES A309

We all have the same amount of time in a day, but how we allocate it can make the difference between "I'm 3 hours late to the exam" versus "I've got plenty of time for that." We'll show you how to better use your time to make the most out of your every minute and find a balance between work and play.

*Surviving Finals 101*

Tuesday, April 29 • 5-6 p.m. • JES A309

Wednesday, April 30 • 5-6 p.m. • JES A309

Feel like your old study techniques could use a tune up? Join us for last minute tips and strategies on how to manage your time, study strategically,

and stay healthy as you reach the academic finish line!

## 8. INSPIRE Women's Leadership Program Applications

Due May 2<sup>nd</sup> online

Women in the class of 2017 of any major are encouraged to apply for the INSPIRE Women's Leadership Program, a three-year program that helps you develop the skills necessary to achieve the highest levels of success in your chosen field.

Apply here:

URL: [http://calendar.utexas.edu/event/inspire\\_womens\\_leadership\\_program\\_is\\_accepting\\_applications?source=newsletter](http://calendar.utexas.edu/event/inspire_womens_leadership_program_is_accepting_applications?source=newsletter)

## Scholarships

### 1. CNS Continuing Students Scholarship

Deadline: April 15, 2014

The 2014-2015 College of Natural Sciences scholarship application is now available. The common application is used to award college-level scholarships as well as the Health Professions Scholarships (for pre-medical students) and Out-of-State Tuition Waivers. Current CNS students can access the online application at <https://www.utexas.edu/cns/cholap>.

In addition to the online application, students must submit at least one (1) faculty letter of recommendation. Students may have up to two faculty letters submitted on their behalf, however only one is required. Applications will not be considered complete until at least one letter of recommendation has been received. Instructions on who are eligible to write letters of recommendation and how to

submit them can be found on the application.

### 2. Every Drop Counts Scholarship

Applications due May 2, 2014

Please see the following information regarding the 2014 Ozarka Natural Spring Water \$10,000 "Every Drop Counts" Earth Science Scholarship: [http://www.nestle-watersna.com/Content/Documents/pdfs/Ozarka\\_Every\\_Drop\\_Counts\\_Rules\\_and\\_Guidelines\\_2014.pdf](http://www.nestle-watersna.com/Content/Documents/pdfs/Ozarka_Every_Drop_Counts_Rules_and_Guidelines_2014.pdf)

You can find the application at:

[http://www.nestle-watersna.com/Content/Documents/pdfs/Ozarka\\_Every\\_Drop\\_Counts\\_Application\\_2014.pdf](http://www.nestle-watersna.com/Content/Documents/pdfs/Ozarka_Every_Drop_Counts_Application_2014.pdf)

### 3. Internships Ted Strauss Civic Internship Award

Due Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Attention UT undergraduate students! You are invited to apply for the Ted Strauss Civic Internship Award to help you fund your summer internship. Winners will be awarded a \$2,000 stipend.

## Internships and Employment

### 1. Peace Corps info Session

April 17<sup>th</sup> 4-5:30pm; Wel 2.308

Ever thought of serving with the Peace Corps?

Peace Corps Info. Session

OPEN TO ALL MAJORS!

For more information, contact your UT recruiter:

[peacecorps@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:peacecorps@austin.utexas.edu)  
[www.world.utexas.edu/peacecorps](http://www.world.utexas.edu/peacecorps)

### 2. Public Health Internship Fall 2014 Application

Applications due: Wednesday April 30, 2014

Interested in a public health internship for Fall 2014? This internship is open to



upperclassmen in all CNS majors. Prerequisites apply. Please see for more information:

<http://www.biosci.utexas.edu/publichealth/internships/PHInternshipProgram.aspx>

## Research and Volunteering

### 1. Starnet Research Internships

The STARnet Undergraduate Research Internship program provides undergraduates at the end of their third or fourth year of bachelor studies with valuable research experience, mentoring, and contact with industry representatives. Participating undergraduates not only gain confidence in their ability to perform hands-on research, but they also come to appreciate the doors that are opened to those with an advanced degree.

For more information, go to:  
<https://www.src.org/program/starnet/undergrad-internships/>

### 2. The Undergraduate Research Awards

Applications are due June 2<sup>nd</sup>

The University Honors Center is pleased to share The Undergraduate Awards, an opportunity for undergraduate students to have their best research essays or special projects recognized and published as part of a program celebrating top students from around the world. We encourage you to share this information with interested students and faculty in your department.

The Undergraduate Awards recognize the world's top undergraduate research projects from a variety of academic disciplines spanning the humanities, sciences, and visual arts. Open to final and penultimate year undergraduates, students are

invited to submit research essays or special projects completed as part of their coursework that have received a grade of A and present fresh ideas and new arguments. Winning students will have their work published in the Undergraduate Awards Journal and be invited to attend the UA Summit—a 3 day conference in Dublin, Ireland.

A sample announcement for your website or newsletter is attached, as well as template for announcement to departmental faculty members.

Students should visit [www.utexas.edu/ugs/uhc/awards/undergraduate](http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/uhc/awards/undergraduate).

## Pre-Professional

### 1. Pre-Med Peer Panel- MCAT, Application, Interviewing, the Works!

(Come with Questions!)  
April 14; 5:30-6:30; PAI 2.48

### 2. Sanger Learning Center- Preparing for the GRE

April 15<sup>th</sup>; 5-6:30pm; CLA 0.112

This one-time workshop will include an overview of the GRE, highlight GRE resources, provide practice problems, and introduce you to helpful study tips.

### 3. Celebrate Your Acceptance to Professional School

May 1; 12:00pm - 4:00 pm; PAI 5.03

All HP students come stop by the Health Professions Office and celebrate your acceptance with your peers, join us for free snow cones and fun photo booth!

### 4. Health Professions Lecture Series

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Holli Temple, Pharm.D-  
Pharmacy

Friday, April 25

Dani Cohen, MD-  
Gastroenterology

Time and room:  
2-2:50 pm  
WEL 1.316

## Organization Announcements

### 1. Student Engineering Council's Research Symposium

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>; ART 1.102;  
5:30-7:30pm

The Research Symposium is a TED Talk-inspired set of speaker presentations held by the Academic Affairs Committee in the Student Engineering Council. We hope to provide a venue for students to gain insight into the research being done on campus, and receive helpful feedback on their potential career paths. Come hear talks from prominent professors on campus about their exciting research and how it has and will continue to impact society. Admission is free for everyone, and dinner will be provided.

Schedule:  
Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - Speaker Presentations  
TED-Talk style event to expose students to various fields and topics in engineering through short and engaging speaker presentations  
5:30 - 5:45 PM --- Dr. Brent L. Iverson  
5:50 - 6:05 PM --- Dr. David A. Laude  
6:10 - 6:25 PM --- Dr. Stanislav Emelianov  
6:30 - 6:45 PM --- Dr. Todd E. Humphreys  
6:50 - 7:05 PM --- Dr. Robert M. Metcalfe  
7:10 - 7:30 PM --- Q&A Session  
<http://www.tinyurl.com/utrs2014>

## **2. DS Distinguished Physics Lecture**

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>; 6pm; Hogg Auditorium

*The Dean's Scholars Distinguished Lecture Series is proud to present renowned cosmologist and science popularizer Dr. Sean Carroll in a free public talk. Dr. Carroll is a gifted public speaker and the talk will be valuable to people of all backgrounds.*

*Join us as he explains how close physics has come to answering some of the universe's most fundamental questions, and even ask some questions of your own! Following his talk will be a Q&A session and a book signing.*

*For decades, particle physicists have searched for the elusive Higgs boson, the missing piece to the "Standard Model" that explains the world we see. In July 2012, scientists at the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva announced that they found it. Dr. Carroll will explain why the Higgs boson is so important, talk about the enormous challenge physicists overcame to build the LHC and get it running, and consider what the future of particle physics will look like.*

*This link also directs you to someone you can email if you have any more questions.*

## **3. NSC Faculty Staff Appreciation Banquet**

Monday, April 28th, 5-7PM

*The Faculty and Staff Appreciation Banquet is an annual event put on by Natural Sciences Council! We invite any CNS student to invite a CNS professor, advisor or TA that they feel has made a difference to them.*

*RSVP by Friday, April 18th*

*Facebook*

*event: [tinyurl.com/FSAB14](http://tinyurl.com/FSAB14)*