



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.

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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1. Natural Sciences Week

Monday Oct 14th -Friday Oct 18th

Presented by Natural Sciences Council, Events throughout the week will celebrate some of the goings-on in the college and give you opportunities to network with student groups and with our faculty. Check out the events below, on the NSC website or on our

Facebook <http://naturalsciences.council.blogspot.com/pagehttps://www.facebook.com/UTNSC>

There will be free food, t-shirts, and much more!

Monday

- Student Orgs on East mall and kick off 5-7pm

Tuesday

- Software for Scientists; 2-3:30pm; POB 2.302
- Making the Most of Your Break ft Career Design Center; 6-7:30pm; PAI 2.48

Wednesday

- So What is the BSA? Townhall with Dr. Sacha Kopp and CNS Staff. 5-6:30pm. WEL 3.502
- Star Party ft Dr. Finkelstein and the Astronomy and Physics Student Associations RLM 4.102

Thursday

- A Deeper Look Inside Chemistry, Neuroscience, and Computer Sciences; 11am-3pm; WEL, NHB, GDC labs
- What To Do With Your Degree? Networking Event; 5-7pm; Welch Courtyard

Friday

- Why Great Students Choose to be Pretty Good

(ft. Dr. Laude) 12-1pm; JGB 2.324

- Roads to Research ft. Surge; 3-5pm; TX Union 3.502

2. Graduate School Fair

Tuesday, October 15th, 10am-2pm; Texas Union Ballroom

UT-Austin Graduate School Fair Details/Registration info:

<http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/prospective/gradfair.html>

3. UT Communications Fair

Wednesday, October 16th; 10am-3pm; North End Zone of DKR

The career fair is a great way to get started on your job or internship search. You can join the Facebook event [here](#) and see a full list of employers on [CareerSource](#).

4. Law School Fair

Thursday, October 17th; 11am-3pm; Texas Union Ballroom

We have 110+ law schools registered for the fair, including all of the Texas schools, as well as many schools from around the country. The fair is open to all majors and classifications. Business casual dress is recommended. We will also be offering an admissions panel during the fair, and this year's panelists are from NYU, UT and SMU.

5. College Tuition and Budget Advisory Board Applications

Deadline: Wednesday October 16th, 2013

The CTBAC is a bi-annual student group that meets to gather student input and advise the college on priorities for student programs, services, and teaching. Students benefit from being involved in helping shape the future of their college. This year the College of Natural

Sciences has crafted its Strategic Plan, a comprehensive view of the college's priorities for the years ahead. Central to the Strategic Plan are elements that strengthen undergraduate and graduate teaching and education. With this year's CTBAC, the College requests feedback and ideas for successful implementation of the strategic plan. CTBAC is made up entirely of students. It is headed up by the president of the Natural Sciences Council, Juan Herrejon. To apply to be on CTBAC, fill out the form located [here at this link](#).

6. African American Student/Alumni Luncheon

Oct 16th; 12-1pm; San Jacinto Multipurpose Room 207C

Please join us for lunch, and stay for alumni-student discussions, learn more about mentoring programs, meet members of the faculty and Dean Kopp, and perhaps network with alumni in your career field here in the Austin area.

To RSVP, go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/me6h6bc>

7. CNS Family Day

Saturday, October 19th; 9am-12pm

Join the College of Natural Sciences during Family Weekend at UT! Enjoy a light breakfast, talk with professors, advisers and students, meet our Dean, Linda Hicke, and experience exciting hands-on activities!

Accommodation requests for disability services should be made at least five days prior to the activity. While every effort will be made, the University may be unable to fulfill last-minute requests.

For more information about the College of Natural Sciences event, please contact Maggie Wilhite

at maggie.wilhite@austin.utexas.edu.

For more information about Family Weekend activities and to RSVP for our event, please visit www.texasparents.org.

8. Hot Science Cool Talks: "The Roving Search for Life on Mars"

Friday October 18th; 7-8:30pm;
WEL auditorium

Dr. John Grotzinger, Chief Scientist of the NASA Mars Science Laboratory Mission, discusses the search for life on Mars. This talk is sponsored by the Environmental Science Institute. For more information, visit: <http://www.esi.utexas.edu/k-12-a-the-community/hot-science-cool-talks/the-roving-search-for-life-on-mars>

9. Nominate an advisor for the Vick advising awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013-2014 Texas Exes James W. Vick Awards for Academic Advising. These \$500 awards are provided annually for five undergraduate academic advisors from across the campus to promote quality advising at The University of Texas by publicly recognizing advisors who have had an effective, positive influence on the educational experience of university students. Recipients are selected by students (only undergraduate students may nominate) and coordinated through the Texas Exes.

Nominate an advisor here: <https://www.texasexes.org/form/vick.asp>

10. Business Foundations "The Business of Healthcare"

Next Summer (2014), the business school will offer their Business Foundations Summer Institute as "The Business of Healthcare". The core business courses: Accounting, Finance,

Business Law, Management, and Entrepreneurship will feature examples/cases from the context of healthcare and the faculty leading these courses have job experience/special knowledge about healthcare. To apply and find more information, <http://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/Business-Foundations/Summer-Institute.aspx>

11. Nominations for the Holloway Award

Deadline: Friday, Nov. 1 at 5:00pm

Texas is now accepting nominations the 2014 Jean Holloway Award for Excellence in Teaching. You can help recognize an outstanding Liberal Arts or Natural Sciences professor who has had a genuine influence on the educational experience of university students by nominating a professor at: <https://www.texasexes.org/form/holloway.asp>. The purpose of this award is to recognize a professor who demonstrates the ability to impart knowledge and challenge students and also demonstrates an all-around concern for students. The \$4,500 award is given annually to a professor from the College of Liberal Arts or the College of Natural Sciences. This award is student nominated and is considered one of the most valued awards for faculty because it is student-selected!

12. Registration and Advising

Registration for the Spring Semester begins October 28th. Please contact your advising center soon to arrange an advising appointment, and be sure to submit an online advising worksheet.

Scholarships

1. WINS Physics Scholarship

Deadline: Friday, Oct 18th

The Physics Dept. has a limited amount of funding to help with travel for undergraduate women physics students to attend the Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics –

<http://www.phys.lsu.edu/cuwi/p/> at Louisiana State University, Jan. 17-19, 2014.

Applicants must be undergraduate physics majors in good standing. Applications for travel support (e.g. airfare) are now being accepted by Lisa Gentry

ugaffairs@physics.utexas.edu. Please include a statement (minimum of 50 words) with your reasons for attending the conference.

2. Study Abroad Freeman Internship Stipends Application

Application Deadline: October 15th by 5pm

Study abroad is offering the Freeman Stipend for Internships in Asia to encourage UT students to pursue internships abroad.

All undergraduate and graduate students interning in Southeast or East Asia during the Spring semester, whether through an affiliated program or a self-arranged internship, may be eligible for the Freeman Stipend and are encouraged to apply. Students conducting research or completing practicums are also eligible to apply.

Freeman Stipend awards range from \$2500 to \$4000 and the application is open to ALL majors.

Internships and Employment

1. Ask a Career Coach

Friday, October 18th, RLM; 10-1pm

Do you have quick career related questions? Speak to a career coach and get ideas about job searching, interview tips, networking ideas, etc.

2. UT Orientation Advisor

New Student Services at The University of Texas at Austin is seeking a diverse group of talented students to develop, plan, and execute the 2014 Summer Orientation program!

If you are looking for a fun and rewarding leadership opportunity, working with a diverse and socially conscious group of campus leaders, then consider applying to become an Orientation Advisor (OA). OAs are important representatives for all incoming students – they are among the first people new students and families meet! The on-campus housing, meal-plan, and stipend are simply the generous monetary benefits of becoming an Orientation Advisor.

Interested students must attend one of the following information sessions to obtain an online application:

Sunday, October 13, 2013 8:30 – 9:30 p.m., Burdine Hall (BUR) 106

Orientation Advisor Recruitment and Summer Orientation are coordinated by New Student Services (www.utorientation.com). For more information, contact us at 512-471-3304.

3. Archer Fellowship Program

Interested in public policy and public service? Want to spend a semester living, interning, and taking in-residence classes in Washington, D.C.?

If the answer is yes, the [Archer Fellowship Program](#) may be for you! Students of all majors, political beliefs, and policy

interests are welcome to apply. Come learn about this exciting program at an information session; view the schedule at <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/archer/info-sessions>.

Applications for the 2014-2015 academic year are due February 17, though students who will be abroad this spring should apply by November 1

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Research and Volunteering

1. UT Southwestern Medical Center Summer Undergraduate Research Programs

Applications now open

For the 21st consecutive year, UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is sponsoring the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program. The goal of SURF is to give students an intensive, 10-week research experience in a world class research environment. Students immerse themselves in the laboratory and work on individual research projects with UT Southwestern Graduate School faculty. Most areas of modern biomedical engineering, cancer biology, cell biology, molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, immunology, microbiology, neuroscience, and pharmacology are represented. In addition to research, SURF provides seminars, optional classes in Immunology and Genetics, social events, and an end-of-program poster session. We have increased the number of fellowships for SURF to 85. The SURF website and on-line

application can be found at www.utsouthwestern.edu/SURF

All of the summer programs will run from June 2nd through August 8th, 2014. Participants will be selected based on their letters of reference, course work, and experience. The stipend for the 10-week program is \$4,000. If a fellow requires housing, the costs will be covered by the program; however, fellows are responsible for paying their own travel expenses. Application deadline is February 9, 2014.

2. Senate of College Councils Undergraduate Research Grant

Deadline: Oct. 25th

Applications for Senate of College Councils' Undergraduate Research Grant have been released. The grant provides \$1,000 to an undergraduate in order to fund his or her research. Eligible applicants include students assisting a faculty member with a research project, as well as students conducting independent or partnered research and is open to ALL majors. Apply by Friday, October 25 at <http://utsenate.org/urg>

Pre-Professional Announcements

1. Medical School Peer Panel

Monday October 14th; 5:30-7:30pm; WEL 2.224

Come find out what the application process was like for medical school from a panel of Health Professions Office Pre-Med Peer Mentors!

2. Medical and Dental School Interview Workshop

Tuesday, October 15th; 5-6pm; PAI 4.42

This workshop prepares you to thrive in the interview process

for health professional schools.
Aimed at juniors and seniors
currently in the admissions cycle.
RSVP here:

https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_23uwiS8kGj5UvoF

**3. UNT Health Science Center
College of Pharmacy
Information Session**

Tuesday, October 15, 2013;
Medical Education and Training
Building (MET) – 124N and 125S
Auditorium; 6:00

Meet and greet the Dean/Faculty

**4. Regional American Physician
Scientists Association Meeting
for MD/PhD interested
Students**

October 19th; San Antonio

MD/PhD students at the
University of Texas Health
Science Center at San Antonio
are hosting the South Regional
meeting of the American
Physician Scientists Association
(APSA). APSA promotes more
physician involvement in
research with primary focus on
MD/PhD students
(www.physicianscientists.org).

It is an opportunity for anyone to
meet admission directors from
several MD/PhD programs
around Texas, current MD/PhD
students, and established
physician scientists.

Breakout sessions will cover
topics such as Applying to MD
and MD/PhD Programs,
Humanism in Medical Science,
Finding a Research Topic,
Choosing a Lab/Mentor,
Research as a Resident/Post-Doc,
and Applying for Funding as a
Pre-/Post-Doc.

**5. UNTHSC Texas College of
Osteopathic Medicine**

Thursday, October 24th; 6:30pm-
7:30pm; BUR 212

Come hear from UNTHSC Texas
College of Osteopathic Medicine
Assistant Dean of Admissions and
Outreach Joel Daboub

**Organization
Announcements**

6. Cancer Awareness Week

Monday October 14th-16th

Delete Blood Cancer-DKMS
Longhorn Chapter and AMSA are
teaming up to bring Cancer
Awareness Week to the
University of Texas at Austin
campus from October 14-16th.

Monday, October 14th
SAC Ballroom 2.410; 7:30PM

Cancer Speaker Panel:

Dr. Jonathan Sessler: UT organic
chemistry professor who does
cancer drug research and
Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor
Kelly Jerden: UT alum and former
Alpha Delta Pi president with
non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
Zach Rigby- Texas Omicron and
Silver Spur Hodgkin's lymphoma
survivor

Robin Kuntz: Acute myeloid
leukemia (AML) survivor
Katherine Kuntz: UT Pom, Kappa
Kappa Gamma and daughter of
Robin Kuntz

Eva Valilis: stem cell donor to
brother with AML

Dr. Panagiotis Valilis, MD:
oncologist and hematologist

Tuesday, October 15th Union
Theater; 7:30PM

More to Live For Documentary
Screening with James
Chippendale, Producer and Film
Subject

Wednesday, October 16th
West Mall, South Mall, RLM
Plaza, and Jester Corner; 10AM-
3PM

Bone Marrow donor registration
drive- visit any location to

register to become a potential
life-saver.

**7. Health Careers Mentorship
Program Information**

Application due: Friday,
November 8th at 5pm
The Health Careers Mentorship
Program is a partnership
between Austin Medical
Education Programs, the Texas
Department of State Health
Services, members of the SETON
Healthcare Network, and [Travis
County Medical Society](#). The
program is established to teach
mature students about the
clinical and non-clinical aspects
of the health care system.
Find their application online: