

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. Hispanic Students and Alumni Luncheon

Wednesday, October 30th, 12-1pm; San Jacinto Multi-purpose room

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. RSVP here: <http://tinyurl.com/lhs7ena>

2. 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!

3. 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.

4. 2013 Texas Conference on Civic Life

Saturday, November 9, 2013 - 9am-5pm

The Annette Strauss Institute is hosting the first-ever Texas Conference on Civic Life to bring together citizens from across the state and partisan aisles to discuss the future of civic engagement and how Texans can work together towards improved civic health. The conference will include a pop-up civic space on the plaza and a political pub quiz in the evening. Parking, breakfast, lunch, and coffee included in registration.

Student Registration \$15 (includes Breakfast & Lunch) - space is limited, advanced registration required

For more information and to register

visit: <http://communication.utexas.edu/strauss/2013-texas-conference-civic-life>

5. 2014 Spring University Extension Courses

There is no need to wait to register for an evening classroom or online cohort course with University Extension (UEX). UEX's Spring 2014 courses are posted and open for registration, now.

UEX grades are provided on an official university transcript and included in one's cumulative UT GPA. Learn more and register at <http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/spring2014>.

6. Spring 2014 Pre-Graduate Internship

Are you thinking about whether graduate school is in your future? Are you uncertain about what it would be like to be a graduate student and what academic program may be suited best to your interests and career goals?

If your answer to these questions is yes, you may wish to consider undertaking the Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) "Pre-Graduate School Internship." This internship is open to students in all UT colleges/schools and departments. You may earn one, two or three hours of academic credit (CMS 164M/264M/364M) by participating in the internship.

In addition, you may read more about this program (including FAQ's, examples of internship activities and an easy to complete internship contract) on the web:

<http://communication.utexas.edu/ie/>

7. Physics Department Open House

November 4th; 2-5pm

Description: The Physics Department Open House is an opportunity for anyone, from members of the community to prospective students, to explore the physics department here at UT. Planned events include talks by faculty, lab tours, an undergraduate research poster contest, and dropping a watermelon from the roof of RLM. Come see what it is like to be doing physics at UT Austin.

8. Nominate an advisor for the Vick advising awards

Due Friday, November 8th

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>

9. 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>

Scholarships

1. Senate Study Abroad Scholarship

Deadline: Friday, November 8 11:59 p.m.

Senate of College Councils has released the application for its Study Abroad Scholarship. Open to all majors and any undergraduate studying abroad in Spring or Summer 2014, the scholarship will provide \$1,000 to a student to fund his or her trip anywhere in the world. For more details on eligibility and the application, please visit the Global Assist website: <http://utdirect.utexas.edu/student/abroad/globalassist.WBX>.

2. Sign up for the CNS scholarship list serv

CNS undergraduates interested in receiving scholarship

information from the CNS Scholarship Coordinator can sign up for the following list serv: cns-scholarships@utlists.utexas.edu. This list serv is used to make announcements regarding undergraduate scholarships opportunities both within and outside of UT, upcoming deadlines, financial aid information, etc.

Internships and Employment

1. Be a Camp Texas Counselor

Applications are due November 1st at 5:00pm.

Camp Texas is a three day leadership development experience geared towards smoothing the transition of incoming students to UT. Focused on getting incoming freshman connected and excited -- the camp has blobs, traditions, a color war, and culminates with a Luau party. In addition to these activities, there are also "boundary breaking" and team-building exercises aimed at connecting campers to each other and counselors. Being a CT Counselor is an awesome way to meet fun people, learn some skills, have a blast, and make an impact on campus!

Selected counselors will work a couple three day sessions sometime between August 11th and 24th, depending on availability. The 10 spring semester leadership trainings will take place on Fridays 4:00-5:30pm. The link below has more information about the application and requirements. <https://docs.google.com/a/utexas.edu/forms/d/1efh2APBuZOBjGb92vXUg3ZLy2RPzZRIA8itMsdLbw4/viewform>

2. NASA Paid internship

Application due November 18th

Details about the internship and how to apply can be found at <http://develop.larc.nasa.gov/> and the pdf application is attached to this email.

Responsibilities will include: literature review, data processing and analysis, composing of deliverables including a technical paper, presentation, and video. Previous GIS or remote sensing knowledge, while beneficial, are not required for acceptance.

Applicants must have excellent communication, writing skills and be able to work in a fast-paced environment. Days of the week are flexible but applicants should be able to commit to 10-20 hours per week for the spring or fall terms. Position is paid on an hourly basis and determined by education level.

3. Ask a Career Coach

Friday, November 1st, Welch; 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.

4. Sanger Career Center Hiring Tutors for Spring 2014

Applications due November 1st

The Sanger Learning Center is now accepting applications for spring 2014 tutor positions. All applications must be submitted online from the employment section of MyUGS at <https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/ugs/my/tutoring/jobs/>. More specific information about the position can be found on the Hire-a-Longhorn website at <http://www.hirealonghorn.org/>

5. CNS Etiquette Dinner

Thursday, November 14th, 5:30-9pm; Santa Rita Suite; Texas Union

The Career Design Center would like to invite you to the Fall 2013, Etiquette Dinner. Etiquette goes far beyond knowing which forks to use at an interview dinner with a potential employer. It is about projecting an image of professionalism! Join fellow students and select employers in a full-course meal to learn about proper dining etiquette, networking, and professionalism.

Payment must be made in cash at PAI 5.03 (Career Design Center) by Wed, Nov. 6th
RSVP here: <http://tiny.cc/etiquettediner>

6. 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. Science Undergrad Lab Internship

Applications are due January 10, 2014

The Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program encourages undergraduate students to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers by providing research experiences at the Department of Energy (DOE) laboratories. Selected students participate as interns appointed at one of 15 participating DOE laboratories. They perform research, under the guidance of laboratory staff scientists or engineers, on projects supporting the DOE mission. Must be currently enrolled as a <http://science.energy.gov/wdts/suli/>

2. Waller Creek Cleanup volunteers

Saturday, November 9th

Environmental Health and Safety and the Texas Natural Science Center host the biannual Waller Creek Cleanup to restore the urban watershed that runs from north Austin through the university campus into Lady Bird Lake. Register and download waiver at link below and bring it to event, which meets at Mustang statue See:

<http://www.wallercreekut.org>

3. 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.

Pre-Professional Announcements

1. Health professions Personal Statement Workshop

Friday, November 8th BUR 108; 1-2pm

Come and learn tips to work on your personal statement for medical school. RSVP here: https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6GpxSfnUn2GgkKhUT

Organization Announcements

1. Student/TA Luncheon

November 1st; 12-1pm

Natural Sciences Council is hosting its first ever Student/TA Luncheon THIS Friday, Nov. 1st, from 12 - 1 pm! Any CNS student is welcome to invite a past or present TA to this luncheon. RSVP to nsc.sf.chair@gmail.com by this Wednesday (Oct. 30th). More

information here:

<http://tinyurl.com/student-ta-lunch2013>

2. Natural Sciences Cheap Lunch

Monday, October 28th; 11-2pm

Tired of paying \$7 just for a decent meal? Forget to pack your lunch on the way to school? Well, no fear! Natural Sciences Council is hosting it's first ever Cheap Lunch event to solve all your lunchtime woes! For only \$3 you can get 2 whole slices of pizza and a dessert! What a steal!

3. Health Careers Mentorship Program

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: <http://blogs.utexas.edu/uthcmp/>