

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. Bridging Disciplines Program Deadline

Application Due Oct 10 FAC338

BDP allows students to earn an interdisciplinary certificate in one of 11 different themes. The 19 credit-hour certificate is transcript recognized and incorporates coursework and experiential learning. Before applying, interested students should attend an info session offered Tuesdays 11-12 or Wednesdays 3-4 in FAC 4.

Students can find instructions on [how to apply](#), as well as our application on our website. The spring deadline will be in mid-March.

2. 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](#). You should start studying the [spring, 2014 course schedule](#). I know you all are still thinking about midterms and papers to write, but it's time to pay attention to this.

3. 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

4. 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!

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. 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>

8. 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.

Scholarships

1. How to Get Money for Research and Study in Europe

Mon, October 7, 2013; 1:30; CLA 1.302E

Featuring Erica Lutes, Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission in Brussels and Dr. Larry Carver, Director of the Liberal Arts Honors Program, UT Austin.

Join us for a discussion about scholarship opportunities offered through UT and others including the Fulbright Schuman Award (EU wide). The presentation will include award details, the application process and examples of successful proposals and potential host institutions. Attendees can also expect to learn more about current trends in EU studies- as seen through the award applications Fulbright Schuman receives- and the program's prestigious alumni.

The workshop is open to all. Undergraduates, graduates, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend!

http://www.utexas.edu/cola/center/s/european_studies/news/7053

2. 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.

Internships and Employment

1. Ask A Career Coach

October 11th Welch Hallway; 10-1pm

Do you have a quick career related question? Speak to a Career Coach today!

A 15 minute 'Ask a Career Coach' session can include:

- Resume/Cover Letter Review
- Job Search Tips
- Interview Tips
- Networking Ideas
- Graduate School Questions

2. Careers in Law Workshop

October 8th; 5pm; CPE 2.220

Panel of 3 IP lawyers and 1 UT law student

3. National Security Agency (NSA) Info Session

October 9th; 5:15 PM; SRH - Rm. TBD

Find out more about working for the NSA

4. Wall Street 101

October 9th; 5-6:30PM; GEA105

Please join us for this session to learn more about why beginning your career on Wall Street is a fantastic opportunity for students across a wide range of majors and educational backgrounds.

5. Aon Hewitt Information Session

Monday October 7th; 7-8pm;
Burdine Hall, 220

Aon Hewitt is an American provider of Human Capital and Management Consulting services headquartered in Lincolnshire, United States. It operates 500 offices in 120 countries providing Consulting, Outsourcing, and Reinsurance Brokerage services. Come find out more about jobs for Aon Hewitt at the information session

6. 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:

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 8:30 – 9:30 p.m., North Office Building A (NOA) 1.126

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Robert A. Welch Hall (WEL) 2.312

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.

7. 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. 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>

2. Rice Regional Undergraduate Symposium

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 7th

The Rice University Department of Chemistry and the Department of Biochemistry & Cell Biology encourage undergraduate students conducting research in chemistry, biochemistry, and related fields to participate in the Regional Undergraduate Symposium to be held at Rice University on October 26, 2013.

The symposium format is 15-min PowerPoint presentations. To close the symposium, K.C. Nicolaou will give a keynote address for chemistry and Cindy Farach-Carson for biochemistry (these talks will happen concurrently), and an awards ceremony (with small cash prizes) will recognize outstanding oral presentations. For more information and to register visit:

<https://chem.rice.edu/RUS.aspx>.

Pre-Professional Announcements

1. Medical/Dental School Interview Workshop

October 7th; 12-1pm; BUR 216

It's Interview Season for Health Professional Schools! You've passed the first hurdle. Now, be prepared! This workshop will provide tips for surviving---and thriving in---the interview process for health professional schools. Aimed at juniors and seniors currently in the 2013-2014 Admissions Cycle for Medical/Dental & Pharmacy schools.

2. Medical School Speaker Series

October 9th; 6:30-7:30; UTC 4.134

Come hear from University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine's Associate Director of

*Admissions & Financial Aid -
Charles Todd, PhD*

3. 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!*

**4. 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

**5. 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.*

Organization Announcements

**1. Texas Nutrition Third General
Meeting**

*Monday October 7; 5:00 pm;WEL
2.308*

*Darya Pino Rose Ph.D. will be
holding a dynamic discussion on
various current nutrition topics at
our next meeting. Darya is the
creator of Summer Tomato, one of
TIME's 50 Best Websites she has a
Ph.D. in neuroscience from the
University of California, San
Francisco, and a bachelor's degree
in Molecular and Cell Biology from
UC Berkeley.*

**2. Health Careers Mentorship
Program Information**

*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 out more at their
information sessions held THIS
Monday-Thursday from 6-7
PM in GAR 3.116.*