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

Dean Vanden Bout’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 nicolekruijs@gmail.com. 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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*November 2nd, 2014*
**Academic Announcements**

1. **James Vick Awards for Academic Advising**
   
   **Deadline Friday, Nov 12th, 2014**

   Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014-2015 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. [https://texasexes.org/form/vick.asp](https://texasexes.org/form/vick.asp)

2. **Getting Grounded Workshop Series**

   **BUR 214 (Burdisne Hall)**
   **Tuesdays 3:00 to 4:15 pm**

   This is an 11-week, open workshop series featuring a different topic each week, aimed at helping students explore themes of mind-body-emotional wellness. Each week students will learn and practice new mind-body grounding and relaxation techniques, as well as explore common themes that impact our daily thriving.

   - 9/23: Turning Stress into an Ally 9/30: Focusing Our Distracted, Multitasking Minds
   - 10/7: Sleep! (Too Much, Too Little, Just Right) 10/14: Art and Music for Stress Relief 10/21: Exploring Our Relationship to Time Management 10/28: Better Success without Perfectionism

   Workshops are free of charge. No registration necessary. Attend as many as you would like. For more information, please call CMHC at: 512-471-3715.

3. **Sanger Learning Center Tutoring and Workshops**

   **The Sanger Learning Center offers workshops, tutoring, and events throughout the year.**

   Anyone interested is invited to attend, though a RSVP is required. For more information about each, see the Sanger Learning Center page: [http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/slc](http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/slc)

   Classes being offered this semester include 'Study Smarter, Not Harder,' ‘Time and Procrastination,’ ‘Preparing for the GRE,’ and ‘Public Speaking.’ Tutoring for individual classes and meetings with a peer academic coach can also be arranged via the link above.

4. **CNS Diversity Mixers Invitation**

   **CNS would like to invite you to two upcoming Diversity Engagement Mixers. They will be held in NHB 1.720 on the UT campus. Please join us for food, and stay for alumni-student discussions, learn more about mentoring programs, meet members of the faculty and myself, and perhaps network with alumni in your career field here in the Austin area. The dates are:**

   - November 20, 2014: Student and Alumni Lunch, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

   Please let us know of your attendance, and if you need a vegetarian lunch, as soon as possible. The links above are where you can RSVP. Please spread the word even if you cannot attend yourself.

5. **Archer Fellowship Program**

   The Archer Fellowship Program is a program that empowers students from across The University of Texas System by providing a unique opportunity to live, learn and intern in Washington, D.C. Each year between 32-40 UT Austin undergraduates are selected to become Archer Fellows. Fellows live in town homes on Capitol Hill; earn 15 hours of in-residence credit by taking classes on policy, politics, and advocacy; and pursue a full-time internship. Students may apply their financial aid to the program costs, and a number of scholarships are available to support selected Archer Fellows.

The Archer Program is seeking applications from a diverse group of students who represent various majors and disciplines across campus. While all applicants should share a passion for policy and public service, we welcome students with diverse policy interests. It’s easy to see this diversity represented in previous Archer Fellows by looking at their internship placements. Previous Archer fellows have interned with The White House, National Geographic, the U.S. Department of Education, the Sierra Club, Amnesty International, the Alliance for Health Care Reform, the Republican National Committee and the U.S. Department of Justice among many others sites and organizations.

For more information, come to an information session:
Scholarships

1. Senate of College Councils Research Scholarships  
Due November 7th

The Senate of College Councils invites you to apply for this semester’s Undergraduate Research Grant (URG). The URG seeks to encourage students to become actively involved with research in their undergraduate experience by providing funding to a deserving applicant.

Eligible applicants include students assisting a faculty member with a research project, as well as students conducting independent or partnered research. Applicants must be a full-time undergraduate student as determined by the University of Texas at Austin’s Office of the Registrar.

One winner will receive a $1,000 grant from the Senate of College Councils to be used toward funding his or her research.

https://utexas.collegiatelink.net/account/logonrequired?ReturnUrl=%2Forganization%2Fsenateofcollegecouncils%2Favailableforms

2. CSI STEM Scholarship  
Deadline: December 15th

CSI EXECUTIVE SEARCH (CSI) is pleased to be able to offer continuing scholarships to motivated students to help in the furthering of their education. This scholarship is designed to support promising students as they pursue a higher education degree in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). Awardee will be selected based on the strength of their written essay as determined by the scholarship committee at CSI Executive Search and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0 or higher.

ELIGIBILITY: Available to U.S. citizens who have been accepted to or are enrolled at an accredited college or university in the U.S. Available to undergraduate and master’s students in all STEM majors. No purchase of any kind is necessary. This award is available to undergraduate and graduate level students attending an accredited college or university.

PRIZE: One scholarship each award cycle in the amount of $1,000.00.

Please visit the following website for more information and application: http://wwwcsi-executivesearch.com/csi-executive-search-stem-scholarship/

3. Fall Research or Conference Travel Scholarships  
Due Friday, November 21st

The Office of Undergraduate Research is pleased to announce a fall application for Research or Conference Travel scholarships, which will be awarded to select UT undergraduates to help them pursue research beyond Austin or present their work at a conference. If you have already traveled to attend a conference or to conduct research in the 2014-2015 school year, or plan to do so, we invite you to submit an application. Students must have a confirmation of conference acceptance or research participation in order to be awarded funding.

In previous years, we have made a call for applications in the spring. This year, we are opening an additional round of applications in the fall as well. Scholarships awarded through this opportunity typically range between $250 and $500, and we expect to award approximately 10 scholarships this year. Some preference will be shown to students who do not have alternative sources of funding available to them.
4. **Volunteer at the Long Center**  
   2014-2015 Season and beyond

   Attention: arts-lovers on a student budget! The Long Center for the Performing Arts is seeking qualified volunteers to serve in the box office on the night of performances. The main job duty is to distribute Will Call to patrons at the windows. Volunteers are given one complimentary seat to watch the show that same night. All selected volunteers will possess superior customer service and problem-solving skills to provide an unparalleled, positive experience for all visitors of the Long Center.

   A sample of upcoming shows that need staffing include: Elf: The Musical, Blue Man Group, 2Cellos, Vienna Boys Choir, Disney in Concert, Shen Yun, rePlay: Symphony of Heroes, Shaping Sound, Straight No Chaser, Burt Bacharach, Confessions of a Prairie Bitch, and many more. The time commitment is only 2 hours &15 minutes.

   Then volunteers get to see the show for free & parking is included as well.

   Interested students should send a cover letter only to boxoffice@thelongcenter.org

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**Internships and Employment**

1. **Bioscience and Biotechnology Career Fair**
   Wednesday, November 5th, 2014 1pm-5pm; Texas Union / Quadrangle Room, UNB 3.304

   For more information visit: tiny.cc/bioscience_student

2. **Annette Strauss Part Time Job**
   November 5th deadline
   The Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life in the Moody College of Communication is seeking a current U.T. undergraduate or graduate student to support our upcoming public engagement trainings, educational outreach programs, and events. The position is paid and requires up to 19 hrs./week. Please see our detailed job description attached.

   If interested, email Emily.Einsohn@austin.utexas.edu your resume and a cover letter which explains your interest in the program, our mission, and why your skills would make you an ideal candidate for the position. All application materials are due no later than 11:59 pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2014.

3. **Bender Virtual Career Fair**
   Employment for People with Disabilities
   November 13, 2014

   This is a great opportunity for college students and college grads with disabilities to meet online with employers across the nations including American Transmission Co., ANSYS, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Enterprise Holdings, Epic, Genentech, KLA-Tencor, Lexmark, NSA, Verizon, & more great employers!

   Learn more here: www.careereco.com/events/disability

4. **Walk in Career Coaching**
   Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

   Senior Career Coaches, Jessica Sitler and Melanie Pearce, are available for brief, 10-15 minute walk-in career coaching appointments.

   These walk-in appointments are for undergraduate students and topics include: resume/cover letter reviews, job search tactics, interview techniques, graduate school information, job offers/salary negotiation, resource guidance, and general career related questions! Appointments are at first come, first serve basis. Appointment days/times are subject to change, please check the announcement section of our website for any changes.

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5. **Peer Mentor Resume Reviews**
   Peer mentors Mickey Damani and Brian Yim are available to meet with undergraduate students to assist with resume/cover letter reviews and general career questions. Appointments are at a first come, first serve basis. Appointment days/times are subject to change, please check the announcement section of our website for any changes.

6. **Pre Grad School Internship**
   There is still time to enroll in the fall 2014 IE Pre Grad Internship. If you are thinking about whether graduate school is in your future, 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.

   Read more about this program (including FAQ’s, examples of internship activities and an easy to complete internship contract) on the web at http://communication.utexas.edu/u/ie/. For future information,
Pre-Professional Announcements

1. Planning Your Summer Workshop
   Wednesday November 5; 5-6pm; WEL 2.308
2. Personal Statement Q&A Session
   November 7, 2014; GEA 105; 12-1pm

Organization Announcements

1. Analecta Journal Accepting Submissions
   Analecta is an all-majors, student-run journal that publishes student writing and art every spring. We are currently taking submissions for Analecta 41. Submissions (which can be any form of prose, poetry, or art) are due Friday, December 19th at 11:59 p.m. Additional information about the submission process can be found at analectajournal.com, and our FaceBook page is Analecta Literary and Arts Journal.

2. Bagels and Lox with Students and Docs
   Wednesday, November 5th; 10:30am-1:30pm; Norman Hackerman Building
   The Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is pleased to announce their annual event BAGELS AND LOX WITH STUDENTS AND DOCS.

   Bagels and Lox offers students a rare opportunity to socialize and network with accomplished healthcare providers and staff who work right here at UT’s University Health Services.

   SHAC’s goal for this event is to introduce and help foster a relationship and familiarity between the student body and the medical care that is offered on campus.

   Come out to this unique opportunity to interact with healthcare providers and UHS staff over brunch. Ask questions about how healthcare works at UHS, learn more about the range of services offered, and meet and mingle with professionals who can give you advice/tips about your healthcare and your future.