NEWSLETTER

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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College of Natural Sciences
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
Academic Announcements

1. **Natural Sciences Week**
   October 13-17
   Get ready for an entire week dedicated to showcasing the College of Natural Sciences’ hidden gems and spectacular achievements! Natural Sciences Council presents **NATURAL SCIENCES WEEK**.

FREE FOOD and FREE T SHIRTS at EVERY event! Help us welcome the return of the famous NS Week – Breaking Bad t-shirt! That’s right; they’re back and better than before in an appealing heather gray color. It’ll really bring out the color of your eyes.

Be sure to check out the event descriptions down below and like our FB page at [https://www.facebook.com/UTNSC](https://www.facebook.com/UTNSC).

**EVENT DESCRIPTIONS:**

**MONDAY 10/13 5-7PM: BIG BANG**

Big Bang is the kick-off event for Natural Sciences Week! Come learn about twelve of the organizations from across the College of Natural Sciences, as well as eat a lot of delicious, free food, and get free t-shirts! We will have demos throughout the event, courtesy of the Chemistry Department.

**TUESDAY 10/14 5:30-7:30PM: WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR DEGREE!?**

Ever been curious as to what you could do with your degree other than health or research?!! Come meet with real professionals who’ve had successful careers doing things other than health or research with a Natural Science degree! Attendees include Maker Square, Genetic Counselors, Intel, UTeach, Public Health, and the Health IT department.

**WEDNESDAY 10/15 12PM – 3PM: NEUROSCIENCE BRAIN TANK**

Ever wonder what neuroscience actually is? Ever want to know what kind of research is being done in neuroscience? What’s the difference between neuroscience and neurobiology? Come check out NSC’s Neuroscience Brain Tank! Featuring: A talk by Dr. Michael Drew of the Center for Learning and Memory as well as actual human brains! Attendees include Dr. Michael Drew, Dr. Adron Harris, Dr. Kristen Harris, Dr. Jon Pierce-Shimomura, Dr. Laura Colgin, Dr. Mike Mauk, Dr. Dan Johnston, Synapse, and Undergraduate Neuroscience Journal Club. Come talk to one of the researchers, look at real human brains but feel free to stop by and come and go as you please!

**WEDNESDAY 10/15 7PM – 10PM: STAR PARTY**

At Star Party, we’re bringing the wonders of the universe to you! Start off the night with Dr. Steven Finkelstein, who will guide us to a greater understanding of black holes and life as an astronomer. Following the talk, enjoy some Jersey Mike’s and physics demos, or some popcorn and Mars Attacks! (one of the most, ah... memorable sci-fi movies of our time). And of course, be sure to enjoy the ambience and the night skies from RLM’s roof - home of UT’s largest telescope and the most breathtaking view on campus while enjoying your favorite flavor of liquid nitrogen ice cream.

**THURSDAY 10/16 3:30PM – 5:30PM: FOOD, FASHION, AND FAMILY**

Free food catered by Central Market alongside Texas Nutrition! Fashion presented by TXA who will have student designed apparel and garment sketches! Family activities presented by sensory activity demonstrations commonly used for neural and cognitive development!

**FRIDAY 10/17 3:30PM – 5:30PM: SURGE PRESENTS ROADS TO RESEARCH**

2. **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:

   October 23, 2014: Student and Alumni Dinner, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
   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.

   [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vCb2Y-mw2hPg5jDLKjIZ_ca4bHP8qimbY_o1rDwPOs/viewform?usp=send_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vCb2Y-mw2hPg5jDLKjIZ_ca4bHP8qimbY_o1rDwPOs/viewform?usp=send_form)

3. **Archer Fellowship Program**
The Archer Fellowship Program is a program that empowers students from across the 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:

Thursday, October 16 | 4:00pm
Wednesday, November 5 | 4:00pm Thursday, November 13 | 4:00pm

All information sessions take place in FAC 328

UT Austin Campus Coordinator:
Christine Anderson / canderson@austin.utexas.edu

4. Register for Fall 2014 University Extension Courses
Registration is open for all of University Extension's Fall 2013 classroom and online cohort courses, which begin the week of September 2nd.

UEX courses can be used to: Meet core curriculum requirements. Finish up that last course to graduate. Take a prerequisite for graduate and professional school.

Financial aid can be used to pay for semester-based classroom courses. It is a good idea to check with the Office of Student Financial Services before registering. 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/ux/fall2012. Call or write to UEX at (512) 471-2900 or uex@austin.utexas.edu.

Scholarships

1. Environmental Excellence Awards
Applications for 2015 are still open. For more information about the Texas Environmental Excellence Program, visit www.teea.org or contact Stephanie Cunningham, TEEA Program Coordinator (awards@tceq.texas.gov or 512-239-3143).

2. Natural Gas Career Fair
October 23: 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Palmer Events Center
900 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78704

UT College of Natural Sciences Career Design Center will provide a shuttle service that will run approximately every 40 minutes. The Shuttle Bus will make a first run at 9:15 a.m. Please arrive at the Littlefield Fountain at least 10 minutes prior to departure. The Shuttle Bus will make its last run at 3:00 p.m. The 3 pm bus is the last bus back to campus for the day.


3. Halliburton Tailgate
Saturday October 18th; 18th and Trinity; 5pm

Join Halliburton at their annual recruiting tailgate. There will be
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 a first come, first serve basis. Appointment days/times are subject to change, please check the announcement section of our website for any changes.

5. **Peer Mentor Resume Reviews**
   Monday, 1-5 PM; Tuesday, 8-9:30 AM, 11 AM-3 PM; Wednesday, 1-3 PM; Thursday, 8-9:30 AM, 10 AM-1:30 PM; Friday, 11 AM-2 PM

   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 Graduate 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/ie/. For future information, contact Professor Richard Cherwitz, spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

**Pre-Professional Announcements**

1. **Health Professions Info Sessions**
   Hear from a Pre-Health Professions Coach about HPO Services and the UT Austin Pre-Health Professions Experience. We will also introduce the Health Professions Certificate Coordinator who will present information and answer questions about the Pre-Health Professions Certificate requirements.

   We encourage you to go to http://cns.utexas.edu/health-professions/events-workshops and RSVP for the session that best fits your schedule.
   If you do not RSVP, you are still welcome to join us. There are usually available seats.

   Thu- 10/16/2014; 4 - 5 PM; GEA 105
   Wed- 10/22/2014; 5 - 6 PM; WEL 1.308

2. **UTHSCA San Antonio School of Medicine**

**Organization Announcements**

1. **Friar Society Applications**
   The Friar Society is the oldest honor organization at UT recognizing individuals for their significant contributions on campus. It is now accepting applications for our Fall 2014 class! Applications must be turned in by 5:00pm, October 17th to friarabbot@gmail.com.

   The application can be downloaded at friarsociety.org

   For any questions regarding the application process, please contact Nicole Krujs (nicolekrujs@gmail.com) or Tara Sharma (taramsharma@gmail.com). Thanks and Hook 'em!