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 cns-student-news@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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*September 14, 2014*
Academic Announcements

1. **Kickoff Mixer for Diversity Engagement**  
   Tuesday, Sept. 16th; Texas Union Ballroom; 4:30-8pm

   Dinner will be served and dress is business casual. Please join the CNS Council for Diversity Engagement for an introduction and student networking session from 4:30-5:30, followed by dinner/appetizers at 6:00 pm with alumni. Then stay for alumni-student discussions, learn more about mentoring programs, and perhaps network with alumni in your career field here in the Austin area. Also speaking at the event will be the Honorable Shirley Franklin, former mayor of Atlanta and now Visiting Professor in the LBJ School. This will a celebratory event and an opportunity to come together and start off the new academic year. Please RSVP by clicking here.

2. **Bridging Disciplines Info Session**  
   Sep. 16, 11 a.m.-noon. Open through Dec. 2, 2014  
   Sept 17, 3-4pm  
   Peter T. Flawn Academic Center (FAC) 4

   Are you interested in learning more about the Bridging Disciplines Programs, which allow you to earn an interdisciplinary certificate in one of several different concentration areas? Come to an Information Session.

3. **Graduate School Fair**  
   October 7; 10am-2pm  
   Texas Union Ballroom

   Meet representatives from graduate programs across the country. This event is free and open to all majors at UT.

   Learn more about the event: [https://www.facebook.com/events/355048561319422/](https://www.facebook.com/events/355048561319422/)

   In order to expedite your registration, you can RSVP in advance here: [https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_begU7Razgl15s7bf](https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_begU7Razgl15s7bf)

4. **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:

   - Wednesday, September 17 / 3:00pm Thursday, September 18 / 4:00pm Wednesday, October 8 / 4:00pm
   - 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](mailto:canderson@austin.utexas.edu)

   utexas.edu/ugs/archer

5. **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/uex/fall2012](http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/fall2012). Call or write to UEX at
Scholarships

1. NSF Research Fellowship
   Tuesday, Sept. 23; 12:30-1:30 PM; PAI 5.42
   Are you graduating this year? Are you thinking about graduate school? Below is an announcement about one of the best, most prestigious graduate fellowships out there - the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP).
   We are hosting two workshops this fall to help you complete the NSF GRFP application. Our first workshop will include information on the application process. We’ll also have a Q&A session with faculty who served as panelists for the NSF GRFP as well as current NSF GRFP fellows. UT-Austin students are highly competitive for this award.
   Students interested in attending must RSVP to achacon@austin.utexas.edu no later than Friday, September 19. Please take a moment to read the attached program solicitation prior to the workshop.

2. 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).

3. Gilman Study Abroad Scholarship
   Deadline: October 1st
   The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies or credit-bearing, career-oriented internships abroad. Such international exchange is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world.
   For application and more information, see:
   http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program

Internships and Employment

1. Fall 2014 Career Fair
   Thursday, September 18 at 1:00pm to 6:00pm
   Frank C. Erwin Jr. Special Events Center (ERC) 1701 RED RIVER ST., AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701
   The Fall Career EXPO is back. With over 190 employers registered to attend, this is an amazing opportunity to land your dream job or internship. Don’t forget to stop by the Prep Tent for last minute touch ups before meeting the recruiters.

2. How to Work a Career Fair

3. How to Ace an Interview
   Wednesday, September 17th / Norman Hackerman Bldg. (NHB) 1.720 / 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM
   How to Ace an Interview gives students information on how to prepare for all stages of the job interview: before, during and after. There will be an employer present to give students an inside perspective about employer likes and dislikes in the interview process. Don’t miss this opportunity to sharpen your interview skills and land that next job or internship! website at www.bcg.com.

4. Twitter Info Session
   Monday, Sept. 15; 5:30-6:30pm; GEA 105
   https://www.facebook.com/events/342944889189869/?context=create&ref=1&source=49

5. Pre Graduate School Internship
   There is still time to enroll in the fall 2013 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.

Research and Volunteering

1. 2013-2014 Undergraduate Research Fellowships

Due: September 17th, 2014

The Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) program provides support for specific scholarly research projects conducted by full-time UT undergraduates enrolled in any department. These fellowships are intended to cover costs associated with academic research projects proposed and written by student applicants and undertaken with the supervision of a university tenured or tenure-track faculty member, lecturer, senior lecturer or full-time research scientist/engineer. Some restrictions apply. See http://www.utexas.edu/research/resources/awards-fellowships-grants for more information.

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.

Fri- 09/19/2014; 1-2 PM; FAC 21
Thu- 09/25/2014; 5-6 PM; WEL 1.308
Thu- 10/16/2014; 4-5 PM; GEA 105
Wed- 10/22/2014; 5-6 PM; WEL 1.308

2. Medical and Dental School Q&A

Monday, Sept. 15; 1-2pm; WEL 2.304

It’s Interview Season for Health Professional Schools! You’ve passed the first hurdle. Now, be prepared! This session will provide tips for surviving—and thriving in the interview process for health professional schools. Aimed at juniors and seniors currently in the 2014-2015 Admissions Cycle for Medical/Dental & Pharmacy schools.

Organization Announcements

1. TURJ Seeking Editors

Deadline: Friday, September 19th, 2014

Apply for a staff position with the Texas Undergraduate Research Journal. Each year, Texas URJ receives the best undergraduate research being conducted across campus and publishes it. Our staff consists entirely of undergraduates. We are looking for individuals with an eye for great writing and a passion for excellent research.

Link to application: https://docs.google.com/a/utexas.edu/forms/d/1dfjc9GpR_ewBYyIoFev5WCvzIFVY70qq_sc7HZc9nk/viewform

For more information, contact Daniel Wang by email: managingeditor@texassurf.com

2. Austin Connect Seeks Driven Undergraduate Women - Leadership Positions Available

Deadline: September 20, 2014

Austin Connect provides networking, mentorship, and professional development opportunities for undergraduate women. The organization connects members with business leaders and other influential members of the Austin community. Each semester’s Speaker Series features six prominent leaders from various backgrounds. Confirmed speakers for Fall 2014 include:

Cindy Lo - CEO, Red Velvet Events
Dan Graham - CEO, Build A Sign
Gerardo Interiano - Public Affairs & Government Relations Manager, Google
Lynn Utter - CEO, Knoll Inc.

Previous speakers include Sue Cox, Regional Dean for Texas Medical Education, and Khotso Khabele, Founder of the Khabele School.

In addition to hosting speakers, Austin Connect promotes mentoring relationships by introducing each member to a community leader that shares her individual interests. The group also organizes professional development workshops and service events throughout the year.
Prospective members can apply at http://www.austinconnect.org/apply.html. Leadership positions are also available! All applications are due by September 21st at 11:59 PM.

3. **Consult Your Community Info Sessions**
   
   Consult Your Community is a nonprofit organization of student leaders dedicated to providing high quality, pro bono consulting services for the small, low-income businesses that drive this nation. Our mission is to help hard working business owners have more opportunities in their life by ensuring sustainable financial success. We are currently recruiting members for the upcoming fall and spring semesters. No business background is necessary: we are looking for exceptional social citizens who are passionate about giving back to the community. Please come out to one of our info sessions or events to learn more.

   **Info Session #1**: 9/17 @ 6:00-7:30, CBA 4.330  
   **Info Session #2**: 9/18 @ 6:00-7:30, CBA 4.330  
   **Social Happy Hour**: 9/19 @ 5:30, Tower Pizza

   Contact Alysha Chamadia at [texascyc@gmail.com](mailto:texascyc@gmail.com) for more information.