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.

Edited by: Nicole Kruijs
**Academic Announcements**

1. **CNS Town Hall Meeting**
   Tuesday, Sept. 23rd; Texas Union Ballroom; 4:30-6:30pm

   Come to the Fall CNS Town hall meeting and reception to discuss what it’s like to be in CNS and interact with college administration.

2. **Bridging Disciplines Info Session**
   Sep. 23, 11 a.m.-noon
   Sept 24, 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://jece.qualtrics.com/form/SV_begU7Razg15s7bf](https://jece.qualtrics.com/form/SV_begU7Razg15s7bf)

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:

   - 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

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/all2012](http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/all2012). Call or write to UEX at (512) 471-2900 or uex@austin.utexas.edu.

**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

4. International Education Fee Scholarship For Study Abroad Spring 2015
October 1st; 5pm

All students studying abroad in Spring 2014 are eligible to apply for the IEF scholarship. Awards range between $1000 and $1500, with merit and need being assessed.

For the application and more information, see: http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding/scholarships/iefs

Internships and Employment

1. 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.

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- 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. Health Professions Ted Talk
Wednesday October 1, 2014; PAI 5.03; 12-1pm
Come watch a health professions TED talk and have a discussion with your peers

Organization Announcements

1. Austin Connect Seeks Driven Undergraduate Women - Leadership Positions Available
Deadline: September 21, 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.