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 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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1. **Bridging Disciplines Info Session**
   
   Sep. 30, 11 a.m.-noon
   
   Oct 1, 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.

2. **Astronaut Lecture and Award Presentation**

   **Tuesday, September 30: 6:00 – 8:00 PM; MAI 212**

   Ever dream of walking on the moon? What about piloting a rocket? Do you know students that have these dreams or even bigger dreams? Astronaut Alan Bean, did those things and more, and is returning to his alma mater, our dear University of Texas at Austin, to speak about his experiences and present a scholarship to this year’s Astronaut Scholarship Foundation recipient Sai Gourisanker who is already researching ways to make grand things in small packages.

   You are your guests are cordially invited to this year’s Astronaut Scholarship Foundation lecture by Alan Bean and award presentation. Light refreshments will be provided.

3. **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.

4. **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/355048361319422/](https://www.facebook.com/events/355048361319422/)

   In order to expedite your registration, you can RSVP in advance here: [https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_begU7RazgI5s7bf](https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_begU7RazgI5s7bf)

5. **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 |

   All information sessions take place in FAC 328

   UT Austin Campus Coordinator: Christine Anderson
   [canderson@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:canderson@austin.utexas.edu)

6. **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.
UX 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/xall2012. 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. 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

3. 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/ief

Internships and Employment

1. 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/u/e/. For future information, contact Professor Richard Cherwitz,spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

2. 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. 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 on "Are Zombie Doctors Taking over America"

3. Getting Involved
   Tuesday October 7th; 3:30-4:30pm; PHR 2.110

   Please rsvp at https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8Hb818yOC5g0hkV

4. UTHSCA San Antonio School of Medicine
   October 14th; 6:30-7:30; PHR 2.110

   Representatives from different Texas medical schools will be making presentations as part of a medical school speakers series supported by the Health Professions Office.