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 cnsnewsletter@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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1. **HT Spring Career Fair**  
   March 19, 2014; Union; 11-1:30pm  
   All students are invited to the HT Spring 2014 Career Fair with 58 organizations already registered.

2. **Undergraduate Research Forum Abstract**  
   Friday, April 11, 2014 in Welch  
   All CNS undergraduate students who have participated in research with CNS faculty or with faculty in other colleges or at other institutions (e.g. summer REU participants, internships at state health agencies, internships in companies, etc) are encouraged to present. The event will feature poster presentations by our top student researchers as well as cash awards for research and presentation excellence. The Undergraduate Research Forum Web Site is found [HERE](http://www.utmcnairscholars.com).

   If you are considering participating please fill out the short Intent to Submit an Abstract form as it will give us an idea of the size of the event.  
   Intent to Submit an Abstract – Due February 26, 2014  
   [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C3BXK5Z](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C3BXK5Z)  
   For more information, questions or comments, please contact: Lynda Gonzales in the CNS Office for Research and International Studies, tel. 512-232-8345, email lyndag@austin.utexas.edu.

3. **INSPIRE Women’s Leadership Program Applications**  
   Due May 2nd online  
   Women in the class of 2017 of any major are encouraged to apply for the INSPIRE Women’s Leadership Program, a three-year program that helps you develop the skills necessary to achieve the highest levels of success in your chosen field.  
   Apply here: URL: [http://calendar.utexas.edu/event/inspire_womens_leadership_program_is_accepting_applications?source=newsletter](http://calendar.utexas.edu/event/inspire_womens_leadership_program_is_accepting_applications?source=newsletter)

4. **McNair Scholars**  
   Application due Friday, April 4th, 2014  
   McNair Scholars is a federally funded program under the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement with the goal of increasing the number of students earning doctoral degrees who are both low-income and first-generation and/or traditionally underrepresented in graduate education.

   All McNair Scholars obtain a faculty mentor who will help them identify a research topic and develop a research project, while at the same time actively engaging in program workshops, GRE prep, seminars, research conferences, and individual and academic advising. Students will also be eligible for a $1,000 scholarship each semester they are active in the program and a stipend of up to $2,600 when they participate in the Summer Research Institute.

   Information sessions will be taking place on Tuesday, February 25th from 6:00-7:00 pm in SSB 3.406 and March 18th from 6:00-7:00 pm in the SSB-Glenn Maloney Room. More information and the application can be found at [www.utmcnairscholars.com](http://www.utmcnairscholars.com).

5. **CompeteUT Competition**  
   Friday, April 4th  
   CompeteUT, formerly known as the UT Horizon Fund Student Investment Competition, is a venture creation and investment competition that encourages innovation and entrepreneurship from students, medical residents, and trainees throughout all 15 University of Texas System Institutions. Open to all UT undergraduates, graduates, PhD Candidates, post docs, medical interns, and trainees, the competition gives sixteen finalist teams a chance to vie for a $100,000 Investment Award.

   For more information, visit our website [www.uthorizons.com](http://www.uthorizons.com). If you have any further questions, please contact Tiffany Kindred at tkindred@utsystem.edu or Jeet Vijay at jvijay@utsystem.edu.

**Scholarships**

1. **US Fulbright Summer**  
   The US-UK Fulbright Commission has opened the applications for the summer 2014 institutes. These are fully-funded summer programs which provide the opportunity for US undergraduates (aged over 18), with at least two years of undergraduate study left to complete, to visit the UK on a three, four, five or six week academic and cultural summer programme. The Fulbright Commission covers the cost of airfare, tuition and fees, accommodation, and meals. In addition, they provide a small daily allowance.

   Here’s a link to the applications: [http://www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk/undergraduates](http://www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk/undergraduates). The institutes are in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. There are nine different institutes to apply to overing a
range of programs and experiences.

2. CNS Continuing Students Scholarship
Deadline: April 15, 2014

The 2014-2015 College of Natural Sciences scholarship application is now available. The common application is used to award college-level scholarships as well as the Health Professions Scholarships (for pre-medical students) and Out-of-State Tuition Waivers. Current CNS students can access the online application at https://www.utexas.edu/cns/scholarship.

In addition to the online application, students must submit at least one (1) faculty letter of recommendation. Students may have up to two faculty letters submitted on their behalf, however only one is required. Applications will not be considered complete until at least one letter of recommendation has been received. Instructions on who are eligible to write letters of recommendation and how to submit them can be found on the application.

3. Armed Forces Scholarship
The Army offers one of the most generous and comprehensive scholarships in the Health Care Field. It is called the F. Edward Hebert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). If you qualify and are selected for this program, you will receive a full-tuition scholarship for Medical School. You will also receive a monthly stipend while attending your Medical School, get paid as a Commissioned Officer during your residency (over $65,000), and have a guaranteed job working in your trained specialty after residency. The HPSP can be applied to any accredited school in the United States or Puerto Rico. Besides tuition, the Army will also make sure your required books, nonexpendable equipment, and most academic fees are paid as well. HPSP Benefits in the Army:

- Commissioned Officer
- 100% TUITION, BOOKS, FEES, and MORE
- $2,157.00 Monthly Stipend
- No Basic Training
- $20,000 Sign-On Bonus Available
- Apply for both the Army & the National Residence Match Program
- Contact: Luis G. Merino
- SGT, USA
- U.S. Army Health Care Recruiter
- San Antonio MRS
- 2040 Babcock Rd, STE 406
- San Antonio, TX 78229
- Office: 210-692-7376
- Cell: 210-385-5621 / 877-570-8059
- email: luis.g.merino.mil@mail.mil

4. Continuing and Transfer Scholarship Applications
Due April 1st

UT’s Continuing and Transfer Scholarship application is now open. See http://finaid.utexas.edu/spotlights/CSA140.html

Internships and Employment

1. Sanger Learning Center now hiring for Fall 2014
Hiring tutors, work study, academic coaches, and outreach assistants. Application deadline is March 28th.

2. White House Fall Internship Application now open
Deadline to apply: April 13, 2014

We are writing to announce that the application for the Fall 2014 White House Internship Program is now open. The White House Internship Program provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. This hands-on program is designed to mentor and cultivate today’s young leaders, strengthen their understanding of the Executive Office of the President and engage them in public service opportunities. A complete application includes: short answers, two essay questions, a one-page resume, and two letters of recommendation. For more information and to apply, please visit http://www.whitehouse.gov/internships.

Research and Volunteering

1. Junior Fellows
Application due March 21st

The Junior Fellows Program was begun in 1959 by Harry Ransom as a means of encouraging academic excellence in the College of Arts and Sciences. At that time it was essentially an honor society to which students were elected at the end of their freshman year. Over the years, the Junior Fellows has evolved into a society of juniors and seniors from the University at large who are engaged in independent research projects under the direction of members of the faculty.

Fellows are required to attend meetings of the group, held every other week in both the fall and spring semesters. Besides project presentations, meetings feature discussions led by eminent scholars from on and off campus. Fellows have the opportunity to
participate in field trips, seminars, and other academic activities. It is possible to earn academic credit for work done as a Junior Fellow, by enrolling in the appropriate conference course with the supervising professor. For example, Humanities and Plan II majors usually use their senior theses as their Junior Fellows projects. Students pursuing Special Honors in their major use the honors thesis number. Other non-honors courses are also available, for example ARH 376, E 367C, CH 475K, RTF 336. Fellows should register for the course that is approved by their advisers, fits into their degree plans, and has the right format for the chosen topic. Funds are available to assist Fellows with expenses involved in their research.

Application is open to any qualified student from any program on campus who will have completed 60 hours prior to the Fall semester. Junior Fellows normally have a GPA of at least 3.75, but outstanding students whose abilities are manifested in other ways should not hesitate to apply. Although administered by the College of Liberal Arts, the program is open to all qualified students on campus. Many students from outside Liberal Arts are presently members.

For more information contact Dr. Larry Carver (carver@austin.utexas.edu) in the Liberal Arts Honors Office by email or phone at 471-3458.

2. The Undergraduate Research Awards
Applications are due June 2nd

The University Honors Center is pleased to share The Undergraduate Awards, an opportunity for undergraduate students to have their best research essays or special projects recognized and published as part of a program celebrating top students from around the world. We encourage you to share this information with interested students and faculty in your department.

The Undergraduate Awards recognize the world’s top undergraduate research projects from a variety of academic disciplines spanning the humanities, sciences, and visual arts. Open to final and penultimate year undergraduates, students are invited to submit research essays or special projects completed as part of their coursework that have received a grade of A and present fresh ideas and new arguments. Winning students will have their work published in the Undergraduate Awards journal and be invited to attend the UA Summit—a 3 day conference in Dublin, Ireland.

A sample announcement for your website or newsletter is attached, as well as template for announcement to departmental faculty members.

Students should visit www.utexas.edu/ugs/uhc/awards/undergraduate.

Pre-Professional

1. Texas Tech School of Medicine Speaker
Tuesday, March 18th; 6:30pm; PHR 2.110

Find out more about the Texas Tech School of Medicine

2. Health Professions Ted Talk
Wednesday, March 19, 2014; 12pm-1pm; PAI 5.03

Come watch a Ted Talk on health professions topic and have a discussion with your peers. Topic: Doctors make mistakes. There is limited space so please RSVP early at https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8ApjfMPyF8086J

3. Medical and Dental School Application workshop
Wednesday, March 19, 2014; 1pm-2pm; PAI 3.02

Getting ready to apply to medical or dental school? Come and ask your questions and learn more about what to expect during the application process. RSVP at https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9w1qP7i8ZcEUTj

4. Personal Statement Workshop
Friday, March 21, 2014; 1pm-2pm; PAI 3.02

The Health Professions Office offers personal statement workshops that are designed to give you the tools you need to start your essay.

5. Health Professions Lecture Series
Friday, March 21
Charles Fraser, MD - Chief of Congenital Heart Surgery, Texas Children’s Hospital, Houston

Time and room:
2-2:50 pm
WEL 1.316

Organization Announcements

1. NSC invites you nominate a professor, advisor, TA, or AI for an award

Each award is nominated and selected solely by students within the college and given to professors, TAs (teaching assistants), and AIs (assistant instructors) for outstanding dedication inside and outside the classroom to students and given
to advisers for excellent service in aiding a student throughout their college career. Below are the links to these award applications where more information can be found about each individual award:

NSF Professor Nomination
Form: [https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3lsde3SBou97tQZ](https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3lsde3SBou97tQZ)

NSF Adviser Nomination
Form: [https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5yUcekZyKO90Q](https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5yUcekZyKO90Q)

Sh TA/AI Nomination
Form: [https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8wdKxuKr16dLpOV](https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8wdKxuKr16dLpOV)

The awards are due Thursday March 20th, 2014 by 12pm (noon). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact nsc.aa.chair@gmail.com.

2. Friar Society Centennial Teaching Fellowship Nomination
The Friar Society, the university’s oldest and most prestigious honor society, is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship (FCTF).

This Fellowship, which is awarded annually to one outstanding undergraduate professor, is the largest undergraduate faculty award at the university with an annual award of $25,000.

We invite you to nominate a professor who is deserving of this honor. The nomination form is available online at [The Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship Nomination Form](https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8wdKxuKr16dLpOV). Please note that only tenured or tenure-track faculty who teach at least one undergraduate course this semester are eligible to receive the FCTF.

Please submit all nominations through the link by Friday, March 21, 2014. Late submissions will not be considered. Nominations may also be sent to 2014FCTF@gmail.com

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at jordan.metoyer@gmail.com or kennon.kasischke@gmail.com. We look forward to receiving your nominations!

3. Catalyst Submissions
Check out the catalyst: [utcatalyst.blogspot.com](https://utcatalyst.blogspot.com)! Are you interested in getting published in a diverse, student-run publication? Are you doing exciting things in the lab, volunteering, or just daily life? Do you have a topic you’re passionate or knowledgeable about? Are you part of an organization with a great mission and want to reach out to the CNS? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please submit ideas, questions, and articles to nsc.catalyst.chair@gmail.com and let us publish your story!

4. Department Chair Luncheon
Friday, March 28 at 1PM, SAC 1.106

Join the CNS Department Chairs for a lunch hosted by the Natural Sciences Council’s Student-Faculty Committee. Meet and talk to the leaders of our college while enjoying a free lunch! No RSVP