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. **“A Doctor’s Touch” Abraham Verghese Lecture**  
   **Tuesday, 4/1, 7:00pm AT&T Center Ballroom**

   Dr. Verghese is a New York Times bestselling author of the book *Cutting for Stone* and is Senior Associate Chair of Stanford University’s School of Medicine. He will speak about balancing tradition with technology as medicine enters the 21st century. Dr. Verghese discusses a future for healthcare which marries technological innovation with the traditional doctor-patient relationship. He grounds his practice in a humanistic commitment to listening to patients’ stories and providing what patients want most -- a true caregiver. See his TED talk here: http://www.ted.com/talks/abraham_verghese_a_doctor_s_touch.

   He is also well-known for his New York Times articles “Treat the Patient, Not the CT Scan” and “Restoring the Lost Art of the Physical Exam”. He has published extensively in The New Yorker, Sports Illustrated, The Atlantic Monthly, Esquire, Granta, The New York Times Magazine, The Wall Street Journal and elsewhere. The Co-Op will have copies of his books for sale, and Dr. Verghese will sign copies.

2. **Pass Fail Deadline**  
   Last day an undergraduate student may, with the dean’s approval, withdraw from the University or drop a class except for urgent and substantiated, nonacademic reasons. Last day an undergraduate student may change credit to pass/fail.

3. **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.

   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

   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.

4. **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

5. **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.

6. **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. If you have any further questions, please contact Tiffany Kindred at tkindred@utsystem.edu or Jeet Vijay at jvijay@utsystem.edu.

Scholarships

1. Continuing and Transfer Scholarship Applications
   Due April 1st

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

2. Tower Awards
   Nominations end April 2nd

The Longhorn Center for Civic Engagement invites you to nominate deserving students, faculty, staff, and registered UT student organizations for the tower awards! Nominations from UT faculty, staff, students, registered student organizations, local non-profits and community members are currently being accepted. To learn more about the Tower Awards, or to nominate an outstanding volunteer, please visit the event page.

3. Internships Ted Strauss Civic Internship Award
   Due Wednesday, April 30th

Attention UT undergraduate students! You are invited to apply for the Ted Strauss Civic Internship Award to help fund your summer internship. Winners will be awarded a $2,000 stipend.

4. 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/scholap.

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.

5. 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:
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Internships and Employment

1. LinkedIn Workshop: Power up your profile
   April 2nd; 5:30-6:30pm; WEL 2.256
   *Looking for a way to enhance your professional image? *Have you thought about joining LinkedIn, but need assistance in crafting a polished profile? *Do you already have a LinkedIn account, but looking for ways to amp up your profile?
   If you answered YES to any of the above questions, then you should attend the LinkedIn Workshop: Power up your Profile
   REGISTER HERE
   Please bring your computer
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/interns.

Research and Volunteering

1. Starnet Research Internships
   The STARe Undergraduate Research Internship program provides undergraduates at the end of their third or fourth year of bachelor studies with valuable research experience, mentoring, and contact with industry representatives. Participating undergraduates not only gain confidence in their ability to perform hands-on research, but they also come to appreciate the doors that are opened to those with an advanced degree.

   For more information, go to: https://www.src.org/program/starnet/undergrad-internships/

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. Health Professions Lecture Series
   Friday, April 4th
   Byron Elliott, MD - Maternal/Fetal Medicine Specialist
   Desmar Walkes, MD – Internal Medicine

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

Organization Announcements

1. NSC CNS101 Town hall
   April 7th; 5pm; WEL 2.224

   Join NSC and Dean Linda Hicke, Associate Dean Sacha Kopp, Assistant Dean Mike Raney who oversees advising, Sarah Simmons, Assistant Dean for Research and International Study, Lesley Riley, Director of the Health Professions Office, and Assistant Dean Susan Harkins who oversees the TIP program to discuss and take your questions and provide more information on CNS101. CNS101 is an exciting new initiative in the College of Natural Sciences and a new opportunity for you to work in a paid leadership/mentorship position. Also, there you can find out how you can apply to serve as a mentor to one of our CNS101 sections.

2. 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_3lsde3SBou97iQZ
   NSF Adviser Nomination
   Form: https://utexas.qualtrics.com
TA/Al Nomination
Form: https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8wdKxuKri6dLp0V
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.

3. Catalyst Submissions
Check out the catalyst: 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!