The College of Natural Sciences Newsletter is designed to serve CNS students. It is delivered online every Sunday.

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1. **Natural Sciences Week**
   Monday Oct 14th - Friday Oct 18th
   
   Presented by Natural Sciences Council, Events throughout the week will celebrate some of the goings-on in the college and give you opportunities to network with student groups and with our faculty. Check out the events below, on the NSC website or on our Facebook [http://naturalsciences council.blogspot.com/pagehttps://www.facebook.com/UTNSC](http://naturalsciences council.blogspot.com/pagehttps://www.facebook.com/UTNSC)

   There will be free food, t-shirts, and much more!

   **Monday**
   - Student Orgs on East mall and kick off 5-7pm

   **Tuesday**
   - Software for Scientists; 2-3:30pm; POB 2.302
   - Making the Most of Your Break ft Career Design Center; 6-7:30pm; PAI 2.48

   **Wednesday**
   - So What is the BSA? Townhall with Dr. Sacha Kopp and CNS Staff. 5-6:30pm. WEL 3.502
   - Star Party ft Dr. Finkelstein and the Astronomy and Physics Student Associations RLM 4.102

   **Thursday**
   - A Deeper Look Inside Chemistry, Neuroscience, and Computer Sciences; 11am-3pm; WEL, NHB, GDC labs
   - What To Do With Your Degree? Networking Event; 5-7pm; Welch Courtyard

   **Friday**
   - Why Great Students Choose to be Pretty Good (ft. Dr. Laude) 12-1pm; JGB 2.324
   - Roads to Research ft. Surge; 3-5pm; TX Union 3.502

2. **Graduate School Fair**
   Tuesday, October 15th, 10am-2pm; Texas Union Ballroom

   UT-Austin Graduate School Fair Details/Registration info: [http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/prospective/gradfair.html](http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/prospective/gradfair.html)

3. **UT Communications Fair**
   Wednesday, October 16th; 10am-3pm; North End Zone of DKR

   The career fair is a great way to get started on your job or internship search. You can join the Facebook event [here](http://www.facebook.com) and see a full list of employers on [CareerSource](https://www.careersource.org).

4. **Law School Fair**
   Thursday, October 17th; 11am-3pm; Texas Union Ballroom

   We have 110+ law schools registered for the fair, including all of the Texas schools, as well as many schools from around the country. The fair is open to all majors and classifications. Business casual dress is recommended. We will also be offering an admissions panel during the fair, and this year’s panelists are from NYU, UT and SMU.

5. **College Tuition and Budget Advisory Board Applications**
   Deadline: Wednesday October 16th, 2013

   The CTBAC is a bi-annual student group that meets to gather student input and advise the college on priorities for student programs, services, and teaching. Students benefit from being involved in helping shape the future of their college. This year the College of Natural Sciences has crafted its Strategic Plan, a comprehensive view of the college’s priorities for the years ahead. Central to the Strategic Plan are elements that strengthen undergraduate and graduate teaching and education. With this year’s CTBAC, the College requests feedback and ideas for successful implementation of the strategic plan. CTBAC is made up entirely of students. It is headed up by the president of the Natural Sciences Council, Juan Herrejon. To apply to be on CTBAC, fill out the form located [here at this link](http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/).

6. **African American Student/Alumni Luncheon**
   Oct 16th; 12-1pm; San Jacinto Multipurpose Room 207C

   Please join us for lunch, and stay for alumni-student discussions, learn more about mentoring programs, meet members of the faculty and Dean Kopp, and perhaps network with alumni in your career field here in the Austin area.

   To RSVP, go to: [http://tinyurl.com/me6h6bc](http://tinyurl.com/me6h6bc)

7. **CNS Family Day**
   Saturday, October 19th; 9am-12pm

   Join the College of Natural Sciences during Family Weekend at UT! Enjoy a light breakfast, talk with professors, advisers and students, meet our Dean, Linda Hicke, and experience exciting hands-on activities!

   Accommodation requests for disability services should be made at least five days prior to the activity. While every effort will be made, the University may be unable to fulfill last-minute requests.

   For more information about the College of Natural Sciences event, please contact Maggie Wilhite
at maggie.wilhite@austin.utexas.edu.
For more information about Family Weekend activities and to RSVP for our event, please visit www.texasparents.org.

8. **Hot Science Cool Talks: “The Roving Search for Life on Mars”**
   Friday October 18th; 7-8:30pm; WEL auditorium

Dr. John Grotzinger, Chief Scientist of the NASA Mars Science Laboratory Mission, discusses the search for life on Mars. This talk is sponsored by the Environmental Science Institute. For more information, visit: http://www.esi.utexas.edu/k-12-a-the-community/hot-science-cool-talks/the-roving-search-for-life-on-mars

9. **Nominate an advisor for the Vick advising awards**
   Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013-2014 Texas Exes James W. Vick Awards for Academic Advising. These $500 awards are provided annually for five undergraduate academic advisors from across the campus to promote quality advising at The University of Texas by publicly recognizing advisors who have had an effective, positive influence on the educational experience of university students. Recipients are selected by students (only undergraduate students may nominate) and coordinated through the Texas Exes. Nominate an advisor here: https://www.texasexes.org/form/vick.asp

    Next Summer (2014), the business school will offer their Business Foundations Summer Institute as “The Business of Healthcare”. The core business courses: Accounting, Finance, Business Law, Management, and Entrepreneurship will feature examples/cases from the context of healthcare and the faculty leading these courses have job experience/special knowledge about healthcare. To apply and find more information, http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/Business-Foundations/Summer-Institute.aspx

11. **Nominations for the Holloway Award**
    **Deadline: Friday, Nov. 1 at 5:00pm**

Texas is now accepting nominations the 2014 Jean Holloway Award for Excellence in Teaching. You can help recognize an outstanding Liberal Arts or Natural Sciences professor who has had a genuine influence on the educational experience of university students by nominating a professor at: https://www.texasexes.org/form/holloway.asp. The purpose of this award is to recognize a professor who demonstrates the ability to impart knowledge and challenge students and also demonstrates an all-around concern for students. The $4,500 award is given annually to a professor from the College of Liberal Arts or the College of Natural Sciences. This award is student nominated and is considered one of the most valued awards for faculty because it is student-selected!

12. **Registration and Advising**
    **Registration for the Spring Semester begins October 28th.**
    Please contact your advising center soon to arrange an advising appointment, and be sure to submit an online advising worksheet.

**Scholarships**

1. **Wins Physics Scholarship**
   **Deadline: Friday, Oct 18th**

The Physics Dept. has a limited amount of funding to help with travel for undergraduate women physics students to attend the Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics – http://www.phys.lsu.edu/cuwip/ at Louisiana State University, Jan. 17-19, 2014. Applicants must be undergraduate physics majors in good standing. Applications for travel support (e.g. airfare) are now being accepted by Lisa Gentry ugaffairs@physics.utexas.edu. Please include a statement (minimum of 50 words) with your reasons for attending the conference.

2. **Study Abroad Freeman Internship Stipends**
   **Application**
   **Application Deadline: October 158th by 5pm**

Study abroad is offering the Freeman Stipend for Internships in Asia to encourage UT students to pursue internships abroad.

All undergraduate and graduate students interning in Southeast or East Asia during the Spring semester, whether through an affiliated program or a self-arranged internship, may be eligible for the Freeman Stipend and are encouraged to apply. Students conducting research or completing practicums are also eligible to apply. Freeman Stipend awards range from $2500 to $4000 and the application is open to ALL majors.

**Internships and Employment**

1. **Ask a Career Coach**
   **Friday, October 18th, RLM; 10-1pm**
Do you have quick career related questions? Speak to a career coach and get ideas about job searching, interview tips, networking ideas, etc.

2. **UT Orientation Advisor**

New Student Services at The University of Texas at Austin is seeking a diverse group of talented students to develop, plan, and execute the 2014 Summer Orientation program!

If you are looking for a fun and rewarding leadership opportunity, working with a diverse and socially conscious group of campus leaders, then consider applying to become an Orientation Advisor (OA). OAs are important representatives for all incoming students – they are among the first people new students and families meet! The on-campus housing, meal-plan, and stipend are simply the generous monetary benefits of becoming an Orientation Advisor.

Interested students must attend one of the following information sessions to obtain an online application:
- **Sunday, October 13, 2013, 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.,** Burdine Hall (BUR) 106
- Orientation Advisor Recruitment and Summer Orientation are coordinated by New Student Services (www.utorientation.com). For more information, contact us at 512-471-3304.

3. **Archer Fellowship Program**

Interested in public policy and public service? Want to spend a semester living, interning, and taking in-residence classes in Washington, D.C.?

If the answer is yes, the Archer Fellowship Program may be for you! Students of all majors, political beliefs, and policy interests are welcome to apply. Come learn about this exciting program at an information session; view the schedule at http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/archer/info-sessions.

Applications for the 2014-2015 academic year are due February 17, though students who will be abroad this spring should apply by November 1

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**Research and Volunteering**

1. **UT Southwestern Medical Center Summer Undergraduate Research Programs**

Applications now open

For the 21st consecutive year, UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is sponsoring the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program. The goal of SURF is to give students an intensive, 10-week research experience in a world class research environment. Students immerse themselves in the laboratory and work on individual research projects with UT Southwestern Graduate School faculty. Most areas of modern biomedical engineering, cancer biology, cell biology, molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, immunology, microbiology, neuroscience, and pharmacology are represented. In addition to research, SURF provides seminars, optional classes in Immunology and Genetics, social events, and an end-of-program poster session. We have increased the number of fellowships for SURF to 85. The SURF website and on-line application can be found at www.utsouthwestern.edu/SURF

All of the summer programs will run from June 2nd through August 8th, 2014. Participants will be selected based on their letters of reference, course work, and experience. The stipend for the 10-week program is $4,000. If a fellow requires housing, the costs will be covered by the program; however, fellows are responsible for paying their own travel expenses. Application deadline is February 9, 2014.

2. **Senate of College Councils Undergraduate Research Grant**

**Deadline: Oct. 25th**

Applications for Senate of College Councils’ Undergraduate Research Grant have been released. The grant provides $1,000 to an undergraduate in order to fund his or her research. Eligible applicants include students assisting a faculty member with a research project, as well as students conducting independent or partnered research and is open to ALL majors. Apply by Friday, October 25 at http://utsenate.org/urg

**Pre-Professional Announcements**

1. **Medical School Peer Panel**

Monday October 14th; 5:30-7:30pm; WEL 2.224

Come find out what the application process was like for medical school from a panel of Health Professions Office Pre-Med Peer Mentors!

2. **Medical and Dental School Interview Workshop**

Tuesday, October 15th; 5-6pm; PAI 4.42

This workshop prepares you to thrive in the interview process.
for health professional schools. Aimed at juniors and seniors currently in the admissions cycle. RSVP here:
https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_z3uwis8kGj5UvoF

3. **UNT Health Science Center College of Pharmacy Information Session**
   Tuesday, October 15, 2013; Medical Education and Training Building (MET) – 124N and 125S Auditorium; 6:00 PM

   Meet and greet the Dean/Faculty

4. **Regional American Physician Scientists Association Meeting for MD/PhD interested Students**
   October 19th; San Antonio

   MD/PhD students at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio are hosting the South Regional meeting of the American Physician Scientists Association (APSA). APSA promotes more physician involvement in research with primary focus on MD/PhD students (www.physicianscientists.org).

   It is an opportunity for anyone to meet admission directors from several MD/PhD programs around Texas, current MD/PhD students, and established physician scientists. Breakout sessions will cover topics such as Applying to MD and MD/PhD Programs, Humanism in Medical Science, Finding a Research Topic, Choosing a Lab/Mentor, Research as a Resident/Post-Doc, and Applying for Funding as a Pre-/Post-Doc.

5. **UNTHSC Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine**
   Thursday, October 24th; 6:30pm-7:30pm; BUR 212

   Come hear from UNTHSC Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Assistant Dean of Admissions and Outreach Joel Daboub

**Organizations Announcements**

6. **Cancer Awareness Week**
   Monday October 14th-16th

   Delete Blood Cancer-DKMS Longhorn Chapter and AMSA are teaming up to bring Cancer Awareness Week to the University of Texas at Austin campus from October 14-16th.

   Monday, October 14th
   SAC Ballroom 2.410; 7:30PM
   Cancer Speaker Panel:
   Dr. Jonathan Sessler: UT organic chemistry professor who does cancer drug research and Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor
   Kelly Jerden: UT alum and former Alpha Delta Pi president with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
   Zach Rigby-Texas Omicron and Silver Spur Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor
   Robin Kuntz: Acute myeloid leukemia (AML) survivor
   Katherine Kuntz: UT Pom, Kappa Kappa Gamma and daughter of Robin Kuntz
   Eva Valilis: stem cell donor to brother with AML
   Dr. Panagiotis Valilis, MD: oncologist and hematologist

   Tuesday, October 15th Union Theater; 7:30PM
   More to Live For Documentary Screening with James Chippendale, Producer and Film Subject

   Wednesday, October 16th
   West Mall, South Mall, RLM Plaza, and Jester Corner; 10AM-3PM
   Bone Marrow donor registration drive- visit any location to register to become a potential life-saver.

7. **Health Careers Mentorship Program Information**

   Application due: Friday, November 8th at 5pm
   The Health Careers Mentorship Program is a partnership between Austin Medical Education Programs, the Texas Department of State Health Services, members of the SETON Healthcare Network, and Travis County Medical Society. The program is established to teach mature students about the clinical and non-clinical aspects of the health care system. Find their application online: