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.

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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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Academic Announcements

1. **CNS African American and Hispanic Alumni and Student Mixer**
   September 16, 5-7pm, Texas Union Ballroom

   Please join us for food, and stay for alumni-student discussions, learn more about mentoring programs, and perhaps network with alumni in your career field here in the Austin area. We will hear from a few of our faculty, and will have remarks by one of UT's distinguished alum, Dr. Exalton Delco. Please RSVP via the following webform: [http://bit.ly/171HKbb](http://bit.ly/171HKbb)

2. **UT Sustainability Symposium**
   Friday, Sept 20th, 8:30am-5:00pm

   Come to the Legislative Assembly Room in the SAC to learn about UT Austin's most promising Sustainability research and initiatives. The symposium will feature 25 presentations highlighting the scholarly and practical sustainability efforts of the university community. Presentations will explore topics such as social equity and health, UT Austin's new Medical District, transportation on and around campus, and Waller Creek conservation.

   For more information, please visit [http://www.utexas.edu/sustainability/pssc/symposium/](http://www.utexas.edu/sustainability/pssc/symposium/)

3. **Texas Tribune Festival**
   September 27th-29th

   The Texas Tribune Festival, a three-day Texas government festival, is offering special programming and a discount just for students.

   Students kick off the Fest with a pizza party with Texas Tribune reporters, then our opening session with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. Throughout the weekend, they can relax and recharge at the #StudentsAtTheFest lounge, where we will have special speaker appearances, food and activities. After the closing keynote session with Sen. Wendy Davis, students are invited to a complimentary lunch, live Tribecast recording and a tour of KUT/KUTX. For more info about all the events and speakers, see: [http://www.texastribune.org/festival/](http://www.texastribune.org/festival/)

4. **CNS Family Day**
   October 19; 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](http://www.texasparents.org).

Scholarships

1. **Scholarships for Physics Majors**
   Deadline: October 1st

   The Cockrell School of Engineering offers two scholarships ($10,000 and $1,000 awards) for physics students interested in nuclear and radiation physics. See the following links to apply to both:

   - [http://www.engr.utexas.edu/undergraduate/scholarships/current/detail/234](http://www.engr.utexas.edu/undergraduate/scholarships/current/detail/234)
   - [http://www.engr.utexas.edu/undergraduate/scholarships/current/detail/19](http://www.engr.utexas.edu/undergraduate/scholarships/current/detail/19)

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](http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program)

3. **International Education Fee Scholarship For Study Abroad**
   Spring 2014
   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](http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding/scholarships/iefs)

Internships and Employment

1. **Natural Sciences Career Fair and Expo**
   Monday, Sept. 16; 1pm-6pm

   The Fall Career Expo is held each year in September.
   Approximately 130-160
employers who hire students from various natural sciences backgrounds attend. Employers in attendance are seeking candidates for full-time, part-time and internship positions.
Location: Frank Erwin Center

What to wear: Business Casual Recommended.
Shuttle service available at San Jacinto & 21st St.
For more information, visit: http://cns.utexas.edu/career-design-center/career-events

2. Interview Prep Workshop
   Sept 17th, 5:30-7:30pm; PAI 4.42
This workshop is designed to give you information about preparing for a basic, behavioral interview with time built in to practice and ask questions so you can do your best on the big day! Recruiters from Target and Laserfiche will be there to give you insider tips and talk to you about any opportunities you might be interested in with their company. Free Pizza!

3. Mock Interview Marathon
   Sept 18th; 6:30-8:00pm; GDC 6.302
   Come get practice interviewing at the Career Design Center’s interview marathon.

Research and Volunteering

1. National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Information Session
   Wed, 9/18; 12-1pm; WEL 2.256
The NSF GRFP supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master’s and doctoral degrees at accredited United States institutions.
Come to the informal lunch working groups this fall to help you complete the NSF GRFP application. This lunch will include information on the application process, tips for applicants, and the resources and assistance the college can provide for you. A current NSF GRFP recipient will be on hand to answer your questions.

2. Survey Research Seminar
   Monday, September 23rd; 6-8pm; Belo Center 3.206
The Office of Survey Research (OSR) will be conducting a 2 hour seminar on basic survey research and questionnaire design concepts. This seminar is perfect for students who are or will be engaged in a survey research project who are new to the process or have limited experience designing surveys or drafting questionnaires. To register: Please go to the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life’s TXShop store at: https://utdirect.utexas.edu/txshop/list.WBX?component=0&application_name=SCANNSTR

3. Rice Regional Undergraduate Symposium
   Deadline to register: Monday, Oct 7th
The Rice University Department of Chemistry and the Department of> Biochemistry & Cell Biology encourage undergraduate students conducting research in chemistry, biochemistry, and related fields to participate in the Regional Undergraduate Symposium to be held at Rice University on October 26, 2013.
The symposium format is 15-min PowerPoint presentations. To close the symposium, K.C. Nicolaou will give a keynote address for chemistry and Cindy Farach-Carson for biochemistry (these talks will happen concurrently), and an awards ceremony (with small cash prizes) will recognize outstanding oral presentations. For more information and to register visit: https://chem.rice.edu/RUS.aspx.

4. Undergraduate Research Journal seeks new editors
   Deadline: Wednesday Sept 18th 11:59pm
Description: The University of Texas Undergraduate Research Journal seeks bright and talented minds to join the journal’s editorial staff. Students of all majors and classifications are welcome.
Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qxdyF-nYBefyfVUljzWGNFu9iI51iaXq4TH7H-bill/viewform

5. 2013-2014 Undergraduate Research Fellowships
   Due: Sept 17th, 2013
The Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) program provides support for specific scholarly research projects conducted by full-time UT undergraduate students enrolled in any department. These fellowships are intended to cover costs associated with academic research projects proposed and written by student applicants and undertaken with the supervision of a university tenured or tenure-track faculty member, lecturer, senior lecturer or full-time research scientist/engineer. Some restrictions apply. See http://www.utexas.edu/research/resources/awards-fellowships-grants for more information.

Pre-Professional Announcements

1. Medical/Dental School Interview Workshop
Sept. 18th; 4-5pm

It’s Interview Season for Health Professional Schools! You’ve passed the first hurdle. Now, be prepared! This workshop will provide tips for surviving---and thriving in---the interview process for health professional schools. Aimed at juniors and seniors currently in the 2013-2014 Admissions Cycle for Medical/Dental & Pharmacy schools.

2. CFHI Global Health Internship Info Session
   Sept 18th; BUR 136; 5:30pm-6:30pm

   CFHI will talk and take questions on their global health internships and scholarship opportunities, application process, and a typical day on a CFHI program in Latin America, India, and Africa.

3. Addressing Racial Health Disparities Conference
   Mon, Sept 23rd; Thompson Conference Center

   UT will host a day-long event focused on Health Disparities at the Thompson Conference Center. The event is actually targeted to Physicians and Public Health professionals, but is available to students at a reduced rate. (Student rate is $25.00.)
   http://conferences.la.utexas.edu/healthdisparities/program/

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.