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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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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Academic Announcements

1. **Neglected Diseases Austin Science Forum**  
   **Tuesday, October 1st; 5:45pm-7:30pm; AT&T Conference Center**

   The neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are the most common afflictions of people who live in extreme poverty, including the 1.3 billion people living below the World Bank poverty level. Transmission of some NTDs occurs in Texas and in Houston, especially among impoverished populations and people of color, as well as several animal reservoirs. There is an urgent need for a policy to address these diseases. Dr. Hotez will share his work in this area and discuss what he is doing to impact change.

2. **Hispanic Student/Alumni Luncheon**  
   **Wednesday, Oct 2nd; 12pm-1pm; San Jacinto Multipurpose 207C.**

   Lunches for CNS Hispanic students and alumni. 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. RSVP at: https://docs.google.com/a/utexas.edu/forms/d/1NKPdxvBiBWcv5zFu3NyefAwi4PW1zC6JiKsP_FIlM/viewform

3. **Computer Science hosts Integrated BS/MS info session**  
   **Monday, Oct 1, 6-7pm; GDC 6.302**

   Current computer science students are invited to learn about the five-year Integrated BS/MS Program in computer science.  
   URL: https://www.cs.utexas.edu/undergraduate-

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4. **Economic Forecast Discussion**  
   **Thurs Oct 3rd; 7:30am-9am; AT&T Conference Center 204**

   You are invited to attend the upcoming Economic Forecast 2014 event on October 3. Industry experts from software, hardware, and life sciences industries will share their insights from a c-suite point of view in this engaging presentation, moderated by McCombs School of Business Finance Professor Jay Hartzell, with a panel of top Austin-based CEOs.

5. **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 Wihite at maggiewilhite@austin.utexas.edu. For more information about Family Weekend activities and to RSVP for our event, please visit www.texasparents.org.

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Scholarships

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

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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 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

4. **WINS Physics Scholarship**  
   **Deadline: Friday, Oct 18th**

   The Physics Dept. has a limited
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.

**Internships and Employment**

1. **Department of State Internships Info Session**
   Monday, Sept 30; 6:30-7:30pm; SRH 3.124

   A panel of former interns at the U.S. Department of State discusses their experiences as interns and offer tips on applying for an internship.

   URL: http://www.utexas.edu/known/events/20130930/e26594

2. **Drop in Career Coaching**
   Friday, Oct 4; 10am-1pm; GEA Main Hall Lobby

   Drop-in to visit a Career Coach for a quick check with career related questions you might have. Our Career Coaches will be rotating to different locations each Friday, so make sure to check the calendar for accurate locations and updates.

3. **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, and execute the 2014 talented students to develop, seeking a diverse 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:
   - Tuesday, October 8, 2013 8:30 – 9:30 p.m., North Office Building A (NOA) 1.126
   - Wednesday, October 9, 2013 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Robert A. Welch Hall (WEL) 2.312
   - 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.

4. **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/arch

   Applications for the 2014-2015 academic year are due February 17, though students who will be abroad this spring should apply by November 1. Rose Mastrangelo at r.mastrangelo@austin.utexas.edu.

**Research and Volunteering**

1. **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

2. **Rice Regional Undergraduate Symposium**
   Registration Deadline: Monday, October 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.
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.

Pre-Professional Announcements

1. MCAT 2015 Info Session
   Wednesday, October 2nd
   3:30 – 5:00; JGB 2.324

   Of special and immediate interest to Pre-med students who will be taking the MCAT after January 2015. Learn more about the coming changes in content, including:
   --- the science and the new social and behavioral science components
   --- the best ways to prepare
   Guest speakers:
   Dee Silverthorn, PhD
   Distinguished Senior Lecturer
   UT Austin - Department of Neuroscience and Scott Wright,
   PhD Executive Director, Texas Health Education Service
   Director, Texas Medical Dental School Application Service (TMDSAS)
   If you have any questions, call 512-471-5680
   or newert@austin.utexas.edu

2. Medical School Interview Strategies
   October 3rd; 5:30-6:30; PAI 4.42
   Dr. Samir Desai, author of The Medical School Interview: Winning Strategies, will speak about Medical School Interview Strategies.
   RSVP required. https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3mT81DFEVx6vnJH

   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.

Organization Announcements

1. New Faculty Luncheon
   Friday, October 4th; 12pm-1pm; SAC 2.120

   This is a luncheon open to any CNS undergraduate to come and get to know new CNS faculty members! There will also be free food from Jason's Deli!