



## NEWSLETTER

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 [cns-student-news@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:cns-student-news@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 Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>; Texas Union Ballroom; 4:30-6:30pm

Come to the Fall CNS Town hall meeting and reception to discuss what it's like to be in CNS and interact with college administration.

### 2. Bridging Disciplines Info Session

Sep. 23, 11 a.m.-noon

Sep 24, 3-4pm

Peter T. Flawn Academic Center (FAC) 4

Are you interested in learning more about the Bridging Disciplines Programs, which allow you to earn an interdisciplinary certificate in one of several different concentration areas? Come to an Information Session.

### 3. Graduate School Fair

October 7; 10am-2pm

Texas Union Ballroom

Meet representatives from graduate programs across the country. This event is free and open to all majors at UT.

Learn more about the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/355048561319422/>

In order to expedite your registration, you can RSVP in advance

here: [https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV\\_begU7RazgI5s7bf](https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_begU7RazgI5s7bf)

### 4. Archer Fellowship Program

The Archer Fellowship Program is a program that empowers students from across the The University of Texas System by providing a unique opportunity to live, learn and intern in Washington, D.C. Each year between 32-40 UT Austin undergraduates are selected to

become Archer Fellows. Fellows live in town homes on Capitol Hill; earn 15 hours of in-residence credit by taking classes on policy, politics, and advocacy; and pursue a full-time internship. Students may apply their financial aid to the program costs, and a number of scholarships are available to support selected Archer Fellows.

The Archer Program is seeking applications from a diverse group of students who represent various majors and disciplines across campus. While all applicants should share a passion for policy and public service, we welcome students with diverse policy interests. It's easy to see this diversity represented in previous Archer Fellows by looking at their internship placements. Previous Archer fellows have interned with The White House, National Geographic, the U.S. Department of Education, the Sierra Club, Amnesty International, the Alliance for Health Care Reform, the Republican National Committee and the U.S. Department of Justice among many others sites and organizations.

For more information, come to an information session:

| 4:00pm Wednesday, October 8 | 4:00pm

Thursday, October 16 | 4:00pm  
Wednesday, November 5 | 4:00pm  
Thursday, November 13 | 4:00pm

All information sessions take place in FAC 328

UT Austin Campus Coordinator:  
Christine Anderson  
| [canderson@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:canderson@austin.utexas.edu)

- ### 5. Register for Fall 2014 University Extension Courses
- Registration is open for all of University Extension's Fall 2013 classroom and online cohort courses, which begin the week of September 2nd.

UEX courses can be used to: Meet core curriculum requirements. Finish up that last course to graduate. Take a prerequisite for graduate and professional school.

Financial aid can be used to pay for semester-based classroom courses. It is a good idea to check with the Office of Student Financial Services before registering. UEX grades are provided on an official university transcript and included in one's cumulative UT GPA.

Learn more and register at <http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/fall2012>. Call or write to UEX at (512) 471-2900 or [uex@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:uex@austin.utexas.edu).

## Scholarships

### 1. NSF Research Fellowship

Tuesday, Sept. 23; 12:30-1:30 PM; PAI 5.42

Are you graduating this year? Are you thinking about graduate school? Below is an announcement about one of the best, most prestigious graduate fellowships out there - the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP).

We are hosting two workshops this fall to help you complete the NSF GRFP application. Our first workshop will include information on the application process. We'll also have a Q&A session with faculty who served

as panelists for the NSF GRFP as well as current NSF GRFP fellows. UT-Austin students are highly competitive for this award.

Students interested in attending must RSVP to [achacon@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:achacon@austin.utexas.edu) no later than Friday, September 19. Please take a moment to read the attached program solicitation prior to the workshop.

## 2. Environmental Excellence Awards

Applications for 2015 are still open. For more information about the Texas Environmental Excellence Program, visit [www.teea.org](http://www.teea.org) or contact Stephanie Cunningham, TEEA Program Coordinator ([awards@teea.texas.gov](mailto:awards@teea.texas.gov) or 512-239-3143).

## 3. Gilman Study Abroad Scholarship

Deadline: October 1<sup>st</sup>

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>

## 4. International Education Fee Scholarship For Study Abroad Spring 2015

October 1<sup>st</sup>; 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>

## Internships and Employment

### 1. Pre Graduate School Internship

There is still time to enroll in the fall 2013 IE Pre Grad Internship. If you are thinking about whether graduate school is in your future, you may wish to consider undertaking the Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) "Pre-Graduate School Internship." This internship is open to students in all UT colleges/schools and departments. You may earn one, two or three hours of academic credit (CMS 164M/264M/364M) by participating in the internship.

Read more about this program (including FAQ's, examples of internship activities and an easy to complete internship contract) on the web at <http://communication.utexas.edu/ie/>. For future information, contact Professor Richard Cherwitz, [spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu](mailto:spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu).

## Pre-Professional Announcements

### 1. Health Professions Info Sessions

Hear from a Pre-Health Professions Coach about HPO Services and the UT Austin Pre-Health Professions Experience. We will also introduce the Health Professions Certificate

Coordinator who will present information and answer questions about the Pre-Health Professions Certificate requirements.

We encourage you to go to <http://cns.utexas.edu/health-professions/events-workshops> and RSVP for the session that best fits your schedule.

If you do not RSVP, you are still welcome to join us. There are usually available seats.

Thu- 09/25/2014; 5 - 6 PM; WEL 1.308

Thu- 10/16/2014; 4 - 5 PM; GEA 105

Wed- 10/22/2014; 5 - 6 PM; WEL 1.308

### 2. Health Professions Ted Talk

Wednesday October 1, 2014; PAI 5.03; 12-1pm

Come watch a health professions TED talk and have a discussion with your peers

## Organization Announcements

### 1. Austin Connect Seeks Driven Undergraduate Women - Leadership Positions Available

Deadline: September 21, 2014

Austin Connect provides networking, mentorship, and professional development opportunities for undergraduate women. The organization connects members with business leaders and other influential members of the Austin community.

Each semester's Speaker Series features six prominent leaders from various backgrounds. Confirmed speakers for Fall 2014 include:

Cindy Lo - CEO, Red Velvet Events  
Dan Graham - CEO, Build A Sign

*Gerardo Interiano - Public Affairs  
& Government Relations  
Manager, Google  
Lynn Utter - CEO, Knoll Inc.*

*Previous speakers include Sue  
Cox, Regional Dean for Texas  
Medical Education, and Khotso  
Khabele, Founder of the Khabele  
School.*

*In addition to hosting speakers,  
Austin Connect promotes  
mentoring relationships by  
introducing each member to a  
community leader that shares  
her individual interests. The  
group also organizes  
professional development  
workshops and service events  
throughout the year.*

*Prospective members can apply  
at <http://www.austinconnect.org/apply.html>. Leadership positions  
are also  
available! All applications are  
due by September 21st at 11:59  
PM.*