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**next MONDAY**
- **Open house to display original drawings and photographs of the University of Texas Tower** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Alexander Architectural Archive (BTL)

**next TUESDAY**
- Voltaire’s Coffee on the film *Tambien la lluvia* (*Even the Rain*) at 7 p.m. in the Joynes Reading Room

**next WEDNESDAY**
- **Plan II Pre-Med panel of seniors accepted to medical school** from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Joynes Reading Room

**next THURSDAY**
- **Pre-Law presentation** from 3:45 - 5 p.m. in UTC 1.104

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**BY ELIZABETH BARNES**
PLAN2NEWS

1. Plan II Career Week: mandatory for Plan II second years
February 27 - March 1

We are happy to announce Plan II Career Week 2012.

All Plan II second-year students are REQUIRED to attend the Alumni Panel Event on Monday, February 27 AND either the LACS Boot Camp on Wednesday, February 29 (advance RSVP required by Monday, February 20, see details on the schedule) OR two additional workshops as part of the Sophomore Advising Program.

Career Week events are open to all Plan II Students, not just sophomores.

Schedule of Events:

REQUIRED: Plan II Alumni Panel Event Monday, February 27 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. WCH 1.120
• Career Week kicks off on Monday evening with a session featuring a panel of Plan II Alumni who will share their stories of career success and explain how their Plan II degree helped them to get to where they are today. Attendance at this event is required for all Plan II second-year students.

Tuesday, February 28:

Workshop 1: Pre-Law 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room
• The Pre-Law workshop will feature a presenter from Liberal Arts Career Services. This session will focus on resources and services available for students who are considering law school including information on Pre-Law Advising, helpful hints to help you decide if law school is right for you, tips on what you can do now to make yourself a more competitive law school applicant, information on the LSAT and choosing a law school.

Workshop 2: Thesis Planning / Academic Scholarships 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room
• Representatives from both the Plan II and LAH Programs will discuss steps students should take to plan for their thesis projects. Specifically, presenters will focus on how students can craft a proposal idea, gain academic background in their selected topic, and shop the idea to faculty to find a thesis supervisor. The workshop will also touch on the related topic of academic scholarships.

Workshop 3: Careers in Healthcare 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room
• This workshop is designed to educate students on the vast opportunities in the health care field. A faculty member experienced on medical school admissions panels will offer tips on how students can make themselves competitive in applying to health professions programs. In addition, several graduating seniors from Plan II and LAH bound for various health care careers have agreed to be a part of this workshop to share their experiences and advice for their younger peers.

Wednesday, February 29:

Beyond the Tower: LACS Boot Camp 4 - 6 p.m., location TBA ADVANCED RSVP REQUIRED: Space is limited in this workshop, students who would like to attend must RSVP by February 20 via e-mail to melissaossian@austin.utexas.edu.
• Need an internship but don’t know where to start? This Boot Camp is a 2-hour intensive internship search training program designed to help you:
  • present your academic and professional interests and strengths to recruiters;
  • craft compelling resumes and cover letters;
  • improve your interviewing and networking skills; and
  • explore various career research and internship posting sites

Topic Descriptions:
• Marketing Your Liberal Arts Degree – Designed to help you better understand the value of your liberal arts degree, and to provide you the tools to help articulate your strengths to employers.
• Resumes & Cover Letters – Learn how to write a resume and cover letter that will get an employer’s attention and perhaps lead to an interview!
• The Internship Search – Not sure how to research your internship options? We’ll equip you with the resources and information to get started!
• Interviewing & Networking – Walk away with an interview strategy to help you get that internship you want as well as relationship-building skills that will assist you in creating strong social networks.

Thursday - March 1:

Workshop 1: Study Abroad 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room
• The workshop will feature a representative from the Study Abroad Office and a panel of Plan II and LAH students who have studied abroad and are willing to share their experiences, advice and answer questions for their younger peers. Student panelists have studied in various regions throughout the world, in programs of various lengths, and participated in different activities (coursework, internships, and service projects).
• The basic steps in the study abroad process will be reviewed including finding a program and funding. In addition, we will discuss how students can identify their academic and career goals and use this information to choose the right study abroad program, and get the most out of the trip.

Workshop 2: Teach for America & Peace Corps 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room
• Teach for America is a national corps of outstanding recent college graduates and young professionals who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunity. They are a diverse group of talented individuals who possess the leadership skills needed to make a real impact over the short- and long-term. Teach For America seeks graduates from all majors. No previous education experience or coursework is necessary.
• The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960, when then Senator
John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. From that inspiration grew an agency of the federal government devoted to world peace and friendship. Since that time, more than 195,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation. Today’s Peace Corps is more vital than ever, working in emerging and essential areas such as information technology and business development, and AIDS Relief. Peace Corps Volunteers continue to help countless individuals who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.

- Both speakers will discuss the opportunities that their organizations offer and the influence of service on career plans.

Workshop 3: Careers in Foreign Service
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room
- This workshop will feature a presentation by Ambassador Ronald K. McMullen, Diplomat in Residence and Visiting Scholar, LBJ School of Public Affairs. The Diplomat-in-Residence program is managed by the U.S. Department of State to disseminate information about career opportunities in the Foreign Service, to help candidates through the Foreign Service exam and application process, and to support programs sponsored by foreign affairs groups and institutions. Ambassador McMullen will detail opportunities available for undergraduates including internships and discuss how students interested in Foreign Service careers can prepare and be competitive in this field.

Questions? Contact Melissa Ossian, Academic Advisor, Plan II Honors Program at melissaossian@austin.utexas.edu.

2. Lifeworks ESL tutoring orientation session
Saturday, February 25 from 10 - 11 a.m.
835 N. Pleasant Valley Rd.

Interested in teaching English? Plan II Pre-Med and Lifeworks are hosting a weekly Saturday morning ESL conversation class. An orientation session will be held this Saturday for all interested students. This session and all subsequent classes will be held in the brand new Lifeworks building. UT volunteers will have the opportunity to interact with adult Lifeworks students interested in practicing their English in a constructive, non-judgmental setting. Volunteers are asked to participate at least 2 times per month. Transportation is available!

If interested, please send an email with the subject 'Lifeworks Volunteering' to plan2premed@gmail.com with the following information by Thursday at midnight:

- Name
- E-mail address
- Phone number
- Able to drive? (If so, number of passengers beside driver)
- Other foreign languages spoken
- Number of Saturdays available per month
- Student group affiliation (if applicable)
- Able to attend 2/25 orientation (10 - 11 a.m.)?

3. Thesis advising and registration
Part 1 form deadline:
Friday, April 27
(Completion before Spring Break strongly recommended)

Part 2 form deadline:
Friday, May 18
(Completion before last day of class strongly recommended)

Before seniors can register for the Plan II Thesis Course, a signed Thesis Registration Form: Part I must be turned in to the Plan II office. This form must be signed in person during a meeting between the student and either Plan II Associate Director Alexandra Wettlaufer or Plan II Associate Director Wendy Domjan. The deadline for Part I is Friday, April 27th (however, we strongly recommend students complete this step prior to Spring Break).

Associate Director Dr. Wettlaufer
Spring 2012 office hours:
Tuesday 9:30 - 11 a.m.
WCH 4.104 (Plan II Office)
Thursday and Tuesday 3:30 - 5 p.m.

HRH 3.104C
Assistant Director Dr. Domjan
Spring 2012 office hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8 - 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. - noon
SEA 3.234
Tuesday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in SEA 3.234
Thursday 9:30 - 11 a.m.
WCH 4.104 (Plan II Office)

Full details and both forms can be found online at: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/advising/thesis/.

4. Volunteer as a tutor at LBJ Early College High School
LBJ Early College High School
7309 Lazy Creek Dr. Austin, TX 78724

Here's a great volunteer opportunity for Plan II students interested in tutoring, mentoring and community outreach. If you were interested in KIPP, but couldn't get into the KIPP class, this is a terrific outlet. Of course if you're involved with KIPP, but have time to do more, this is another great outlet.

LBJ Early College High School is in need of volunteers for the Jaguar Den. Jaguar Den is a place for students to go and receive academic support after school from 4 - 6:15 p.m. Students need help with homework and projects. The Jaguar Den is located in the LBJ HS library. Once you enter through the main doors, walk directly up the stairs to the library. This year, LJB HS is shifting from a regular high school to an early college high school. They are showing LBJ students that college is attainable and want LBJ students to see college students on the LBJ campus. They would love to have as many college students as possible volunteer to help LBJ students with subjects such as Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Physics, Chemistry, PreCalculus, Calculus, English I, English II, English III, English IV, World History, U.S. History, Government, and Macroeconomics.

Contact Mrs. Alexis Campbell, M.Ed., School Improvement Facilitator, at (512) 414-7028 or alexis.v.campbell@austinisd.org, if you would like to volunteer at the Jaguar Den during the 4 - 6:15 p.m. hours.

5. Plan II Pre-Med hosts panel of seniors accepted to medical school
Wednesday, February 29
Congratulations to all those Plan II seniors who have been accepted into medical school! Plan II Pre-Med is excited to host a senior panel of six such students this coming Wednesday. Grace Jamail, Colleen Menegaz, Keshav Poddar, Deepal Shah, Soa-Yih Sher, and Yang Zhou will be speaking about their time as Plan II Pre-Med students and their experiences applying for medical school. This is definitely not a meeting to miss! Come and get all your questions answered by these fantastic seniors. Pizza will be provided!

6. Plan II blog seeks contributors
Deadline: Friday, March 9

Plan II’s official blog needs new content, and is looking for prose, photos, and videos that document the Plan II experience. Send files to p2undecided@gmail.com and look for your work on http://theundecided.org/.

Contact Katherine Stacy at katestacy93@gmail.com or (404) 797-1673.

7. Voltaire’s Coffee on film Tambien la lluvia (Even the Rain)
Tuesday, February 28 at 7 p.m.
The Joynes Reading Room

P2SA brings you a Voltaire's Coffee on the widely acclaimed Spanish-language film “Tambien la lluvia” or “Even the Rain." Plan II and Latin American Studies seniors David Fisher and Courtney Lee will show the film and host a discussion about the issues it raises. Please join them on February 28 in the Joynes Reading Room for this event. P2SA will provide drinks and snacks.

Please contact Academic Co-Chair Sam Liebl for more information at sam.liebl@gmail.com.

8. Exhibition by photographer Muriel Hasbun
SRH 1 on the third floor
Free and open to the public

The Plan II Program is cosponsoring an exhibition by photographer Muriel Hasbun at the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS). The exhibition, titled "Archive and Memory" evokes stories of history and family transformations.

9. Plan II scholarship
Application closes: Tuesday, March 31 at midnight

Apply using the College of Liberal Arts Online Scholarship Portal: https://utdirect.utexas.edu/scholarship/student/menu.WBX? s_scholarship_owner=LPL2&s_user_role=S.

Almost all of these are year-long scholarships and require full-time fall and spring registration. You may not receive the scholarship if you are studying abroad during the fall or spring of the scholarship year unless it is a UT affiliated (exchange) program and you are registered for twelve (12) or more University of Texas course hours. In most cases, but not all, you can receive a Continuing scholarship if you also receive Plan II study abroad, research, thesis or travel funding.

ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. E. D. Farmer International Fellowships for Texans and Mexican Nationals
Application deadline: Friday, February 24

The E.D. Farmer International Fellowship application process is now open for Summer 2012 and the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

The following students are eligible to compete for these funds:
- Mexican students who are current UT Austin undergraduate or graduate students who are applying to a graduate or undergraduate program at UT Austin may apply for a stipend for living expenses during the academic year.
- Awardees are also eligible for in-state tuition. Stipends vary from year to year but average $4,000 per student.
- Mexican students who are currently enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program at UT Austin may apply for funding to support research to be conducted in Mexico. Funding will depend on the research budget presented by the applicant.

Exchange program students are not eligible for the award.
- Students from the State of Texas who have satisfactorily completed at least two years of study at an accredited college or university, with one year having been completed at UT Austin, may apply for funding to support research to be conducted in Mexico. The award varies according to the research budget.

Please visit this site for the application and more information: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/insts/llilas/centers-and-programs/mexico/fellowships.php.

For questions, please contact Heather Gatlin at hgiatan@austin.utexas.edu.

2. Scholarship opportunity for students interested in careers in journalism
Application deadline: Friday, February 24

The Headliners Foundation of Texas applications for the 2012-2013 school year have been posted here: http://headlinersfoundation.org/scholarships.

Applications are open to strong writers in any major who participate in school media.

This year, the scholarship awards have doubled from $3,000 to $6,000 per year to better reflect the true cost of an education. The downside is that the Foundation is unable to offer as many scholarships as in the past. But in addition to these larger scholarships, it continues to offer a few smaller ones with specific designations as you will read online.

Headliners Foundation is one of the most prestigious scholarships in the state, not just because of the money awarded, but because of the recognition it provides. Students are invited to the awards luncheon in Austin each fall. In addition, this year it will identify other ways to mentor its scholars throughout the year.

3. Submit research to the COLA journal
Deadline: Friday, February 24

The College of Liberal Arts Council seeks submissions for the 2012 edition of its journal as well as new members for the editorial board. Submissions can be from past coursework, independent and supervised research, and honors and
4. Lecture and performance by rapper Chingo Bling
Friday, February 24 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.
SAC Auditorium (1.402)

Rapper Chingo Bling is giving a lecture and performing as part of the 2012 Lozano Long Conference: A LLILAS-CMAS Collaboration — Central Americans and the Latino/a Landscape: New Configurations of Latina/o America. Registration beforehand is required.

Tickets for the Chingo Bling performance are still available at the UT Student Activity Center's Ticket Office.


5. Volunteer with Learn To Be
Want to be a part of a force that helped tutor over 5,000 underprivileged kids across America? Need community service hours, but don’t want to leave your dorm? Learn To Be is a Teach For America-recognized organization that encompasses both of these and caters to the schedules of college students. The UT Chapter of Learn To Be is based off of the national non-profit foundation that aims to reach students through online tutoring. If you’re interested in becoming certified as a Learn To Be national tutor or reaching out to the community in general:

Sign up for orientation at www.learntobe.org/orientation. See more information at www.learntobe.org/utexas or e-mail utadmissions@learntobe.org with any questions.

6. College of Education Internal Transfer Sessions
ALD Internal Transfer Sessions: These sessions are for students interested in teaching: Elementary through Sixth Grade - Generalist, Elementary through Sixth Grade – Bilingual Generalist, or All-Level (EC-12) Generic Special Education, or majoring Youth and Community Studies (does not lead to teacher certification). For more information, go to: http://www.edb.utexas.edu/education/students/current/undergrad/programs/or call (512) 471-3223.

All at 4 p.m. in SZB 216:
Tuesday, April 10
Wednesday, April 18
Monday, April 23

KHE Internal Transfer Sessions: These sessions are for students interested in majors in Athletic Training, Exercise Science, Applied Movement Science, Health Promotion, Sport Management, or Physical Culture and Sports. For more information, go to: http://www.edb.utexas.edu/education/students/current/undergrad/programs/or call (512) 475-6146.

All at 4 p.m. in BEL 1005:
Monday, February 27
Tuesday, March 27
Wednesday, April 11
Thursday, May 3

7. Join the Student Conduct Advisory Committee
Application deadline: Friday, March 9 at 5 p.m.

The Student Conduct Advisory Committee (SCAC) provides the student perspective on matters of student conduct and academic integrity at UT by providing input and feedback to the Office of the Dean of Students – Student Judicial Services. In addition, the committee works on educational outreach to the University community and explores ways to increase awareness of the University’s conduct system.

We are currently recruiting new members for the 2012-2013 academic year. For more information and an application, please visit http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sis/scae_appinfo.php or contact scac@austin.utexas.edu.

8. Blanton Museum of Art Student Fest
Thursday, April 5
Open mic poetry jam: 6 p.m.

Are you a poet and you know it? Share your literary talents with fellow writers and written-word enthusiasts at the Blanton Museum of Art Student Fest! Student Fest is a biannual event inviting UT students to experience their campus art museum through interactive activities, musical performances, guided tours, film screenings, and much more. The Blanton Museum of Art will host an open-mic poetry jam at 6 p.m. in the museum atrium, and invites all students to participate in this exciting performance. If you love to write or recite poetry of any kind, contact Danielle Schulz at danielle.schulz@austin.utexas.edu to sign up for the jam.

9. Science for Change speaker
Tuesday, February 28 at 3:30 p.m.
AVAYA Auditorium (ACES 2.302)

The “Science for Change” series presents “Why the Public Sector Invests in Science and Technology: A Framework for Energy Research and Development.” Technical innovation is vital to addressing our energy challenges, but we have limited resources and urgent problems. How does the US Government choose how to invest these research & development funds?

The speaker will be Mike Holland, Senior Advisor and Staff Director at the Office of the Under Secretary for Science at the Department of Energy.

Come early to get a seat and plan to stay and chat with the speaker at the reception to follow.

10. Heman Sweatt Symposium Panel
Wednesday, February 29 at 5 p.m.
John Hargis Hall
1823 Red River St.


The panel will discuss issues related to the education of Asian American males, including the latest research and best practices. Panelists include:

- Dr. Mitchell Chang, professor, Division of Higher Education and Organizational Change, University of California - Los Angeles
- Dr. Eric Tang (moderator), assistant professor, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies, Center for African and African American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
• Dr. Robert T. Teranishi, associate professor, Department of Higher Education, New York University

The Sweatt Symposium includes four panel discussions and dialogs and culminates with the Heman Marion Sweatt Legacy Award reception on May 4. The symposium will also include a special event: the second annual University of Texas Latino Male Symposium. The symposium is sponsored by the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement with support from colleges, schools and departments across campus.

For more information about the symposium, visit http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/hemansweatt/. All events are free and open to the public.

11. Pre-Law Presentation
Thursday, March 1 from 3:45 - 5 p.m.
UTC 1.104

Topics include how to prepare, how to apply, and whether or not to go. You'll also hear a former lawyer's perspective on the law school experience.

RSVP as space is limited at http://tinyurl.com/6rtl2ta.

12. Psychology internal transfer info sessions
All in SEA 4.244:
Thursday, March 22 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thursday, March 29 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4 from 2 - 3 p.m.
Monday, April 9 from 3 - 4 p.m.
Friday, April 27 from 9 - 10 a.m.
Tuesday, May 1 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Attending an info session is required for admission to the psychology major.

13. Computer Science Internal Transfer Sessions
April 3 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
JGB 2.202
April 4 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.,
JGB 2.218
April 10 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
JGB 2.218
April 11 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
JGB 2.202

Students can find more information about these sessions at the following website: http://www.cs.utexas.edu/undergraduate-program/prospective-students/transfer-CS-another-ut-major.

14. Next Generation Scholars Program
Deadline: Friday, March 23

The Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law is pleased to announce a call for applications for the third annual Next Generation Scholars program, a unique research and mentorship program for University of Texas undergraduate students. This is a one-year program, beginning in September 2012, which will match each selected student with a Strauss Center Distinguished Scholar who will serve as a mentor to the student in the awarded year.

In addition, the student scholars will participate in an informal one-hour biweekly session in the fall 2012 and spring 2013 semesters. During these sessions, students will have the opportunity to interact with the Strauss Center's Distinguished Scholars, present their own research, develop analytical and writing skills appropriate to their global policy interests, and work directly with the Strauss Center's faculty on their own professional development goals, including applications to post-college jobs and/or graduate school.

The Next Generation Scholars will also participate in the Strauss Center’s Next Generation Project Texas (http://strauscenter.org/nextgen/), which brings together the best and brightest talent from around the state to engage in discussions on global policy issues.

Students selected for the NGS program will also receive a $500 stipend to use towards his or her own independent research, study abroad program, internship, or travel to a professional conference.

We invite interested UT undergraduate students to submit applications for the Next Generation Scholars program. Students must plan to be registered UT undergraduate students during the academic year 2012-2013, and should have a GPA of at least 3.50.

For more information, visit http://strauscenter.org/strauss-news/call-for-applications-for-the-2012-2013-next-generation-scholars.html.

Please submit nominations by Friday, March 23 to info@RobertStraussCenter.org, subject line: “Next Generation Scholars Program.” For questions about the program, please contact Dr. Catherine Weaver at ceeweaver@austin.utexas.edu.

15. Undergraduate Research Week
April 16 - 20
Application deadline: Friday, March 9

The Senate of College Councils and the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies will host Undergraduate Research Week this April 16-20, 2012. Colleges and organizations, including the College of Liberal Arts, will coordinate events all over campus that week to showcase the work of undergraduate researchers.

Liberal Arts will host two events for Undergraduate Research Week: a poster presentation reception and an oral presentation symposium. If you are an undergraduate researcher and you wish to use these venues to publicize your work, you can apply to participate in one or both events.

Poster presenters will have their posters professionally printed, courtesy of the college.

Students may apply to participate regardless of what stage their research is in. The application can be found at http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/undergrad/presenting-publishing/Undergraduate-Research-Week.php. The deadline for students to apply is Friday, March 9.

Questions about research week or the application can be directed to Monica Horvat at monicah@austin.utexas.edu.

16. Global Professional Leadership Training
Friday and Saturday, March 23 - 24

Join us for Global Professional Leadership Training (GPLT) and take advantage of this opportunity to:
• Explore an international career
• Enhance your international leadership ability
• Expand your cultural competency in Middle Eastern/Western affairs

You can expect inspirational speakers on the Middle East, training from cross-cultural experts, leadership development exercises, and networking with colleagues with similar interests from across campus.
This opportunity is open to all UT students interested in learning more about living and working in the Middle East while developing cross-cultural communication and leadership skills.

For more information on GPLT follow this link: http://world.utexas.edu/globalinitiatives/gplt Click here to complete an application.

17. DELL Social Innovation Challenge
Deadline: Monday, March 5
Have big ideas to change the world? You can enter a social innovation project in any stage, from conceptual idea to piloted program, so sign up today!

Special UT drawing: In addition to the $140,000 of seed funding offered through the DSC, we also award mentoring and other prizes. In fact, every UT Austin student who enters between now and midnight on Monday, February 13 will be entered to win a FREE DELL LAPTOP or one of five $20 gift cards to Alamo Drafthouse Cinema.


Enter today - it's easy! All you need is a headline, photo, and brief description of your idea and you’re ready to create your project page! Plus, you can continue to edit your idea until judging begins on March 5.

Think big and start now! Join us at DellChallenge.org today.

18. Bridging Disciplines Programs (BDPs)
Spring application deadline: Thursday, March 8

Info sessions in FAC 1:
Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Every Wednesday, 3 - 4 p.m.

The Bridging Disciplines Programs (BDPs) at The University of Texas at Austin allow you to earn an interdisciplinary certificate in one of eleven different concentration areas:
- Children and Society
- Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Digital Arts and Media
- Environment
- Ethics and Leadership
- Global Studies
- Human Rights and Social Justice
- Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship
- Social Entrepreneurship and Non-profits
- Social Inequality, Health, and Policy

BDPs combine courses that fulfill core requirements, electives, and courses for your major with unique research and internships that connect your BDP topic with your major and career goals. With planning, the BDP should NOT add time to your UT career. Rather, the BDP helps you choose the courses you already have to take in an integrated way, giving you the opportunity to develop a secondary area of specialization.

One of the goals of the BDPs is to help you make your education fit your individual interests and goals. BDP advisors are here to help you find courses, research opportunities, and internship experiences that complement your major, while also supporting you in developing knowledge and experience you would not otherwise gain within your degree plan.

Are you interested in learning more about the Bridging Disciplines Programs? Come to an Information Session with BDP Advisors.

Can’t make it to an info session? Call (512) 232-7564 or stop by FAC 1 to make an appointment. Visit our website for more information: http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp

SPRING APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 8

19. Nominate professors for Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship
Deadline: Friday, March 9

The Friar Society, the University’s oldest and most prestigious honor society, is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship (FCTF). This Fellowship, which is awarded annually to one outstanding undergraduate professor, is the largest undergraduate faculty award at the University with an endowment of over $500,000 and an annual award of $25,000.

We invite you to nominate a professor who, in your experience, is deserving of this honor. The nomination form is available online at https://webspace.utexas.edu/dmf645/FCTF/2012%20FCTF%20Application.doc and can also be found on the Friar Society Web site, www.friarsociety.org. Please note that only tenured or tenure-track faculty who teach undergraduate courses are eligible to receive the FCTF.

Please submit all nomination forms to 2012FCTF@gmail.com by Friday, March 9, 2012. Late submissions will not be considered.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at natalie.e.butler@gmail.com or alie.e.butler@gmail.com ordforinash@gmail.com or mailto:dforinash@gmail.com>. We look forward to receiving your nominations!

20. Internal Transfer Application for the School of Architecture
Deadline: Thursday, March 1

To be eligible to apply a student must have the following:
- 3.25 UT GPA (now, and after the end of this spring semester)
- At least 24 hours completed in residence at UT by the end of this spring semester
- Professors expected to remain at UT

Emphasis is given to strong performance in university courses, especially those relevant to the degree program to which the applicant is applying. However, meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission into the School of Architecture.

An Internal Transfer FAQ is available at http://www.soa.utexas.edu/admissions/internalfaq.

Decisions are made at the end of the spring semester, after spring grades are posted. This semester's grades do matter! Students will receive notification of our decision via mail and email.

The application is available at http://www.soa.utexas.edu/admissions/internaltransfer, and is also prominently displayed on the School of Architecture homepage.

21.3 Day Startup (3DS)
The idea of 3 Day Startup is to start a technology company over the course of three days. We invite students from numerous backgrounds - liberal arts, computer science, design, engineering, MBAs, neuroscience, law, etc - and provide guidance through the early stages of the startup experience. Over one intense weekend, 3DS participants brainstorm ideas, conduct market validation, devise business models, build prototypes, create branding, and pitch to investors and successful entrepreneurs. The result is an experience that challenges participants to innovate, build and launch real companies. Find out more at [http://austin.3daystartup.org/](http://austin.3daystartup.org/).

If you have any questions contact Rishi Shah ([rishi09@gmail.com](mailto:rishi09@gmail.com)).

**22. FAFSA completion sessions for continuing students**

*Thursday, March 15*

The time has once again arrived for students to begin applying for financial aid for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the only application needed at UT-Austin to apply for grants, work-study, and student loans. Financial aid counselors will be available to assist current students completing the online FAFSA application (paper FAFSA’s available upon request). Sessions are held in a computer lab setting on a walk-in basis. More information at [http://finaid.utexas.edu/spotlights/FAFSA120_sessions.html](http://finaid.utexas.edu/spotlights/FAFSA120_sessions.html).

**23. Undergraduate Research Journal seeks submissions**

*Deadline: Wednesday, February 29 at noon*

The Undergraduate Research Journal (URJ) wants your research paper! The one you spent all semester agonizing over and that represents the pinnacle of your work thus far at UT. If you would like others to read it too, and perhaps even cite it, submit it for publication in the journal!

The Undergraduate Research Journal (URJ) is a work of multi-disciplinary research produced and edited by University of Texas at Austin undergraduate students. The journal is published every spring semester and is circulated across campus, as well as across other prestigious universities in the United States.

The URJ is looking for interesting, and lucid pieces that present original ideas. We want research that challenges readers to see an issue from a different vantage point, that considers new ideas, or that synthesizes already-existing works. All disciplines are welcome.

Submissions can include: products of coursework, independent study, supervised research, senior theses, etc. All past [within one year of graduation] or current full or part-time undergraduate students in good standing at the University of Texas at Austin are invited to submit their articles for review.

Visit [http://texasurj.com/submission](http://texasurj.com/submission) for more information.

The submission deadline for the 2011-2012 school year is February 29, 2012 at 12 noon. The selection process will be completed in March of 2012. There is a $250+ award for the best paper by an upper division student and a $100+ award for the best paper by a lower division student.

Copies of the 2011 journals are in circulation! If you would like one or have any questions, please contact Bobby Jenkins, editor-in-chief, at editorinchief@texasurj.com

**24. Sanger Center February workshop**

*Wednesday, February 29 from 3 - 4 p.m.*

Test Your Best

**25. Green Fee Grants**

*Deadline: Friday, March 9 by 5 p.m.*

Applications for the 2012-2013 Green Fee grants are now available on UT-Austin’s Sustainability Portal here: [http://www.utexas.edu/sustainability/greenfee.php](http://www.utexas.edu/sustainability/greenfee.php).

The Committee strongly encourages current students, staff, and faculty to submit creative and thoughtful applications to support initiatives across campus. See the link above for the list of approved 2011-2012 projects. Email [greenfee@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:greenfee@austin.utexas.edu) with any questions.

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**1. Swing Out Awards for organizations**

*Deadline: Friday, February 24*

If you are interested in recognizing a significant accomplishment of your organization this past year and raising awareness of it on campus, then apply for a 2012 Swing Out Award! If selected as a finalist for a particular category, your organization could be represented at the annual Evening of the Stars in April where we will reveal each category winner and the overall most outstanding campus organization for the 2011-2012 academic year. Each category winner will receive $300, with the most outstanding organization receiving an additional $1000. Visit our website at [http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/glie/leadership_swingout.php](http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/glie/leadership_swingout.php) for more information.

**STUDY ABROAD**

**1. Study Abroad for first-generation students info session**

*Wednesday, March 7 from 4 - 5 p.m.*

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Free food provided!

Now that you're here, where can you go?

- Unique obstacles and challenges for “first gens” in the study abroad process
- Opportunities and processes of study abroad (Where can you go? What can you study? How do you apply?)
- Family concerns and questions about the study abroad experience (Why would you do this? What is the benefit? How will you pay for it? Is it worth the cost?)
- Program Highlight: How to become an IFSA-Butler First Generation Study Abroad Scholar

**2. Senate of College Councils Study Abroad Scholarship**

*Deadline: Friday, March 23*

The Academic Enrichment Committee of the Senate of College Councils invites you to apply for the Senate of College Councils Study Abroad Scholarship. The scholarship seeks to encourage students to engage in academically-relevant study abroad programs.
One recipient will receive a $1,000 prize from the Senate of College Councils to be used toward their study abroad experience. The recipient will be expected to come to one of Senate's General Assemblies (which are held every other Thursday) upon their return and share their experience abroad with the assembly.

The application and more information can be found here: [http://utdirect.utexas.edu/student/abroad/globalassist_WBX](http://utdirect.utexas.edu/student/abroad/globalassist_WBX). The minimal GPA to apply is a 3.0.

Applicants must be available for an interview after the deadline for the scholarship on Friday, March 23. Interview times and location are forthcoming.

Please contact Andrew Zigler at andrewzigler@gmail.com with any questions regarding the application.

3. Summer Program in Communications Erfurt (SPICE) Application deadline: March 1

Students have the opportunity to visit the Salzburg Academy on Media and Global Change from July 23 - August 10 in Salzburg plus take a 3-week online component prior to departure. Students of any major with an interest in communication may apply.

Global Media Literacy (RTF365) Professor Stephen D. Reese
The University of Texas at Austin

Global Change, Global Cooperation, Global News (J349T)

More information is available at [http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/salzburg-academy-media-global-change](http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/salzburg-academy-media-global-change). You may contact Elizabeth MacLean at elizabeth.maclean@austin.utexas.edu or (512) 471-7083.

4. Legends of China cultural exchange program The Division of Student Affairs proudly presents a cultural exchange program, offered through the Office of the Dean of Students, which aims to enrich the educational journey by providing opportunities for students from around the world to share their stories, vision and learning experiences with students from The University of Texas at Austin. The 2012 program, World Peace: China – U.S. Friendship, is in partnership with the Beijing Educational Committee and the Legends of China Foundation. Participating students, faculty and staff are offered opportunities for profound academic dialogue, increased cultural awareness and interaction with peers, while touring historical sites and visiting Beijing's finest universities.

Five trips to choose from. Prices range from approximately $1,486.00 to $3,350. Cities include Beijing, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Xian, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Seoul, South Korea. Price includes international and domestic (in China) airline tickets, 4/5 star hotels, 3 meals/day, ground transportation, educational programs, historical site tours and tickets, travel insurance and guides.

To learn more, visit [http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/doscentral/legendsofchina.php](http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/doscentral/legendsofchina.php) or contact the Office of the Dean of Students at (512) 471-5017, or by e-mail at utloc@austin.utexas.edu.

5. Lozano Long Latin America travel grant competition Deadline: Thursday, March 1 at 5 p.m.

For summer 2012, we have at least four study abroad travel grants in the amount of $2,500. Should you receive a grant, you must attend a degree-granting institution in Latin America and bring back at least six hours of college credit.

For next academic year, 2012-2013 (which starts late next August 2012), we are offering six study abroad travel grants in the amount of $5,000. You must attend a degree-granting institution in Latin America and bring back at least 12 hours of college credit.

IMPORTANT: Please let the person writing your recommendation know that their letter must be uploaded to the system no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, March 1.

All funds must be used for the purpose for which they are intended and awarded. Also, please be aware that scholarship money can affect your financial aid. If you win an award, it is your responsibility to speak with the Office of Student Financial Services and find out how your financial aid package may be impacted and instruct me on any modifications you may want regarding the timing of receiving your scholarship. Otherwise, all monies for academic year 2012-2013 will be distributed at the start of the fall semester. Information will follow on the timing of the summer award distributions.

Applications are online and can be accessed here at [http://bit.ly/biBzfI](http://bit.ly/biBzfI). You must log into the system in order to reach the correct page.

6. First Abroad Scholarships Application deadline: Thursday, March 1

The Study Abroad Office encourages you to apply for a brand new UT Austin study abroad scholarship. Approximately 25 First Abroad Scholarships of $3,000 will be awarded to UT Austin students in 2012. The application is simple, no recommendations are required, and you can select your program AFTER you win the award! The application is attached. Do you fit the eligibility requirements below? Here’s the information:

The First Abroad Scholarship provides first-generation in college students with the opportunity to study abroad by reducing the financial barrier that may prevent some students from considering study abroad during their undergraduate career. Approximately 25 recipients a year will receive a one-time scholarship of $3,000 to help cover the cost of the UT-approved study abroad program of their choice. Recipients have up to two academic years to select a program and participate, ensuring sufficient time to plan the study abroad experience. For example, a student who is awarded a First Abroad Scholarship in May 2012 may use the scholarship in any term between fall 2012 and summer 2014.

First Abroad Scholarship winners who choose a UT-approved program in mainland China will automatically receive the Coca-Cola Foundation China Scholarship for an additional $2,000.

Eligibility:

- financial need (current FAFSA on file with UT Austin),
- first-generation in college student (neither parent has graduated from 4-year college),
- first time in college, and
- less than 60 hours earned at UT Austin
The First Abroad Scholarship application can also be found here: http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding/scholarships/first

7. Semester in Los Angeles Program application open
Application deadline: Wednesday, February 29

If you are interested in participating in the UT Semester in Los Angeles program, please note: the online application for fall 2012, spring and summer 2013 is now open! Log in with your UT EID and start your application today!

The program is open to all UT students who are passionate about film, television, music or digital arts, and are interested in exploring related careers in the entertainment industry. Students earn UT in-residence credit.

Applicants must be currently enrolled degree-seeking students in good standing who have:
• A minimum of 60 credit hours and a minimum GPA of 2.25 by the semester of participation;
• RTF 305 “Intro to Media Studies,” or equivalent, by the semester of participation.


8. Funding Study Abroad info session
Thursday, March 8 from 4 - 5 p.m.
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This session is open to everyone interested in studying abroad. The session will cover the following topics:
• Get tips on how to plan ahead and find the best funding sources
• Learn about the three primary sources of funding for study abroad.
• Learn strategies to help you gauge the "real cost" of studying abroad.
• Discover how to be an active participant in finding funding.

More scholarships can be found here: http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

1. Strauss Center seeks Democracy and Governance Research Interns
March to May 2012

Application deadline: Friday, March 2

The Strauss Center is currently seeking several Democracy and Governance Research Interns to support its research on the effectiveness of democracy and governance programming in Africa. This research is conducted as part of the Strauss Center’s program on Climate Change and African Political Stability (CCAPS). The full scope of responsibilities will be determined based on the experience of the successful applicants, but will likely include:
• Research and data collection on democracy and governance programs in Africa
• Research on political histories of select countries in Africa
• Statistical analysis of democracy aid and democratic development
• Creation and management of case study research files

Required qualifications:
• Academic or work experience related to public policy, governance, democratic development, international aid, and/or Africa
• Excellent research skills
• Excellent writing and communication skills
• Excellent organizational skills
• Statistics experience preferred
• A commitment to the mission of the Strauss Center

These are unpaid internships of 10-15 hours per week. The position is from March to May 2012, with the possibility of being extended through summer 2012. The exact start and end dates are negotiable.

For more information on the Strauss Center’s CCAPS program, please see http://ccaps.strausscenter.org.

To apply, please send a resume and letter of interest to Ashley Moran at amoran@austin.utexas.edu. The first round of applications will be reviewed on Friday, March 2. We look forward to hearing from you.

2. Info session on student jobs with the Sanger Center
Wednesday, March 7 at 5 p.m.
JES A121A

Application deadline: Friday, March 30

The Sanger Learning and Career Center is now hiring tutors, academic coaches, senior preceptors, and outreach assistants.

Work for one of the largest student employers on campus that pays some of the highest student salaries and enjoy flexible hours, a convenient location, and the chance to learn more about your field.

3. NASA, other science internships
Deadline: Thursday, March 1

NASA offers paid undergraduate and graduate level internships in a wide variety of disciplines. Over 200 internships are available. The deadline is March 1, but offers may begin going out as early as February 2. Visit http://intern.nasa.gov to apply for up to 15 opportunities with a single application.

NSF offers a wide variety of paid summer research experiences for undergraduates. To search over 600 programs, please visit: http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/undergrads.asp

For summer research specifically in ocean sciences: http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/oceanscience.asp
For summer research specifically in engineering: http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/engineering.asp

4. Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program in Nanotechnology at UMass Amherst
Application deadline: Wednesday, February 29

For undergrads interested in cutting edge research, the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program in Nanotechnology at UMass Amherst might be for you. The ten week lab-and-learning experience will give you a head start on a career that is truly at the forefront of knowledge--nanotechnology!
Space is limited so apply today!

- Ten week program: May 28 - August 4, 2012
- Free housing in our newest dorms
- Free travel to and from campus
- Competitive stipend
- Application deadline is Feb 29, 2012

http://www.umass.edu/massnanotech/SURE.htm

Eligibility is limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Women and others from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. The most relevant undergraduate majors for the SURE Program include: Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, Physics, Polymer Science & Engineering.

Columbia University Summer Public Health Scholars Program (SPHSP)
Application deadline: Tuesday, February 14

The SPHSP is a collaboration between the Colleges of Public Health, Physicians and Surgeons, Dental Medicine, and Nursing. This is a bachelor's-level initiative targeting underrepresented students to learn about public health, specifically minority health disparities. This is a unique program because it is geared towards high-potential students who may or may not have any prior knowledge of public health.

During the program, students are introduced to the field of public health by taking courses in several disciplines. Students are also placed in an internship, which may focus on health policy, environmental health, behavioral health, epidemiology, or another public health field. The common thread between all these internships is the issue of health disparities. The program includes a week-long trip to Atlanta to visit the Centers for Disease Control.

Eligible students will be U.S. citizens or permanent residents; be enrolled in an accredited college or university or be recent graduates (within one year); and have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above.


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1. About Plan2News

Plan2News is published on Tuesdays and Fridays during the semester for students currently registered in Plan II and others associated with Plan II who send their e-mail addresses to planinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu. News items for the letter include announcements from the Plan II office and the Plan II Student Association and performances and exhibits by Plan II students.

Read the newsletter to learn about courses, registration, advising, job opportunities and special events.

2. Submitting to Plan2News

Please keep in mind that although Plan2News enjoys a substantial and diverse readership, its circulation is still relatively small. It should not be relied upon as the sole advertisement for a position or an event. To reach a wider audience, please use university-wide electronic and paper advertising outlets.

Personal and political announcements will not be published in Plan2News. Job and internships announcements must be sent to the Liberal Arts Career Services office, after which they may be considered for publication in the newsletter.

To place a news item in Plan2News, you must do the following:

• Type your news item in the body of an e-mail to planinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu.
• In the subject line, write “Plan2News” exactly.
• Give the name of a contact person with phone number or e-mail address.
• Provide an activity date or a deadline.
• Do not use “we” or “I.” Please write your submission in third person.
• Write in complete sentences and use correct grammar.
• News items will run until your deadline or through two issues of the newsletter if no deadline is provided.
• The text of submitted newsletter items (including job and internship postings) must be fewer than 150 words, not including headline and contact information. Please edit your entries to this length before submission. An overly lengthy entry will be returned to its sender and will not appear until this standard is met.
• Send your news item to planinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu no later than 3 p.m. on Monday (for the Tuesday letter) or 3 p.m. on Thursday (for the Friday letter). The 3 p.m. deadline is final. Do not send your message to any other address. No one else can approve news items for inclusion in the Plan II newsletter and no other address will be used to receive entries.