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1. **Plan II Pre-Law Meeting**
   Plan II Pre-Law will be having Peter Reynolds, a Williams College graduate and UT Law graduate as a guest speaker this Wednesday. He specializes in international law with a focus on the environment. He has worked with Modern Asia Environmental, Dresser Inc., and Waste Management in China and Southeast Asia. If you are at all interested in international or environmental law, this is the meeting to attend!

   The meeting will be at 6 p.m. on March 24th, location TBA (most probably Joynes like usual)! All are welcome!

2. **Voltaire's Coffee on Marcel Duchamp's Large Glass: The Art-Science Connection**
   Plan II students of all ages, phases, and crazes are invited to attend the upcoming Voltaire's Coffee hosted by Professor Linda Henderson of the Art History department, featuring a discussion on Marcel Duchamp's work, Large Glass, and its place in the context of a larger art-science connection. Duchamp's goal was to redefine the artist and art making itself, and he found vital inspiration in contemporary science and technology. What was the science Duchamp was responding to and how was it manifested in the Large Glass, his techno-scientific allegory of quest? This event will take place on Tuesday, March 23, at 7 PM, in one of the Joynes seminar rooms. No registration or pre-reading is required. Light refreshments will be provided. Contact the P2SA Academic Co-Chairs at <pii.academics@gmail.com> with questions, and see the Plan II website for more details.

3. **Plan II/ KIPP Partnership Now Accepting Mentors for 2010-2011**
   Applications are now available to current freshmen and sophomores for the 2010-2011 Plan II/KIPP Mentoring Program and class. The Plan II/KIPP Partnership is a one-hour TC125K course which is centered around Plan II students mentoring middle school students at KIPP Austin College Prep, a local public charter middle school. Mentors will be deeply immersed in issues related to education reform, (in)quality of educational opportunity, and promising strategies for addressing such issues. Adjunct Professor Grant Thomas, who has thirty years of experience with school-based youth mentoring programs and has served on the KIPP Austin Board since 2003, teaches the class and provides additional assistance. Applications and information are available here <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/current_stdns/intern/kipp.php> on the Plan II website. Also keep your eyes open for announcements about upcoming info sessions. The due date for applications is April 9. Questions can be directed to the student assistant, Mia Avramescu <mailto:mia.avr@gmail.com>

4. **TC 330: Health and Social Policy Formation in the Texas Senate**
   Fall 2010 - Spring 2011
   Plan II students who will be juniors or advanced sophomores next year and who are interested in medicine, public health, law and government are invited to apply for structured internships in the offices of leading Senators in the Texas Legislature. This six-credit, two semester TC 330 course is led by Professor Alfred McAlister at The University of Texas School of Public Health Austin Regional Campus. It includes seminars and training sessions in the first semester, placement in a Senate office with assignment to selected policy issues, writing assignments and student presentations.

   Time commitments are for ten hours per week of seminar time and internship work in the Fall and twenty hours per week in the Spring, when the legislature will be in session. These unpaid positions provide a unique opportunity to learn about and contribute to legislative deliberation of policy issues and will be good for six hours of upper-division course credit. Policy issues may include health care funding, public health and preventive medicine, environmental protection, labor safety, international trade and commerce, criminal law, victim services and other diverse topics.

   Fifteen students will be selected for this opportunity. To apply, please provide your name and contact information, expected graduation date, major, plans for postgraduate education, career goals, GPA, résumé, and a brief statement of interests and qualifications. This material should be submitted no later than March 31st at 5:00 p.m. in printed form to Melissa Ossian in the Plan II Office, WCH 4.104.

5. **Rowe Koehl Travel Scholarship**
   Do you have a great idea for a trip that is not directly tied to your academic career?

   This annual award is given to a Plan II student in good standing with the program whose travel promises to address the most interesting idea or question proposed. The award winner is determined by the Director and a committee of his/her choosing.

   Applicants should submit a single page description of their intended travel abroad, including an indication of their motivation and what their expectations might be. Preference will be given to applicants whose travel will be abroad to a country or countries with which they have no close family ties or extensive previous experience.

   Note that this scholarship is not intended to be coupled with an already-planned Study Abroad experience, nor is it intended to be coupled with or pay for a for-credit program. The spirit in which the award has been given is to encourage travel and learning in a non-traditional setting.

   For that reason, this is not a need-based nor is it a scholaristic achievement grant. Grade point averages or financial need will not be considered, only the merit of the proposal.
The award winner will be expected to write a letter of thanks as well as a brief narrative account of their travels. Photos are welcomed but are not required.

Send your letter of application to: Phillip Dubov <planiiischolarships@austin.utexas.edu>
(512) 471.2960
Plan II Office

Application deadline is April 1.

6. Plan II Continuing Scholarship Applications

Monday, February 22, 2010 the electronic application system for Plan II Honors Continuing Scholarships will open for applications for 2010/2011 Plan II Honors scholarships. You must apply even if you currently hold a Plan II Honors scholarship.

Plan II has transitioned to an online scholarship and grant application process. If you have already prepared and/or submitted the paper application for Continuing Scholarships, you will need to go online and complete the electronic application. This application process is for Continuing Scholarships. The travel and thesis grant information is forthcoming.

Go to: Current Students<<Scholarships<Continuing <https://cms.la.utexas.edu/entity/open.act?id=be77a7ad9206a50a011e08233fbee5f2&type=page#highlight>

Application deadline: midnight, March 31, 2010 with no exceptions.

ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Psychology Internal Transfer Sessions

Below is a list of transfer information sessions for summer/fall admission to the psychology major. Students interested in switching to or adding psychology as a major, should plan to attend one of the sessions found on the website. Attendance at one of the sessions is mandatory for admission purposes.

Please visit our website for more details about admission criteria: <www.psy.utexas.edu/>

2. College of Fine Arts Information Session

The College of Fine Arts, in collaboration with Undergraduate Studies, will present an informational session about applying to change major on Thursday, March 25, 2010, from 3-5 p.m. in the Doty Fine Arts Building (DFA), basement-level student lounge.

Students interested in learning about the application process, including submitting portfolio, auditioning and deadlines, should plan to attend. Academic advisors from the Department of Art and Art History, the Department of Theatre and Dance and the Butler School of Music will be there to answer questions and provide information about degree programs in an informal setting.

3. Junior Fellows

The Junior Fellows Program was created in 1959 by Harry Ransom as a means of encouraging academic excellence in the College of Arts and Sciences. At that time it was essentially an honor society to which students were elected at the end of their freshman year. Over the years, the Junior Fellows has evolved into a society of juniors and seniors from the University at large who are engaged in independent research projects under the direction of members of the faculty.

Information about the program and an application may be found at: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/Programs/Honors.php#Jfellow>

Application materials may be downloaded using the link below or may be obtained from the Plan I Honors Office, GEB 1.206 <http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/geb.html>, Austin, TX 78712. For more information contact Dr. Larry Carver <carver@mail.utexas.edu> in the Plan I Honors Office by email or phone at 471-3458.

Download Application Form <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/_files/pdf/jr_fellows_app_2010.pdf> (PDF, 104K)

Applications are due Friday, March 26, 2010 for the 2010-2011 academic year.

4. Law School Discussion with Cale McDowell

Cale McDowell will hold an informal discussion with interested pre-law students on preparing for law school and in particular how the study of the great books can prepare one for success in law school, the legal profession, and careers in politics.

Mr. McDowell, a recent graduate of UT Austin Law School, is now an attorney in the corporate and securities section of the Austin law firm Jackson Walker L.L.P. The talk will be in the Joynes Reading Room, in the basement of Carothers hall, on April 7 at 7 p.m.

5. Department of Computer Sciences Transfer Sessions

The Department of Computer Sciences restricts upper-division courses to declared CS majors beginning in Spring 2010. In anticipation of this change, we encourage students who are considering a dual degree or major degree change to attend one of our Internal Transfer Sessions. Major admission requirements and procedures will be reviewed prior to the April 15th application deadline.

An academic advisor will also discuss opportunities for students to maximize their career potential, including an 18-hour Elements of Computing Certificate, 5-year BS/MS Integrated Degree, and more.

RSVP to: <under-info@cs.utexas.edu>

Spring 2010 Major Applications Due: THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010

6. Texas Institute for Literary & Textual Studies

The inaugural year of the Institute (2009-2010) is focused on "Literature and Religious Conflict in the English Renaissance."
Considering the contemporary and global concern with religious conflict, the Institute will concentrate on the myriad connections between literature and the religious conflict that permeated the Renaissance, from the Reformation to the Counter-Reformation to the seeds of Enlightenment tolerance sown at the end of the period. The subject has elicited a great deal of interest among Renaissance scholars in recent years, and it should be compelling for a large audience of non-specialists as well.

We have scheduled a variety of TILTS activities for Spring 2010. We hope you will be able to join us for at least some of these activities and we welcome any questions you might have.

For more information concerning the spring speakers and the Renaissance Institute generally, go to: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/insts/tilts-current/>.

7. **New B.S. Degree in Environmental Science**
   Dr. Stoff would like to inform the Plan II Honors Program that UT-Austin will offer a new B.S. degree in Environmental Science. Several innovative new courses will be taught as part of the degree plan, including two that will be offered this semester as small pilot courses.

Please consider learning more about the courses and degree plan. More information can be found at [http://www.esi.utexas.edu/education/education.html](http://www.esi.utexas.edu/education/education.html). There will be an information session on these courses and the new degree plan on April 2nd.

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**EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Facebook Austin**
   If you're interested in joining the Facebook Team, prepare your resume now and apply before the deadline. This is a very short application period, the application deadline for each of the jobs listed below is 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2010.

   - **Facebook's Positions:**
     * User Operations Analyst, Job ID 4223
     * Online Sales Operations Analyst, Job ID 4221
     * Fraud Analyst, Job ID 4224

   Get resume help before submitting your application. LACS offers walk-in advising on Monday and Wednesday from 1–4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. in FAC 18. Or call our office for a coaching appointment at 512-471-7900. Resume help is also available online at: [http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/services/coaching/resumes](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/services/coaching/resumes).

   In addition to a great resume, in the application you'll need to submit your responses to the questions below. Check out the job IDs in BTT Gateway for more information about how to include your responses. Facebook Questions: What are some challenges that Facebook faces as it continues to expand its user base internationally? How should we address those changes?

2. **UTLC and CEC Job Fair**
   Are you a full-time student looking for a job on campus next year? Consider working for the UT Learning Center and Career Exploration Center: we hire tutors, outreach assistants, academic coaches, career-learning assistants, and work study receptionists. We are one of the largest student employers on campus, pay some of the highest student salaries, and are holding our 2010 Job Fair on Thursday, March 25th, at 5:30 p.m. in Jester Auditorium (JES A121A).

   Hear from some of our 200 student educators about their experiences working with us. Professional staff will also be available to discuss job requirements and answer questions. For more details on available positions, or for application information, check out our employment pages at [http://www.utexas.edu/student/utlc/employment](http://www.utexas.edu/student/utlc/employment) and [http://www.utexas.edu/student/cec/intern](http://www.utexas.edu/student/cec/intern). The application and recommendation deadline for most positions is April 2nd.

3. **Farley Capital L.P. Analyst**
   Farley Capital L.P. was formed in 1990. We are a long only investment partnership that strives to produce superior returns for investors by employing the philosophy of value investing. We conduct careful fundamental research on all of our investments. Our culture is very entrepreneurial and provides ample opportunity for advancement.

   This is an entry level position suitable for a Spring 2010 graduate or a professional with less than two years of finance experience.

   Start date: immediate or June 2010

   Please e-mail resume to: [eallende@farleycap.com](mailto:eallende@farleycap.com)

4. **House Select Committee Internship**
   The House Select Committee on Government Efficiency and Accountability, a committee tasked with making recommendations to eliminate inefficiencies in state government, including finding best practices for purchasing state goods and services and reviewing advantages and disadvantages of privatization, is seeking interns. These unpaid positions will focus primarily on reading and summarizing reports about similar past initiatives in Texas and in other states and will help prepare hearing materials and briefs. For more information becoming an intern for the House Select Committee on Government Efficiency and Accountability, please contact Jose Aguayo, [Jose.Aguayo_HC@house.state.tx.us](mailto:Jose.Aguayo_HC@house.state.tx.us).

5. **Intellectual Entrepreneurship "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.

In addition, you may read more about this program on the web: <http://communication.utexas.edu/ie/>

NOTE: Because of the generosity of several UT deans, undergraduates who do their pre-grad internship in programs in the following colleges will be eligible to receive travel grants to help cover part of the cost of attending an academic conference (with their grad mentor)— Law, Public Affairs, Communication, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Pharmacy, Business, Social Work, Education, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts.

A wonderful UT web feature about this program is at: <http://www.utexas.edu/features/2008/ie-2/>

If after examining these materials you have questions, please feel free to contact Rick Cherwitz at <spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu>

**UNIVERSITY WIDE**

1. **Alley Flat Initiative**
The Alley Flat Initiative is hosting a public exhibition in Austin City Hall to further the public discussion about the need for more green, affordable housing in Austin and how we can support this type of development. The exhibition will include information boards as well as Alley Flat models, with food and drinks sponsored by Whole Foods. Keynote speaker John Peterson, founder of Public Architecture, will be discussing similar initiatives in other cities, as well as the opportunity to spread the Alley Flat Initiative model to other growing regions around the country.

   Day: Friday, March 26, 2010

   Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

   Place: Austin City Hall Atrium, 301 W. Second St., Austin, TX 78701

2. **Sustainable Development Film Series**
The Center for Sustainable Development hosts a bi-weekly Sustainable Development Film Series. This week's film is *Scraphouse*, a documentary about a house built completely out of recycled and reused materials, sponsored by the non-profit Public Architecture, in conjunction with World Environment Day. Come for the film and a discussion afterwards with John Peterson, founder of Public Architecture, to learn more about resource consumption, the built environment, and how smarter architecture and education can address these issues.

   Day: Thursday, March 25, 2010

   Time: 7:00 p.m.

   Place: GOL 3.120 Lecture Hall

   Contact Name: Elizabeth “EB” Brooks

   Email: <e.b.brooks@mail.utexas.edu>

3. **Student Conduct Advisory Committee**
Join the Student Conduct Advisory Committee (SCAC) and apply for membership by no later than March 29th. A newly formed highly selective and prestigious campus organization, the SCAC works directly with the Office of the Dean of Students - Student Judicial Services to provide the peer perspective on student conduct and academic integrity issues at the University. The application and more details can be found at: <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/scac.php>

4. **Honors Colloquium Student Mentors**
The University Honors Center staff invites you to apply for a position as an Honors Colloquium student mentor for the 29th annual Honors Colloquium, held July 22-24, 2010.

   The Honors Colloquium is a three-day recruiting event, which takes place on The University of Texas at Austin campus and is designed to introduce rising high school seniors to life at the university while encouraging them to apply to UT and its honors programs.

   Student mentors are a critical component to our program. They interact with participants and provide support for Colloquium activities. Most importantly, they have fun!

   You may learn more about the position and application here: <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/hc/mentor>

   All materials must be submitted online by March 30, 2010 at 5 p.m.

5. **Health Promotion Volunteer Opportunity**
Fun, valuable and career-building volunteer opportunities exist on campus through the Health Promotion Resource Center, a part of University Health Services.

   Apply now to become a peer educator. Students selected to become peer educators will receive specialized training in health topics, gain experience facilitating classes and workshops, and conduct outreach on campus. Peer Educators serve the UT community by promoting healthy choices and make a positive impact on their peers.

   To apply, visit the UHS website <http://www.healthyhorns.utexas.edu/peereducation.html>.

   Applications are due March 26, 2010.

   Questions: KP Prince, Ph.D., Coordinator

   University Health Services • The University of Texas at Austin

   100 W. Dean Keeton, SSB 1.106J • Austin, TX 78712

   P: (512) 475-8252 • F: (512) 475-8459 • <http://www.healthyhorns.utexas.edu/>

6. **Lavender Graduation Ceremony**
This year's event will be held in the Tower, in Main Room 212 on Wednesday, May 19 from 5-7 p.m.

   This event is for anyone graduating in 2010. It is for both undergraduate and graduate students. Lavender Graduation is for any students identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, gender-queer and their allies.

   Register to walk the Lavender Stage and get more info at:

   <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/hc/>
7. Become a Disease Detective
April 7, 2010 at the Texas Union from 12-8 p.m.

Free Admission.
Keynote Session:
Smallpox—The Death of a Disease
D.A. Henderson, MD, MPH
Exhibits: Graduate Education, Career Opportunities, Fellowships, and Internships in Public Health

Check the website for more information and a full schedule of events: <http://www.sbs.utexas.edu/diseasedetective/default.htm>

8. Feminist Action Project
The Feminist Action Project is a new group on campus working with the Gender and Sexuality Center to put on a conference about feminist activism.

The website/blog is up and running:<http://feministactionproject.blogspot.com/>. Second, we've extended our call for submission deadline. Find it here:<http://feministactionproject.blogspot.com/2009/12/call-for-submissions.html>

Third, registration is available for the Feminist Action Project. Early registration ends April 1st, so register early to make sure you take advantage of our early registration fee ($25). After April 1st, the fee is $35. Find registration here: <http://feministactionproject.blogspot.com/2010/02/feminist-action-project-registration.html>

Lastly, make sure you stay connected to the Feminist Action Project. We are now on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/FeministActionProject> and Twitter <http://twitter.com/FeministAction>.

If you have any questions regarding the Feminist Action Project or want to become involved, please contact us at <feministactionproject@gmail.com>.

9. Jean Holloway Award Nominations
For the past thirty-eight years, the Jean Holloway Award has symbolized The University of Texas at Austin’s commitment to teaching excellence by recognizing outstanding professors in the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences. It is one of the oldest teaching awards on campus. Please consider nominating an excellent professor for this award- the nomination link is: <https://www.texasexes.org/form/holloway.asp>

Jean Holloway Award for Excellence in Teaching <https://texasexes.org/form/holloway.asp> - The award amounts to more than $4,500 annually, and the nomination and selection process is done solely by students.

Please direct questions or concerns to Taylor Nyberg, Student Relations Coordinator at The Texas Exes <mailto:nyberg@alumni.utexas.edu> or Vicki Chang, Jean Holloway Committee Chair <vickichang@mail.utexas.edu>

10. College Women’s Political Caucus
The College Women's Political Caucus (CWPC) is in its earliest stages, so now is your chance to help shape this national organization! CWPC will be a campus affiliate of the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC), which exists to help elect pro-choice women candidates to political office on the city, state, and national level.

The goals and possible projects of CWPC include, but are not limited to: Volunteering on political campaigns for local women political candidates. Putting on and participating in trainings on a variety of topics related to political leadership and political campaigns. Mentoring under-served middle & high school girls to help develop their leadership abilities. Working to get the ERA ratified. Networking with women political leaders. Finally, the president of NWPC also sees the CWPC as THE place to start identifying, and training future political leaders. If you are interested in being an officer in CWPC, please email Harmony Eichsteadt at <harmonyeverafter@gmail.com>.

11. Peer Academic Coaching Program
The Peer Academic Coaching program is open to any student interested in receiving coaching from a trained UT student on how to prepare effectively for UT classes. Peer coaches are trained by learning specialists, and the program as a whole is certified by the College Reading and Learning Association. Common topics include note-taking and reading techniques, time management and concentration, and test taking and test preparation. Participants can expect to learn how to match the ways in which they study to the unique demands of each course.

The cost is covered by the UT Learning Center; potential participants should be open to trying new study techniques and be willing to meet privately once a week for an hour with a peer coach. Participants are admitted to the program on a rolling basis, subject to coach availability.

Students new to the university should visit the UT Learning Center in Jester A332A; all other students can complete a participation request questionnaire online by going to <http://enroll.utlc.utexas.edu>* and clicking on “Academic Coaching – Get a Coach.”

*Students who have never used UT Learning Center services will need to start with “claim a password” when first visiting this site. If assistance is needed, call 471-3614 between 9 and 5, M-F.

12. Spring Bevonomics
Bevonomics, the new money management program from the Office of Student Financial Services at UT Austin, gives you the information and tools you need to learn how to make
good financial decisions about your money and money and your future! Our workshops are open to anyone in the UT Austin community, and you don’t need to bring anything to a workshop — just show up!

Contact BEVONOMICS for more information:
Bevonomics is located in the Office of Student Financial Services (OSFS). Please contact us at <info@bevonomics.org> or (512) 475.6231/6282.

Check the website for a full schedule: <http://www.bevonomics.org/>

13. NSCS Invitations
The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is inviting high-achieving students at The University of Texas at Austin to become members of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). NSCS offers more in undergraduate scholarships than any other honor society nationwide.

If you received an invitation, complete your membership application online by visiting <http://join.nscs.org/join>. If you have any questions about your username or password, contact <mailto:nscs@nscs.org> or call 1.800.989.6727.

14. MATHCOUNTS Competition Volunteers
Each year the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE)/Texas Engineering Foundation (TEF) sponsors the MATHCOUNTS® Program in Texas. We hope the members of the student chapter of SP2E will join our engineers as volunteers.

The competition will be held at the Hilton Austin Airport on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and we can use volunteers for all or part of the day. Lunch and an official t-shirt is provided.
This group of eager, bright middle school students is a joy to work with and you will find the time you spend volunteering at the event truly rewarding.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy Rierson at <nancy@tspe.org> or (512) 472-9286 to sign up and get additional details.

15. Psychotherapy with Men Conference
A conference devoted to promoting best practices and increasing treatment accessibility for boys and men. At the University of Texas, Austin June 5th, 2010.

Registration is now open, but space is limited. The first conference sold out and we expect the same this year. If registering after April 1st, contact Aaron Rochlen to inquire about space. Fees are $150 for professionals and $75 for students, which includes breakfast, lunch, and drinks.

For more information check the website: <http://ows.edb.utexas.edu/?q=site/2nd-national-psychotherapy-men-conference/registration>

SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Spring 2010 Senate Undergraduate Research Grant
The Senate of College Councils and the School of Undergraduate Studies invite you to apply for this semester’s Undergraduate Research Grant. The award seeks to encourage students to get involved in research early in their undergraduate experience. Eligible applicants include full-time undergraduate students assisting a faculty member with a research project as well as students conducting independent research.

One winner will receive a $1,000 award from the Senate of College Councils toward his or her research. The award recipient will be expected to compose a brief paper reflecting on their experiences at the end of the academic year.

The deadline for all materials is Friday, April 2nd at 5 PM. Submit your application in person to Becky Carreon in the Senate of College Councils’ office, SSB 4.206. Please contact Austin Gunter at <a_gunter@mail.utexas.edu> with questions regarding the application.

2. WGS Undergraduate Awards
The Cynthia Walker Peña Scholarship This is awarded each spring to a deserving undergraduate who has earned distinction in WGS scholarship and service. Please check the Peña Award page for details. <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/cwgs/awards/Undergraduate/Pena-Scholarship.php>

The Lora Romero Memorial Award for Interdisciplinary Research in Race, Ethnicity and Gender This is an annual award created in memory of former UT colleague, Lora Romero. One or two awards will be presented each spring, alternating between graduate and undergraduate student recipients. The award will honor and support students working in the area of gender studies and Chicano/a studies or the intersection between race, ethnicity and gender. Please check the Romero Award page for details. Deadline April, 7th. <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/cwgs/awards/Undergraduate/Lora-Romero-Memorial-Award.php>

3. Latin America Study Abroad Scholarships
The Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies is pleased to announce a competition for seven $5,000 travel grants for study abroad in Latin America in fall 2010 and spring 2011. These are intended to be used for full-semester study, and the students must bring back 12 hours of college credit from a degree granting institution in Latin America. Although preference will be given to Latin American Studies majors, we invite all majors from the College of Liberal Arts who are planning study abroad in Latin America next academic year to apply. All applications will be considered seriously. Below is the link for your students; the application is all online. Applications, including one professor recommendation per student, must be completed and received by us by March 26, 2010. <https://utdirect.utexas.edu/scholarship/student/>
4. **Gilman International Scholarship**

The Gilman International Scholarship Program is pleased to announce the opening of the Fall 2010 online application with over 1,700 scholarships to be awarded. A limited number of summer awards will be available to students majoring in the STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math) who meet the program's standard eligibility criteria listed on the website.

Summer 2010 & Fall 2010/Academic Year 2010-2011 applications are now being accepted online and are due April 6, 2010. The deadline for advisors to certify applications is April 13, 2010. For more information about the Gilman Scholarship, application deadlines & timeline, and application process, and resources for advisors, please visit the Gilman website at [Gilman](http://www.iie.org/gilman), contact the Gilman Program at (713) 621-6300 ext. 16 or email [gilmanadvisors@iie.org](mailto:gilmanadvisors@iie.org).

5. **Upcoming FAFSA Sessions**

The time has once again arrived to begin applying for financial aid for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the only application needed at The University of Texas at Austin to apply for grants, work-study, and student loans. The Office of Student Financial Services (OSFS) will be hosting sessions in order to assist current students to complete the online FAFSA. We anticipate these sessions will encourage students to apply early and increase their understanding of the financial aid process. Each session will take place in a computer lab setting, where students will be assisted by financial aid counselors on a walk-in basis.

The FAFSA requires income information for both student and parent(s), and thus 2009 tax returns are recommended when completing the application. If the 2009 taxes are not available, students can submit the FAFSA using estimates, and thus bring the 2009 W-2’s, or 2008 tax returns.

UT-Austin’s priority deadline is March 31, 2010. If you have questions, please contact the outreach section of OSFS at 475-6231. For additional information see spotlight: [FAFSA100_sessions.html](http://finaid.utexas.edu/specialties/FAFSA100_sessions.html)

### STUDY ABROAD

1. **Crash Course in Washington D.C.**

UT Austin students are invited to visit our nation's capital May 24-28 for a crash course in Washington, D.C.

Welcome to the Beltway: May 24-28, 2010

Welcome to the Beltway is a 5-day crash course in D.C. in which participants meet and mingle with professionals to learn about careers in Washington, D.C. Over the visit, students meet with White House and Federal Agency staff, Congressional staff, senior policy analysts, seasoned political journalists for newspapers and magazines, campaign strategists and many others. The program is hosted by the Archer Center/University Texas System and the D.C. Texas Exes.

How to Apply

Download the application form and legal waiver at the following link. The application deadline is April 14, 2010.

[Welcome Beltway](http://www.archercenter.org/programs/welcome_beltway.html)

#### Program Fee

The program fee is $395, which includes:

* 4 nights of lodging
* Several meals during the week
* Networking receptions and events
* Panel discussions
* Sightseeing tours

#### Program Details

Visit the Archer Center site for details: [Welcome Beltway](http://www.archercenter.org/programs/welcome_beltway.html)

2. **UT in LA Program**

UT Semester in Los Angeles Program for spring 2011 or summer 2011 has a new online application and will be available March 15, 2010 (the application will open on March 15 and close April 15 at 5 p.m.). Information on the new online application process is now available on the UTLA Center's website at the following URL:

[UTLA Center's website](http://www.utla.utexas.edu/applying/)

The UTLA Center
3800 Barham Boulevard, Suite 103
Los Angeles, CA 90068
Telephone: (323) 512-9200
Toll free: (877) UTLA111 (877-875-2111)
[UTLA Center's website](http://www.utla.utexas.edu)
Email: [mikep@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:mikep@austin.utexas.edu)

3. **Summer 2010 Study Abroad Programs with Courses in Communication**

***Open to all UT students***

Schedule of information sessions here:

[Communication](http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/ip-sessions.html)

For more information on College of Communication Programs and a schedule of information sessions, please visit: [Communication](http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/index.html)

4. **Study Abroad Funding Info Sessions**

The study abroad community on campus will begin hosting information sessions for students focusing on funding study abroad programs.

Thursday, April 1, 3 to 4 p.m. - BUR 134

#### USEFUL MISCELLANY

1. **Submitting to Plan2News**

Plan2News is published on Tuesdays and Fridays during the semester for students currently registered in Plan II
I pledge allegiance to Plan II and the University of Texas at Austin. And to the program for which it stands underfunded, indescribably awesome, with liberty and cookies for all.”

Plan II Pledge

Currently at the HRC:
<http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/>