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March 30, 2010

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- Continuing Scholarship Apps Due
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Thursday
- Rowe Koehl Scholarship Apps Due
- Study Abroad Funding Info Session
- Glickman Centennial Lecture Series
- Broccoli Project: Sexual Perversity in Chicago
- Iota Iota Iota Honor Society Apps Due

Friday
- Spring Senate Undergraduate Research Apps Due
- Broccoli Project: Sexual Perversity in Chicago (Saturday too!)
1. Peer Advising Ice Cream Social
All Plan II first-year students and Peer Advisors are invited to the Spring Ice Cream Social in the Anna Hiss Gymnasium Courtyard on Wednesday, April 7th. Come and go anytime starting at 4 pm until the ice cream runs out (around 5:30 or so). Enjoy the spring weather and FREE AMY’S ICE CREAM while you begin to gear up for Fall registration!

2. Plan II Thesis Symposium
Seniors in the Plan II Honors Program will present their original thesis research in a series of oral presentations on Sunday, April 11th, in the Graduate School of Business (2nd and 3rd floors). Sessions begin at 10:30 am and run throughout the day, covering several interdisciplinary topics including biology, literature, history, creative writing, music, health care, engineering, philosophy, business, and the environment. The event is open to everyone, and current Plan II students are strongly encouraged to attend. The complete program will be posted to the Plan II website in the coming days.

3. Thesis Advising and Registration
Students planning to register for the Plan II Thesis Course (TC 660HA) in the fall semester must complete the following registration steps:

1. Complete Part One of the Thesis Registration form (available in the Plan II office and online at <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/advising/thesis/>)

Bring the form with you to a meeting with either Dr. Alexandra Wettlauffer or Dr. Wendy Domjan to obtain approval of your topic and planned supervisor. Once Part One is approved, you will be cleared to add the appropriate thesis course during your normal registration period.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH

4. Graduating Senior Commencement Speaker
Students eligible to participate in the May 2010 Plan II Commencement Convocation (those graduating in May 2010 and August 2010) are invited to submit a brief statement (maximum of 500 words) describing the topic of their address and why they would be the best person to give the student address at the Plan II commencement. The student’s résumé should be attached to the proposal. These proposals are due by April 15 at 5:00 p.m. in the Plan II office, addressed to Jennifer Scalora. A committee comprised of the Plan II director and staff will choose the Plan II student speaker. The address itself should be no more than five minutes in length. Contact Jennifer Scalora, <scalora@austin.utexas.edu>, with questions.

5. Broccoli Project Presents: Sexual Perversity in Chicago
This spring, the infamous Broccoli Project will be putting on Sexual Perversity in Chicago. The show is an intricate hodgepodge of the sex lives of four people living in Chicago in 1976, throwing the philosophy of sex into the world of four abnormal people making their way through the rigid rules of the societal world. Showtimes are 3/25, 3/26, 3/27, 4/1, 4/2, 4/3 at 8 p.m., located in the Utopia Theater at the School of Social Work.

6. 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)equality 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_stdnts/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>

7. 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 Alrif McAlister at The University of Texas at Austin.
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, international protection, labor safety, international trade and commerce, criminal law, victim services and many 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.

8. 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 scholastic 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 <planiischolarships@austin.utexas.edu> (512) 471.2960 Plan II Office Application deadline is April 1.

9. 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=be77a7ad9206a50a011e08233fbc e5f2&type=page#highlight>

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

ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Psychology Internal Transfer Sessions
On the website 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. 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.

3. 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

4. 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/>.

5. 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>. There will be an information session on these courses and the new degree plan on

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

1. Harry Ransom Center Internships
Plan II offers an internship program at the Harry Ransom Center that is designed to provide advanced undergraduates with experience in the nature and operations of a major humanities research center. The experience gained by interns will benefit them in their own research projects, in possible graduate studies, and even as a career option in such fields as librarianship, museum studies, archival or curatorial work, as well as public affairs, marketing, public programming and event management. The internship will be for the entire academic year (fall and spring semester). There will be opportunities to work in a number of different departments of the Center, learning multiple skills, from preservation to collection processing and editorial work. There will be an orientation period during the last week of August. Internships run for three months in the fall: September, October, and November; and three in the spring: February, March, and April. Thus, the internship will end each semester before finals begin.

The position is not a benefits-eligible one, but there is a stipend of $1500 per semester, for which the intern is expected to put in a 10-hour work week. The student must be registered for a minimum of six hours of coursework. In addition there is the possibility of academic credit if the student registers for a conference course (either TC or English) with an appropriate supervising professor.

Applying
An applicant should provide the following: a one-page resumé, a letter from the student describing his/her interest and qualifications, a letter of recommendation from a UT faculty member or someone who knows the candidate's professional qualification pertinent to this internship.

Both letters should be addressed to Danielle Sigler, Curator of Academic Affairs, but should be attached to the resumé and delivered to the Plan II office.

Note: Students may only apply through one program (Liberal Arts Honors, Plan II, Bridging Disciplines, or Fine Arts).

Deadline for applications is April 9, 2010.

2. 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>

3. 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.texas.us>.

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<th>4. Intellectual Entrepreneurship</th>
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| "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>.

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<td>Foot in the Door Theater presents a new translation of Jean Giraudoux's 'The Trojan War Isn't Happening', a play written in France in between the first and second World Wars. At times humorous and sad, bitter and sweet, philosophical and straightforward, the play explores the inevitable tragedy of human conflict and bloodshed and the impossibility of pursuing peace in a world tuned for war.</td>
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<td>April 1st, 2nd and 3rd at 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>April 8th and 9th at 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>April 10th at 3 p.m.</td>
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<td>$5 at the door</td>
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<th>2. Iota Iota Iota Women's Studies Honor Society</th>
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<td>If you have completed at least 45 hours, have a GPA of 3.0 or above, and have taken at least 6 credit hours in Women’s and Gender Studies (cross-listed courses count), we invite you to join Iota Iota Iota.</td>
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<td>If you are interested in membership, please fill out the online application (see link below) and return it along with the membership fee and a copy of your recent academic summary (unofficial transcript) to the University of Texas at Austin Women’s and Gender Studies office in WWH 401.</td>
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<td>This organization is open to majors, non-majors, undergraduates, and graduate students. Please submit your application by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st so that you can be included on the next meeting and officer elections for 2010-2011.</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/cwgs/academics/Honor-Society.php">http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/cwgs/academics/Honor-Society.php</a></td>
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| If you’re interested in art and the environment, consider the Art Competition for “Green Living Choices.” Submit a piece of artwork that illustrates green living aspects that convey a positive environmental message by April 5 and have the chance to win $400! For more information, check out <www.UTNetImpact.com>.

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<td>Do you like what you see in the mirror? If the answer is “No” and you want to feel better about your body, we’d like to invite you to participate in The Body Project - a research study designed to promote body acceptance! The Body Project is funded by the National Institutes of Health, and it is specifically designed to help young women feel better about their bodies.</td>
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<td>The study is open to any female student at UT and it consists of four assessments spread out over the next two years. Each assessment involves completion of an interview and short written survey, and you can receive up to $180 for participating.</td>
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<td>Some participants will also have the opportunity to attend a free 4 hour workshop designed to improve your body image.</td>
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<td>For more information or questions e-mail at <a href="mailto:sara.weber@mail.utexas.edu">sara.weber@mail.utexas.edu</a> or by phone at (512) 475-8165.</td>
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<td>University of Texas Health Center <a href="http://healthyhorns.utexas.edu/">http://healthyhorns.utexas.edu/</a> (512) 475.8165</td>
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<td>The Career Exploration Center and the UT Learning Center present TWO screenings of the one-hour documentary film, &quot;Naturally Obsessed: The Making of a Scientist.&quot; Each screening will be followed by a discussion of the film.</td>
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Humorous and heart-breaking, "Naturally Obsessed: The Making of a Scientist," is a penetrating view of what it takes to be a scientist. Drawn from three years in the Shapiro Lab, the film focuses on the lives of graduate students as they learn what it means to work towards the PhD degree.

For more information on the film: Site: <http://naturallyobsessed.com> Trailer: <http://naturallyobsessed.com/blog/trailer-2/>

Screening Dates and Times:
Tuesday, March 30th & Monday, April 5th 5-6:30 p.m. at the Career Exploration Center, Jester A115 RSVP at <http://www.utexas.edu/student/cec/calendar>

6. **Glickman Centennial Lecture Series**
This semester, the Julius and Suzan Glickman Centennial Lecture Series and the Plan II Honors Program will host a talk with *New Yorker* staff writer Adam Gopnik. Please join us Thursday night, April 1, at 7 p.m. in the amphitheater of the AT&T Conference Center, where Gopnik will discuss the legacies of Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin, the subjects of his recent book *Angels and Ages*. Honors students may request a free book by Adam Gopnik via e-mail to <mvvalentine@mail.utexas.edu> (while supplies last.) The April 1 event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (512) 471-5692.

7. **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.

8. **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: <www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/gsc/lavendergrad.php>

9. **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>

10. **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>

11. **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>.

12. **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.*

13. **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/>

14. **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.

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>

1. **Orange Jackets Scholarship**

The Orange Jackets are currently recruiting applicants for their Margaret C. Berry scholarship. This scholarship honors one outstanding sophomore woman with a commitment to leadership, scholarship, and service. The award is given by the Orange Jackets, Mortar Board, and the Texas Exes. It consists of a $725 scholarship from the Texas Exes as well as honorary memberships into both Orange Jackets (beginning the upcoming fall semester) and Mortar Board. For more information please visit <http://www.ojackets.org>. The application deadline is April 8th. Please contact Sara Haji at <sara.haji@gmail.com> with questions.

2. **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.

3. **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/eawgs/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/eawgs/awards/Undergraduate/Lora-Romero-Memorial-Award.php

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 <www.iie.org/gilman>, contact the Gilman Program at (713) 621-6300 ext. 16 or email <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: <http://finaid.utexas.edu/spotlights/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.  
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: <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:  
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)

<www.utla.utexas.edu>  
Email: <mikep@austin.utexas.edu>

3. Summer 2010 Study Abroad Programs with Courses in Communication  
***Open to all UT students***
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

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 and others
associated with Plan II who send
their e-mail addresses to
<planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu>
News items for the letter
include annoucements from the
Plan II office and the Plan II
Student Association, as well as
performances and exhibits by Plan
II students. Read the newsletter to
learn about courses, registration,
advising, job opportunities and
special events. Personal and
political announcements will not be
published in the newsletter; and
internships and job announcements
should normally be sent to the
Liberal Arts Career Services office,
after which they may be considered
for publication in the newsletter.
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 an employer's
only means of advertising for a
position, a group's only
advertisement for an event, etc. To
reach a wider audience, please use
university-wide electronic and
paper advertising outlets.

To place a news item in
Plan2News, you must do the
following, or your messages
will not be included:
- Type your news item in the
body of an e-mail to
<planiinewsletter@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, whichever is
appropriate.
- 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

**CURRENTLY AT THE HRC:**

<http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/>