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BY ELIZABETH BARNES
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 healthcare 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 melissassian@austin.utexas.edu.

2. Plan II scholarship
Application opens: Monday, February 13
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.

3. Joynes Writing Fellowships
Application deadline: Friday, February 17 before 5 p.m.

The Joynes Reading Room will award scholarships to a small number of Plan II students to support their development as creative writers. Applicants must be current students in the Plan II Honors Program with an expected graduation date no sooner than December 2012. Winners will each receive a $1000 scholarship and will have future opportunities to meet with distinguished visiting writers in the Joynes Literary Series. Applicants should submit a writing sample of no more than 12 pages of fiction or poetry. Prose should be double spaced. Include a cover page with your name and contact information. Submit your application in a sealed manilla envelope to Matt Valentine's mailbox in the Plan II Office before 5 p.m. Friday, February 17. Manuscripts will not be returned.

4. Medical ethicist Walter Glannon lectures on "Neuroscience, Free Will and Moral Responsibility"
Wednesday, February 8 at 7 p.m.
The Joynes Reading Room (CRD 007)

Dr. Glannon is an associate professor of philosophy at the University of Calgary. He has published four books on medical ethics, including his most recent, Brain, Body, and Mind: Neuroethics with a Human Face. He will speak in the Joynes Reading Room (CRD 007) at 7PM on Wednesday, February 8, in an event open to everyone. No RSVP is required. Call (512) 471-5787 or write to mvalentine@mail.utexas.edu with any questions.

ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dialogue on Free Speech
Thursday, February 9 from 7 - 9 p.m.
Flawn Academic Center (FAC) Room 21.

The event is free and open to the public, but intended primarily for our undergraduate students, so anything you could do to spread the word to students would be greatly appreciated.

The focus this term is Freedom of the Press and the Publication of Government Secrets.

Speakers:
- Linda Greenhouse, Pulitzer Prize-winner, former New York Times correspondent covering the Supreme Court, and now a lecturer at Yale Law School
- Jack Shafer, press and politics columnist for Reuters, after a long career at Slate
- Michael Kent Curtis, professor of constitutional law at Wake Forest University

Further description: Wikileaks’ disclosures over the last year are an obvious flashpoint, but panelists will also consider such questions as: Should the press enjoy broader rights of free expression than others? Does the mission of public service license special immunities? Who, exactly, qualifies as the press in the age of bloggers and do-it-yourself journalism? Does the public have a "right to know?" Does government secrecy undermine accountability?

If you have any questions, please contact my assistant, Victor Mendoza, at: vicmen32@live.com.

More information about the Free Speech Dialogues can be found on our website: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/orgs/bbtobjectivism/free-speech-dialogues/About%20the%20Series.php

2. Actuarial Information Session
Thursday February 9
4 - 5 p.m. in ECJ 1.202

An individual who wants to become an actuary must excel at challenging courses
in mathematics, have some interest in using these skills to analyze and solve business problems, be willing to spend many hours preparing for professional examinations, and possess good communication skills.

Actuarial program director Mark Maxwell will briefly describe the actuarial profession, the professional actuarial organizations, the actuarial credentialing process, and the UT actuarial program/degree.

Is the profession right for you? Characteristics of both successful and unsuccessful students will be discussed so that you can judge for yourself.

A significant portion of time will be reserved to answer questions from those in attendance.

3. Texas Equity Group seeks new members
Application deadline: Thursday, February 9

The Texas Equity Group is a select student-run investment group that manages a real-money portfolio and also serves as a network to meet other highly qualified students interested in finance and investing. Alumni have interned or joined full-time at McKinsey, Greenhill, Citigroup, and Barclays Capital. This semester, the group is currently looking to recruit several students, especially freshmen and sophomores, regardless of major or career goal.

To find out more, TEG will be holding an info session on Monday, February 6 at 5:30 in the EDS Financial and Trading Technology Center. For those who cannot attend but are still interested in applying, please email texasequitygroup@gmail.com for an application and more information.

4. Coffee with Alums
Wednesday, February 8 from 6 - 7 p.m. 3rd floor conference room of GEB

Liberal Arts Council’s Alumni Relations Committee brings you Coffee With Alums, a chance for you to mingle with UT alumni from the College of Liberal Arts. This is a great networking opportunity and a chance to find out how these UT graduates have utilized their degrees and what they have been doing since their time at UT.

Coffee and cookies will be provided!
For more information contact Jenna Beron at: Jemmaberon@tx.rr.com

5. Leadership certification with the Leadership Series Workshop
First workshop: Wednesday, February 8 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

The Leadership Series is a series of workshops designed to develop both individual student leaders as well as provide resources for growth and change for student organizations. Workshops are held twice a month in the fall and spring semesters. Students who participate in the Leadership Series workshops have the opportunity to gain leadership certification. Workshop details and certification requirements can be found at http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/glie/leadership_series.php. The first workshop of the spring semester will be on February 8, 2012 from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Visit the web address for location information and other details about the certification requirements.

6. 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.

7. Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner Nicholas Kristof addresses human trafficking
Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m. Auditorium of the LBJ Library
Writing for the New York Times, Kristof has travelled the globe to document the ongoing traffic of women and girls sold into sexual slavery. Through his column, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 2006, Kristof has introduced readers to heroes fighting against human trafficking and survivors who have become activists themselves. Kristof will deliver the 2012 Liz Carpenter Lecture on Monday night, February 13, at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. No RSVP is required. While supplies last, honors students may request (in person) a free copy of Kristof’s book Half the Sky at the front desk of the Joynes Reading Room.

8. Reading by author Mark Long
Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. The Joynes Reading Room

In a new graphic novel, author Mark Long presents a true story of the civil rights movement in Texas. The Silence of Our Friends recounts the stories of two families in Houston, one black and one white, at a critical point during the civil rights movement. Author Mark Long will discuss the story and his collaboration with illustrator Nate Powell. While supplies last, honors students may request (in person) a free copy of The Silence of Our Friends at the front desk of the Joynes Reading Room.

9. 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

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 home page.

10.3 Day Startup (3DS)
Application deadline: Thursday, March 1
Rolling admissions

Information session:
Thursday, February 16
5 p.m. in JGB 2.216

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/. If you have any questions contact Rishi Shah (rishi09@gmail.com).

11. 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.

12. Bevonomics
Bevonomics is a personal money management education program for UT-Austin students. The program provides information and resources that empower students to make financially responsible decisions that promote financial wellness. Bevonomics workshops help increase awareness of consumer debt while expanding the knowledge and importance of daily money management. http://www.bevonomics.org/

13. Undergraduate Research Journal seeks submissions
Deadline: Wednesday, February 29 at noon

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, and other prestigious universities, including some Ivy League schools, around the United States.

The URJ is looking for interesting, and lucid pieces that present original ideas. It is looking for research which challenges people to see an issue from a different vantage point, consider a new idea, or synthesize 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 for more information.

14. American Shakespeare Company performs two plays on campus
Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 and 23 at 7 p.m.
SAC Black Box Theater

The ASC’s touring troupe will perform Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night's Dream and John Ford's 'Tis Pity She's a Whore. A Midsummer Night’s Dream’s theatrical spell is powerful enough to make audiences of all ages believe in anything. Shakespeare’s mischievous comedy of lovers, heroes, fairies, and rude mechanics is his tribute to humankind's power of imagination. John Ford’s brilliant re-imagining of Romeo and Juliet leads audiences deep into a story of passion, lust, vengeance, greed, incest, and murder. After almost 400 years, ‘Tis Pity She’s a Whore’s tale of forbidden love remains controversial, shocking, and theatrically spellbinding.

Tickets can be purchased online in advance through the Shakespeare at Winedale web site. Seating is limited so advance ticket purchase is recommended.

15. Sanger Center February workshops
Tuesday, February 7 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
UTC 1.104
Success in the Classroom

Wednesday, February 8 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.
JES A115
Extreme Resume Makeover: College Edition

Tuesday, February 15 from 4 - 5 p.m.
PAR 201
Reading to Learn

Tuesday, February 21 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
UTC 1.104
Studying Successfully

Tuesday, February 21 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.
JES A115
Careers in the Music Industry

Wednesday, February 29 from 3 - 4 p.m.
UTC 3.112
Test Your Best

16. 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.

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 with any questions.

17. 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 or 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 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/lilas/centers-and-programs/mexico/fellowships.php.

For questions, please contact Heather Gatlin at hgd intervening.

18. COLA scholarships for spring 2012

Deadline for most scholarships: Wednesday, February 15

Applications are now being accepted for merit-based, research and study abroad scholarships for spring 2012.

See if you are eligible on the Liberal Arts scholarship website: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/Programs/Scholarships.php.

19. Masters in Education with Secondary English Teaching Certification

Beginning in fall 2012, the College of Education will be offering a masters in education that will include certification to teach secondary English. It is recruiting students who are nearing graduation with degrees in English or closely related disciplines and who are interested in earning a masters in education that will also include Texas teacher certification for grades 8-12 in English.


You may also contact Allison Skerrett with any questions at ASkerrett@mail.utexas.edu.

20. 1-hour “Social Dynamics in Seinfeld” course

For students interested in taking a 1-hour course this semester, The Democratic Education for Texas (DemTex) program is offering a course titled "Social Dynamics in Seinfeld."

The “Social Dynamics in Seinfeld” course will cover topics in the fields of psychology and sociology in an attempt to explore and explain the actions of characters and events on the show. Classes will be discussion-based and will link academic subjects to specific episodes and scenes. Basic knowledge of Seinfeld is necessary, and an interest in the show and familiarity with the main characters is sufficient.

If you are interested in joining this course or another DemTex course, please email utdemtex@gmail.com or contact Bala Varadhan at bala@utexas.edu.

21. Texas Leadership Summit: Shaping Tomorrow by Challenging Today

Saturday, February 18
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the SAC

The Texas Leadership Summit will be held Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Student Activities Center. The Summit provides a unique opportunity for all students at The University of Texas at Austin to develop and refine their leadership skills. All students attending this event have the opportunity to meet and interact with other student leaders by participating in breakout sessions and group activities. Visit http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/glie/lei/leadership_conference.php for more information.

22. Join an LEI Committee

Interested in helping coordinate leadership development programs? Join one of the four LEI Committees this spring and start your leadership journey! The four committees include: First-Year Initiatives, Campus and Community Outreach, Leadership Development and Training, and Recognition and Awards. Visit our Web site for information about the committees and how to join at http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/glie/lei/leadership_committees.php.

23. 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.

**24. Texas Master of Science in Finance Program information sessions**

Thursday, February 9 at 5 p.m. 
ACE 2.402

Thursday, February 16 at 5 p.m. 
GSB 3.104

The Texas Master of Science in Finance (MSF) Program at the McCombs School of Business provides a unique opportunity for students to receive graduate-level training in order to prepare for careers in finance, especially those requiring analytic rigor and quantitative skills. The Program is explicitly designed for students from non-business backgrounds, or from business disciplines other than finance. No previous work experience is required, and the program can be completed in less than a calendar year.

For more information, visit [http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/msf](http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/msf).

**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/doscentral/leadershipswingout.php](http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/doscentral/leadershipswingout.php) for more information, or attend the optional Swing Out Awards info session on February 1st at 5:00 p.m. in SSB 3.406!

2. **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.

3. **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.

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1. **Legends of China cultural exchange program**
   **Information sessions:**
   - Tuesday, February 7, DoS Conference Room, SSB 4.486, 5 – 6 p.m.

   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@utexas.utexas.edu.

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**STUDY ABROAD**
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

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

The First Abroad Scholarship application can also be found here: http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding/scholarships/first

4. 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.


5. Funding Study Abroad info sessions
Every other Thursday from 4 - 5 p.m. in BUR 220
- February 9
- February 23
- March 8

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.

6. Summer program in Buenos Aires
Application deadline: Wednesday, February 15

This a 6-week, first summer session faculty-led program that offers a home-stay experience, excursions, and an array of coursework in Spanish and English. Students earn a total of 6 credits by choosing one of the following tracks: 1) Engineering plus Spanish, 2) Geography plus Spanish, or 3) 6 credits of intermediate or upper division Spanish taught by local professors. Two courses are taught in English by UT professors: Geography of South America (Dr. Knapp) and Aerospace Engineering Computation (Dr. Ocampo). A beginning level, Spanish for Professional Purposes course is taught especially for Engineering and Geography students.

7. Two options for Summer Program in Communications Erfurt (SPICE)
Option 1 application deadline: February 15

This 9-week study abroad program is taught in English on the campus of the University of Erfurt in Germany is open to students of any major with an interest in communication.

Participants must enroll in at least 2 courses and have the option of taking 3 courses depending on their schedules:

Communication and Public Opinion (CMS 367)
Dr. Natalia J. Stroud,
The University of Texas at Austin

Global and International Public Relations (PR378 or COM329S or IB372)

Option 2 application deadline: March 1

More information is available at http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/summer-study-abroad-program-communications-erfurt-spice. You may contact Elizabeth MacLean, at elizabeth.maclean@austin.utexas.edu or (512) 471-7083.

8. The Archer Fellowship Program
Application deadline for 2012-2013: Friday, February 17

The Archer Center—the Washington, D.C., campus of the University of Texas System—strives to promote a love of public service by educating the next generation of future leaders of not only Texas, but the world. Each fall and spring, 32 undergraduate students are selected to participate in the undergraduate Archer Fellowship Program, where they will earn 15 hours of in-residence course credit by taking classes on policy, politics and advocacy and interning in Washington, D.C. Archer Fellows come from all academic backgrounds and choose their internships based on personal, professional, and academic goals. From Capitol Hill to the White House, federal agencies to
nonprofit organizations, Archer Fellows gain invaluable real world experience in D.C.’s most prestigious institutions. Take a look at our current Archer Fellows at http://www.archercenter.org/fellowship/current.html.

Applications for the 2012-2013 academic year can be found at: http://www.archercenter.org/fellowship/application_process.html.

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

1. National Security Clinic seeks undergraduate intern
Application deadline:
Rolling, with cutoff on Friday, February 10

The National Security Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law is seeking an undergraduate intern (junior or senior) to assist in the coordination of an access to justice project regarding constitutional issues in federal national security prosecutions. The intern will assist with monitoring and analyzing court cases, under the supervision of Professor Ranjana Natarajan and Clinical Instructor Ahmed Ghappour. The role will include review of legal documents, data entry and answering phones. Familiarity with Microsoft Office tools (Word, Excel) is required. Knowledge of Arabic or Urdu is a plus.

The internship is unpaid and will start immediately and last through the spring semester. The time commitment is ten to fifteen hours a week, during 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., M to F. If you are interested, please send an email to Ahmed Ghappour, at aghappour@law.utexas.edu, with “Clinic Internship” in the subject line. Please including your resume, transcript, and a brief statement of your interest in working with the clinic.

2. LBJ School Career Fair
Thursday, February 10 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
LBJ School

Meet government, public policy, nonprofit and community recruiters to learn about job and internship opportunities. This event is open to all students, including undergraduates. Learn more at http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/careers/fair.

3. LBJ School Career Fair

Thursday, February 9 from 9 - 11:30 a.m.
LACS, FAC 18
Drop in for the CIA Office Hours to meet one-to-one with a CIA officer to learn about careers and internships in intelligence. Learn more at http://www.utexas.edu/cola/orgs/lacs/events/21516.

4. HOPE Farmers Market seeks Public Relations intern

HOPE Farmers market is looking for a Public Relations Intern to facilitate communication and outreach through a variety of innovative avenues. The organization operates as a community space that connects local farmers and their produce to urban consumers in a vibrant artistic environment on Austin’s East side. The market seeks an intern who will act as a liaison between the market and the Austin community by developing web and print communications. This individual will be responsible for improving existing communication methods, as well as developing a new system of outreach. The internship runs from February to May of 2012, with an option for continuation following a positive evaluation. This internship is not paid, however hours remain flexible. Availability on Sundays is a must.

If interested do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Garrett, the HOPE Farmers Market Project Director, at (434) 242-1619 or elizabeth@hopecampaign.org.

5. Math/science homework tutor needed for 9 and 12-year-old

A homework tutor and coach, especially one who is good with math and science, is needed at a Westlake home for two girls (9 and 12 years old). Flexible schedule—two to three afternoons a week. $15/hour.

Contact Bruce McCandless (Plan II, 1983) at (512) 480-5128 or bmccandless@mwlaw.com.

6. 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.pathwaysstoscience.org/undergrads.asp

For summer research specifically in marine sciences: http://www.pathwaysstoscience.org/oceanscience.asp

For summer research specifically in engineering: http://www.pathwaysstoscience.org/engineering.asp

7. 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. For more information about SPHSP, please visit http://www.odaps.cumc.columbia.edu/programs/about_sphsp.html. The application is available on this website. http://www.odaps.cumc.columbia.edu/programs/about_sphsp.html.

**USEFUL MISCELLANY**

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.