Financial Assistance Available through the College

A number of scholarship funds established by individuals, foundations, and industrial or research organizations are available to students in the college. Awards are made for reasons ranging from academic promise to financial need. More information about scholarships is given at http://cns.utexas.edu/honors/scholarships/scholarship-policies.
launch successful careers upon graduation. Transfer students are given the option to join the program. More information is available at https://cns.utexas.edu/student-communities/cns-cornerstones-communities.

Freshman Research Initiative
The Freshman Research Initiative in the Texas Institute for Discovery Education in Science (TIDES) introduces undergraduate students to the world of scientific research at the beginning of their academic careers by integrating a three-semester research experience into coursework required for the degree. All students begin with an introductory research methods course in the first semester, followed by two semesters of work on real, cutting-edge research projects in fields like biology, biochemistry, nanotechnology, molecular biology, astronomy, physics, mathematics, and computer science. After finishing the course sequence, interested students are assisted in joining faculty or other research laboratories for further work.

Texas Interdisciplinary Plan
The Texas Interdisciplinary Plan (TIP) transforms the learning experience for its scholars by creating small academic communities that promote academic excellence and leadership. TIP offers students who have excelled in high school and are enrolled in the College of Natural Sciences a unique opportunity to continue their academic excellence through managed courses, mentoring, collaborative study, dedicated professional academic advising, and academic and social connections. More information is available from the TIP office and at https://cns.utexas.edu/tip-scholars.

Undergraduate Research
One advantage that the University offers undergraduates is the opportunity to participate in state-of-the-art research with some of the world's most respected scientists. Each department in the College of Natural Sciences supports undergraduate research programs in which students may earn University credit. Students may also earn special departmental honors for exceptional research. The college holds an annual Undergraduate Research Forum to recognize and reward students who participate in research. Additional opportunities vary from department to department; information is available in the Office for Honors, Research, and International Study.

UTeach-Natural Sciences
UTeach-Natural Sciences is an innovative teacher preparation program that allows students to pursue middle school and secondary teacher certification within a four-year mathematics, science, or computer science degree program. While learning the subject matter of their majors, students also learn how to teach. Upon completing the program, students graduate with a bachelor's degree and are recommended for a middle school or secondary teaching certificate. The UTeach-Natural Sciences program invites students to explore their interest in teaching as early as the freshman year. Through courses taught by some of Texas’s most respected secondary math and science teachers, students learn quickly whether they are suited to the profession. More information about teacher certification requirements is given in the UTeach Natural Sciences Secondary Teaching Option Certificate and UTeach Teacher Certification section of this catalog. See Preparation for Teacher Certification for additional information.

Women in Natural Sciences
The Women in Natural Sciences (WINS) Honors Residential Program is designed to promote the involvement and success of women in the sciences. Students live together in an honors dormitory during their first year and participate in socially and educationally enriching activities. In their first semester they take an innovative small seminar class in which they are introduced to faculty members in their areas of interest. Through the seminar and a wide range of academic, cultural, and social events, WINS students are connected with other students and faculty members who share their interest in science.