Apply to Become a Community Advisor!

University Apartments is now accepting applications for the position of Community Advisor (CA). The CA position is a part-time student live-in position, working an average of 15 hours per week year round, with compensation including paid rent and utilities for a two bedroom apartment and a monthly stipend.

CAs serve as representatives of the University and are available to answer questions, assist residents, aid in developing a community atmosphere and assist in enforcing University and Apartment policies. CAs must be enrolled as full time students (at least six hours for dissertation/PhD level) and report to the Apartments Coordinator, Julie Lekstutis. If selected for the CA position, you must have a Texas Driver’s license, or be able to obtain one within 6 weeks of hire and may be required to drive University vehicles on occasion. Applicants must be able to relocate to another complex or apartment; be available during holiday breaks; serve on an on-call basis after hours, weekends, and holidays on a rotating basis with other CAs; and be able to commit to a minimum of two years length of service. If you have community development experience and excellent Customer service skills and would like to apply for the CA position, please send a letter of interest and 1-2 page resume to: JLekstutis@Austin.UTexas.edu

Interviews will be scheduled in February or March and work will be conducted between March and May 2015. **Deadline to apply:** Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 11pm.
We are excited to update you on the construction being done to the Colorado community! As many of you know, the room is somewhat small and larger groups or events can be challenged when using the room. While demolition and rebuilding is a not a possibility, we decided to put our resources into reconstructing the room by opening the community room to the outdoors.

The mailboxes will be moved a short distance from the room, and a set of double doors will be added to the wall where the mailboxes are currently. A covered patio will be installed over a leveled concrete slab: this will allow events to open out into the covered patio where chairs and tables will be available allowing easy access to the kitchenette.

The covered patio will have lights and the Wi-Fi will be relocated to include use in the patio area. The patio will be available for resident to use daily, but access may be restricted if the community room is reserved by residents or staff.

The construction will have minimal disruption to residents. Safety fencing has been installed in an effort to prevent unauthorized entry to the construction area. We ask that you please stay out of the construction work area.

Completion is expected to be at the end of May and we sincerely hope that you find the new community room to be an inviting place to hold your event or to simply spend a portion of your day under the covered patio!

Updated Swing Sets

Our staff recently upgraded two swing sets in Brackenridge — one in Pecan Park and one in Longhorn Park. We hope you enjoy them with your friends and family!
Energy Conservation

Each year, University Apartments management determines initiatives and priorities for the coming year. Data is collected to assure our maintenance and facilities are kept in good condition. Plans for programs are developed for residents on wellness, safety, sustainability topics and fun social events. We also have various Apartments sustainability initiatives, including energy conservation, waste reduction and providing sustainability programs for residents.

In the current year, management is focusing on various ways we might reduce energy consumption at the Apartments. To date, staff have installed lighting with motion detector sensors in common areas so that lights will automatically shut off when the room is empty. We are looking at monitoring the energy use of the office HVAC systems and considering installing thermostats that can be tracked remotely online. Office and shop staff are encouraged to participate in the Longhorn Lights Out program: [http://www.utexas.edu/facilities/sustainability/LightsOut.html](http://www.utexas.edu/facilities/sustainability/LightsOut.html), turning off all electrical devices when the offices are closed.

A solar powered street light was recently installed at Gateway Apartments as a pilot, since electrical connection would have been expensive to install, lighting the entrance to provide safer walkways for pedestrians. Staff are also testing LED street lights and wall packs as an energy efficient alternative to the high pressure sodium lights currently in use, with the expectation of reducing energy use from 200-400 watts to 20 to 47 watts. Because LED lights have a longer life, the manpower of replacing them is also lower.

Plans are in the works for programs challenging Apartment residents to conserve energy in the coming year, so stay tuned to learn how you can participate in energy conservation while you are at UT!
# February Events

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**BRA** = Brackenridge Community Room  
**COL** = Colorado Community Room  
**GAT** = Gateway Community Room
Garden Seminar

February 21st 10:30am – 12:00pm
Brackenridge Community Room

Join us for a fun, interactive, and informative event led by Hunter Mangrum, DHFS Sustainability Coordinator. All UT Apartments residents & guests are welcome!

Free breakfast tacos, fruit, coffee, juice & cookies!!
Please support our commitment to sustainability by bringing your own mug/cup – we will not be providing any.

Prizes!: Five attendees will receive a $20 Amazon gift card by lottery drawing 😊
Giveaways!: Free garden gloves – get there early before we run out!

Sponsored by DHFS and the University Apartments. If you require special assistance or disability accommodations, email JLaistatis@austin.utexas.edu. Requests must be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to the event.

Organized by your Tenant Advisory Board of University Apartments

Join your Tenant Advisory Board for a real treat at our annual Garden Seminar!
Join us for our next hang out! We’ll have some supplies to make Valentine’s Day decorations (like these hanging heart softies!), or you can bring a project you’re working on at home.

Grab a bite to eat and enjoy each other's company. Kids are welcome, with parental/guardian supervision. Hope you can make it!

**All residents are encouraged to attend TAB meetings!**

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**Tenant Advisory Board (TAB)**

The Tenant Advisory Board is comprised of 2 residents from each complex (Brackenridge, Colorado & Gateway) and one representative from the Apartments Office. TAB meets twice a month during the semester to discuss resident concerns and ways to improve life within University Apartments.

**Our February Meetings will be held:**

Tuesday 2/10 & Tuesday 2/24
6:30pm-8:00pm
In the Colorado Community Room

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**Knitters, Crafters & Friends Club**

Friday, February 6th, 10am
Brackenridge Community Room
CA Socials!

Drawing and Painting Night

Please join us Friday, 6 Feb. for our monthly event.

Help your kid forge a great friendship with your next-door neighbor’s kid. Dance and watch them exchange their drawings with other kids. Please join us for one more fun event with other families and neighbors. Snacks and goodies will be provided.

Colorado community room: 6:30-8pm (parents must be present with their young children)

Don’t forget to bring your own cup.

If you require special assistance or disability accommodations, please email johannatucci@utexas.edu. Requests must be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to event.

Friendship! Board Games! Fun!
ON A FRIDAY NIGHT!!

Relax and come to play board games with your neighbors and Community Advisor!

At the Gateway Community Room on Friday, February 13th, 2015

- Relax on a Friday evening with your neighbors!
- Make new friends or bring your Valentine’s date!
- Play fun (and famous) board games:
- Fast Food for the healthy and Ice Cream for the hedonists.
- Please bring your own drinking cup (not provided).
- Provided games are Samurai of Catan, The Resistance, Takenoko, 7 Wonders, and Scotland Yard.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY ROOM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015
6:30 – 8:30 PM

If you require special assistance or disability accommodations, please email johannatucci@utexas.edu. Requests must be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to the event.
My name is Bruno. Originally I am from Mexico City, yet I moved to Dallas when I was only 12 years old. I have lived in Austin for about 6 months now and I love it. At first, I thought it would be similar to Dallas but I couldn’t have been more mistaken – they are completely different. While Dallas is a bigger metropolis with a more business feel, Austin has more outdoor activities. As of now, I still like Dallas more but Austin is slowly becoming my favorite.

Currently, I am studying Architectural Engineering at UT. Though many people wish me luck in that major since there is a lot of mathematics involved, I like the challenges it brings. Plus, I enjoy learning the “how” and “why” of things. I got into this major because since I was little I’ve loved drawing and creating unique worlds in my artwork. I’ve always wanted my drawings to be part of something bigger. Thus, what better way for my sketches to come to life than by people interacting with them.

Apart from architecture and art, I love to play tennis and watch TV and movies. If I could have a dream job, being a professional tennis player would definitely be it. I like everything about it and can watch hours of tennis. If I am not watching tennis, I am keeping up with a series on TV. Currently, my favorite shows are White Collar, Dexter, Sherlock, and American Horror Story. If you like thrillers, mysteries, and procrastination, I recommend you watch at least one of these shows. At then end, you might realize you wasted time, but at least you will have had an incredible experience watching them.

This is my first year as a Community Advisor for the Gateway Apartments. What I love most about being a CA is meeting new people with different backgrounds. Everyone has a story. Thus, I find it interesting learning about how they end up where they are now. The best time for me to meet new residents is at the social events. Not only do I get a chance to meet residents, but they also get to relax, play around, and have a gratifying time while staying at the Apartments. I am excited to continue planning new events and I hope residents will check them out!
Rent

A 60 day written notice is required for all vacancies

If you give 30 to 59 days written advance notice you will pay a 50% penalty

If you give 1 to 29 days written advance notice you will pay an 85% penalty

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Maintenance Requests

- All maintenance issues in your apartment and around the complex must be reported via an online maintenance request. A paper version of the request may also be submitted to the main office.

Rent

- Rent is always due on the 1st of every month and late after the 5th of every month regardless of whether you receive a courtesy bill reminder email or not
- Bookmark https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/artsapp/ for reference if you do not receive the courtesy bill reminder email

Grande Service Request

- All service requests for your cable or internet service must go through the office via a maintenance request.
- Please DO NOT contact Grande for service directly. Grande will be turned away if we do not have a maintenance request on file for you
- You may contact Grande directly if you want expanded services
- Grande will not be given keys to your apartment if you did not submit a maintenance request for the work

Pest Control Requests

- All routine pest control requests must be submitted via maintenance request no later than 8 am Thursday morning
- All routine pest control requests will be scheduled each Thursday between 9 am and 12 noon
- If you request pest control, please remember that you are required to leave your apartment when pest control staff arrive and remain gone for 5 to 10 minutes
- Due to a heavy workload, the tech cannot return that day
- Emergency pest control situations should be reported to the office


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Open Mon-Fri 8am-4pm
Phone: 512-232-5299
Email: dhfs.apartments@austin.utexas.edu

Hook ‘Em Home

Guided by our values and commitment to support the University mission, our vision is to provide first-class housing and food service while embracing an inclusive, nurturing, community where students and staff realize dreams while achieving goals.

Maintenance Requests: https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/aptsapp/
Log in and click on maintenance. Request form in the left hand column.

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